



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Planning and Economic Development Committee Revised Agenda

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Regional Council Chambers

Regional Headquarters Building

605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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There are no advisory committee resolutions to be considered

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There are no confidential matters to be considered

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**12. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM

**13. Adjournment**

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair  
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kerr  
Councillor Neal\*  
Councillor Shahid  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry  
\* **denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Dies\* attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Foster\* attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Garrod  
Councillor Marimpietri attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Woo attended for part of the meeting  
\* **denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Collier

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
V. Chanthavong, Planner  
P. Frizado, Acting President, Durham OneNet Inc.  
S. Gill, Director, Economic Development and Tourism  
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies  
A. Harras, Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk  
W. Holmes, General Manager, DRT  
L. Huinink, Director, Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development  
E. Kennedy, Program Specialist, Economic Development

G. Muller, Director of Planning  
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning  
B. Pickard, Manager, Tourism  
D. Ruby, Manager, Business Development and Investment  
K. Ryan, Senior Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services  
J. Severs, Manager, Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development  
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance  
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Election of Planning & Economic Development Committee Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(117) That Councillor Pickles be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(118) That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

The Chair asked if Councillor Pickles wished to stand. Councillor Pickles indicated he would stand.

Chair Chapman declared Councillor Pickles the Vice-Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(119) That the minutes of the regular Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

## 5. Statutory Public Meetings

- 5.1 Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Wechsel Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-004 (2022-P-19)

The Chair advised that this portion of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting constitutes the Statutory Public Information meeting under the Planning Act for a proposed amendment to the Durham Regional Official Plan. He also advised that notice of the public meeting was advertised in the applicable newspaper and mailed to landowners and residents within 120 metres of the subject property. He noted that it is important that anyone who may have an interest in this matter make a submission prior to Regional Council making a decision.

### A) Presentation

V. Chanthavong, Planner, Planning Division, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2022-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. She advised that an application has been submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Wechsel Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock. The subject site is municipally known as B1845 Regional Road 15 and is located on the north side of Regional Road 15, west of Thorah Sideroad, in the Township of Brock. She provided an overview of the application and land use policy considerations. She also advised that the application has been circulated to relevant agencies and notice has been given to the public. She added that to date no objections have been received.

The Chair asked if there were any persons in attendance who wished to make a submission or ask any questions.

### B) Delegations

1. Hugh Stewart, Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Wechsel Farms

Hugh Stewart appeared with respect to the application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan submitted on behalf of Wechsel Farms. He advised that he is the applicants' agent and was present to answer any questions on Report #2022-P-19.

### C) Report

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(120) A) That Report #2022-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information; and

- B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

CARRIED

## 6. Delegations

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,  
(121) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to hear the entire delegation from Michael Mendel and Johan van 't Hof.

CARRIED on a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s Vote

### 6.1 Michael Mendel, Manager, Government Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, and Johan van 't Hof, Board Member, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, re: Annual Update from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority

M. Mendel and J. van 't Hof, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2022 Greater Toronto Airports Authority Annual Update. Highlights of their presentation included:

- Looking Ahead: Aviation Sector Recovery
- Toronto Pearson: Building the Airport of the Future
- Poised for Growth
- Q3 2022 operating Activity and Financial Results
- Government agencies must provide consistent, repeatable service
- Pearson investing to expedite travel
- Focused on operational and financial stability
- Joint Economic Development Opportunities

M. Mendel and J. van 't Hof responded to questions from the Committee.

## 7. Presentations

### 7.1 Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Gary Muller, Director of Planning, and Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, re: Planning & Economic Development Committee Orientation

B. Bridgeman, G. Muller, S. Gill and L. Huinink, provided a presentation regarding Planning & Economic Development Committee Orientation. Highlights of their presentation included:

- Organizational Chart
- Regions Affected by Bill 23
- Planning Division
  - 2018-2022 Highlights
  - Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act
  - Bill 23 – Looking Forward

- 2023 – Initial Priorities
- Future Forward
- Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Office
- Economic Development and Tourism Division
  - Regional Priorities
  - Marketing
  - Support for Innovation Community
  - Tourism
  - Northern Economic Development & Agri-Food
  - Business Development/Investment Attraction
  - Aspirations: A 30-Year Vision

Staff responded to questions with respect to Envision Durham; the transition of the Regional Official Plan to area municipalities; Bill 23 and development charge studies; and transit options on Simcoe Street.

7.2 Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, re: Ready Set Future: Five Year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan (2022-EDT-15)

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S. Gill provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2022-EDT-15 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Acknowledgement
- Strategy Process
- Vision
- Aspirations: A 30-Year Vision (PLACE)
- Eight Economic Growth Principles
  - Principle 1: Collaboration
  - Principle 2: Talent
  - Principle 3: Distinct Identity Through Culture
  - Principle 4: Vibrant, Financially Attainable Downtowns
  - Principle 5: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - Principle 6: Climate Emergency Response
  - Principle 7: Innovation
  - Principle 8: Infrastructure and Investment Readiness
- Priority Clusters
  - Future Energy
  - Next Gen Mobility
  - Arts, Culture and Creative
  - Applied Digital Tech
  - Agri-Food
- PLACE
  - People
  - Location

- Acceleration
- Creativity
- Enablers
- 2023-2027 Strategy and Action Plan

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(122) That the order of the agenda be altered to consider Item 9.2 A), Report #2022-EDT-15: Ready Set Future: Five Year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan, at this time.

CARRIED

## 9.2 Reports

### A) Ready Set Future: Five Year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan (2022-EDT-15)

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Report #2022-EDT-15 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to collaboration with the area municipalities; collaboration with Chambers of Commerce and BIAs; communication to the public; strategies to align community improvement plans and development charges; and the Agri-food strategy.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
(123) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan, '2023-2027 Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham', be endorsed;
- B) That a copy of "Ready Set Future" be sent to Durham's Area Municipalities, all members of the Steering Committee, all members of the Durham Economic Development Partnership, Durham's post-secondary institutions, Durham Chambers of Commerce and the Boards of Trade, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Durham Workforce Authority, Business Advisory Centre Durham, Spark Centre, 1855 Accelerator, OPEN.Innovate, and Central Counties Tourism; and
- C) That Durham Region Council extend its thanks to the many contributors and collaborators throughout the Region and the members of the Steering Committee for their time, dedication, and support to this important project.

CARRIED

## **8. Planning**

### **8.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **8.2 Reports**

#### **A) Planning and Economic Development Department Achievements, 2018 – 2022 (2022-P-20)**

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Report #2022-P-20 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to the expansion of broadband services in the hamlets of Columbus and Raglan. Councillor Neal asked staff to reach out to the Oshawa Zoo with respect to investment attraction and promotion.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(124) That Report #2022-P-20 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

## **9. Economic Development**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **9.2 Reports**

#### **A) Ready Set Future: Five Year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and Action Plan (2022-EDT-15)**

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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 6 of these minutes.

#### **B) Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Project: Annual Implementation Update (2022-EDT-16)**

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Report #2022-EDT-16 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, was received.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(125) That Report #2022-EDT-16 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be received for information.

CARRIED

**10. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**11. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**12. Other Business**

**12.1 Parkwood Co-branding Collaboration**

Regional Chair Henry advised that the film industry is a big part of Durham Region.

Discussion ensued with respect to whether the \$25,000 annual contribution, as referenced in the proposed motion, was for specifically for Parkwood National Historic Site or for the entire Durham film industry.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(126) That the rules of procedure be suspended to introduce a motion regarding Parkwood National Historic Site.

CARRIED ON A 2/3RDS VOTE

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(127) That we recommend to Council:

Whereas the Durham Region Economic Development and Tourism Division Film Office (Film Durham) supports and promotes Durham as a world-class location for film, television and digital media production (the Film Industry), supporting job creation and economic activity in the Industry; and

Whereas the Film Industry in Durham Region is growing at a faster rate than the overall Ontario growth rate, growing 220% between 2012 and 2019, and saw \$63 million in total film production in 2019; and

Whereas the Film Industry in Durham Region has strong and continuing growth potential as demonstrated by recent investments such as the William F White 90-acre backlot in the City of Pickering; and

Whereas the Film Industry workforce in Durham Region has been gaining momentum through workforce development activities such as Film Durham career fairs, and programming at Durham College and Ontario Tech University; and

Whereas the growing interest in the Film Industry in Durham Region is supported by the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF), which also hosted a film maker incubator in 2022; and

Whereas Parkwood National Historic Site (Parkwood) is one of the top ten filming locations in Canada; and

Whereas Parkwood relies on filming production as a necessary means for financial sustainability and preservation; and

Whereas there is an opportunity for Film Durham to capitalize on Parkwood's top-ten status by working with them to promote economic opportunities for Durham Region's Film Industry more broadly; and

Whereas this collaboration can promote to the national and international Film Industry that Durham Region and their talented workforce is ready and open for business, and that Durham is home to many exceptional and world-class filming locations;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be directed to enter into discussions, notwithstanding Durham Region's grant policy/bylaws, with Parkwood to establish a co-branding arrangement for the purpose of promoting Durham's Film Industry, whereby the Region's Film Durham brand and logo would be placed alongside the Parkwood name and brand in all public-facing media, in consideration of an annual contribution by the Region of \$25,000, subject to Regional Council approval annually of the business plan and budget; and

That staff discuss this co-branding collaboration to create brand visibility for Film Durham, and to increase economic opportunities for both Parkwood and the Film Industry of Durham Region as a whole; and

That the Commissioner of Finance identify a source of funds for this annual contribution; and

That the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to execute such a discussion, with terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor; and

That Economic Development and Tourism staff report back to Council with the outcomes of this discussion.

CARRIED

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
(128) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Chapman, Chair

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T. Fraser, Committee Clerk

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2023-P-1  
Date: January 10, 2023

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**Subject:**

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by 2648870 Ontario Inc., to permit a resort development in the Hamlet of Port Bolster, Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-005

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2023-P-1 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 a resort development in the Hamlet of Port Bolster, Township of Brock.
- 1.2 A "Notice of Complete Application" and "Notice of Public Meeting" regarding this application were advertised in the Brock Citizen and Georgina Advocate. Notice was also mailed to landowners within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. This report was also made available on the Region's website prior to the meeting.

## **2. Application**

- 2.1 On September 28, 2022, Fotenn Consultants Inc., on behalf of 2648870 Ontario Inc. submitted an application to amend the ROP to permit a resort development comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey “villas” for a total of 46 suites as well as commercial and restaurant uses. The application was deemed complete on October 28, 2022. The resort development is proposed to be developed on private services.
- 2.2 The subject site is located at 23801 Thorah Park Boulevard, in the Hamlet of Port Bolster. The site is legally described as Lot 1, Concession 14, Township of Brock (refer to Attachment 1). The western limit of the site borders the Town of Georgina. The proposed development includes a water parcel to facilitate a private water supply from Lake Simcoe for the resort development. The water parcel is located in the Town of Georgina. The concept site plan is included in Attachment 2.
- 2.3 The subject site is approximately 3.6 hectares (8.9 acres) in size and is bounded by Thorah Park Boulevard to the west and northwest, the Canadian National Railway (Bala subdivision) to the south, and privately owned lands to the northeast. The site is occupied by a small brick structure. The balance of the site is vacant. A tributary of the Pefferlaw Brook crosses the northern portion of the site.
- 2.4 Land uses surrounding the subject site include:
- North – Port Bolster Park, Thorah Concession Road 1, shoreline residential;
  - West – Thorah Park Boulevard (this portion is within the Town of Georgina), shoreline residential, woodlot, Lake Simcoe;
  - South – Lake Ridge Road, Canadian National Railway, rural residential
  - East – Canadian National Railway, Lake Ridge Road, residential and agricultural land.

## **3. Report Submitted in Support of the Application**

- 3.1 The following reports were submitted in support of this application:
- “Planning Justification Report”, prepared by Fotenn Consultants;
  - “Stage 1 – 2 Archaeological Assessment”, prepared by AMICK Consultants Limited.’
  - “Cleanup and Remediation of Petroleum Impact”, prepared by Comco Canada Ltd.;
  - “Natural Heritage Evaluation”, prepared by Beacon Environmental;

- “Transportation Impact Study” prepared by LEA Consulting Ltd.;
- “Preliminary Hydrogeological Assessment”, prepared by Wilson Associates;
- “Transportation Noise & Vibration Assessment”, prepared by Gradient Wind;
- “Functional Servicing & Stormwater Management Report”, prepared by Urban Watershed Group Ltd.;
- “Flood Hazard Assessment”, prepared by Urban Watershed Group Ltd.;
- and
- “Geotechnical Investigation”, prepared by Soil Engineers Ltd.

3.2 In accordance with Council adopted policy, the Region is currently in the process of conducting a peer review for the Preliminary Hydrogeological Study, in consultation with the Regional Health Department, and the applicant, at the applicant’s expense.

#### **4. Provincial Plans and Policies**

##### **Provincial Policy Statement**

- 4.1 Policy 1.1.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) states that healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by: promoting efficient development and land use patterns; avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns; and promoting development and land use patterns that conserve biodiversity.
- 4.2 Policy 1.1.3.2 of the PS further states that land use patterns within settlement areas shall be based on densities and a mix of land uses which efficiently use land and resources; and are appropriate for, and efficiently use, the infrastructure which are planned or available.
- 4.3 Policy 1.1.4.1 of the PS states that healthy, integrated and viable rural areas should be supported by:
- a. Building upon rural character, and leveraging rural amenities and assets;
  - b. Promoting regeneration, including the redevelopment of brownfield sites;
  - c. Accommodating an appropriate range and mix of housing in rural settlement areas;
  - d. Encouraging the conservation and redevelopment of existing rural housing stock on rural lands;
  - e. Using rural infrastructure and public service facilities efficiently;

- f. Promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities through goods and services, including value-added products and the sustainable management or use of resources;
  - g. Providing opportunities for sustainable and diversified tourism, including leveraging historical, cultural and natural assets;
  - h. Conserving biodiversity and considering the ecological benefits provided by nature; and
  - i. Providing opportunities for economic activities in prime agricultural areas, in accordance with policy 2.3.
- 4.4 Policy 1.1.4.2 states that in rural areas, rural settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development and their vitality and regeneration shall be promoted.
- 4.5 Policy 2.1.2 of the PPS states that the diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water features.

#### **A Place to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**

- 4.6 Policy 2.2.1.2 of A Place to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (the Growth Plan) states that the vast majority of growth will be directed to settlement areas that have a delineated built boundary; municipal water and wastewater systems and can support the achievement of complete communities. Growth will be limited in settlement areas that are rural settlements; are not serviced by existing or planned municipal water and wastewater systems; or are in the Greenbelt Area.
- 4.7 Policy 2.2.9.1 of the Growth Plan states that municipalities are encouraged to plan for a variety of cultural and economic opportunities within rural settlements to serve the needs of rural residents and area businesses.

#### **Greenbelt Plan**

- 4.8 Policy 3.4.4.1 of the Greenbelt Plan states that hamlets are subject to the policies of the Growth Plan and continue to be governed by official plans. Limited growth is permitted through infill and intensification of hamlets subject to appropriate water and sewage services.

### **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan**

- 4.9 Policy 4.8 DP of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) states that an application for major development shall be accompanied by a stormwater management plan that, amongst other matters, includes a water budget and phosphorus plan.
- 4.10 Policy 6.33 DP of the LSPP states that within Settlement Areas, an application for development or site alteration shall,
- a. Increase or improve fish habitat in streams, lanes and wetlands and any adjacent riparian areas;
  - b. Include landscaping and habitat restoration that increase the ability of native plants and animals to use valleylands or riparian areas as wildlife habitat and movement corridors;
  - c. Seek to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts associated with the quality and quantity of urban run-off into receiving streams, lakes and wetlands; and
  - d. Establish or increase the extent and width of a vegetation protection zone adjacent to Lake Simcoe to a minimum of 30 metres where feasible.
- 4.11 Policy 6.34 DP of the LSPP states that where, through an application for development or site alteration, a buffer is required to be established as a result of the application of the PPS, the buffer shall be composed of and maintained as natural self-sustaining vegetation.

### **Durham Regional Official Plan**

- 4.12 The subject site is designated “Hamlet” in the ROP. In accordance with policy 9B.2.3 hamlets shall be developed in harmony with surrounding uses and may consist of the following:
- a. Predominantly single-detached housing, as well as community facilities;
  - b. Employment uses;
  - c. Commercial uses that meet the immediate needs of the residents of the hamlets and the surrounding rural area.
- 4.13 Policy 9B.2.4 of the ROP includes the following principles for Hamlet development that shall serve to guide the preservation, cultural attributes and historic heritage of the community:
- a. Simplicity of form;
  - b. Predominance of residential uses;
  - c. Larger lots that accommodate private services;

- d. Almost exclusively single-detached dwelling form;
- e. Few facilities; and
- f. Views and vistas of the countryside.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 The application has been circulated to various agencies for comment, including: the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Township of Brock, the Region of York, the Town of Georgina, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, CN Rail, Parks Canada – Trent Severn Waterway, the Regional Works Department and the Regional Health Department.

5.2 At the time of writing this report comments were received from:

- a. CN Rail, which raised concerns regarding noise and vibration and stated that they are reviewing the submitted Noise and Vibration Report and Stormwater Management Report; and
- b. The Health Department, which has advised that in light of the scale of the project, the approval for the proposed private servicing falls under the purview of the Province. It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, through the provincial “one window” protocol to circulate the application to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their review and comment.

## **6. Public Consultation**

6.1 Anyone who attends the 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 anytime before Council makes a decision.

6.2 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 appropriate, unless in opinion of the Tribunal there is reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

- 6.3 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  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3  
[brian.bridgeman@durham.ca](mailto:brian.bridgeman@durham.ca)

## **7. Future Regional Council Decision**

- 7.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider the ROP Amendment application at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.

## **8. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 8.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

## **9. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

## **10. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Concept Site Plan

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

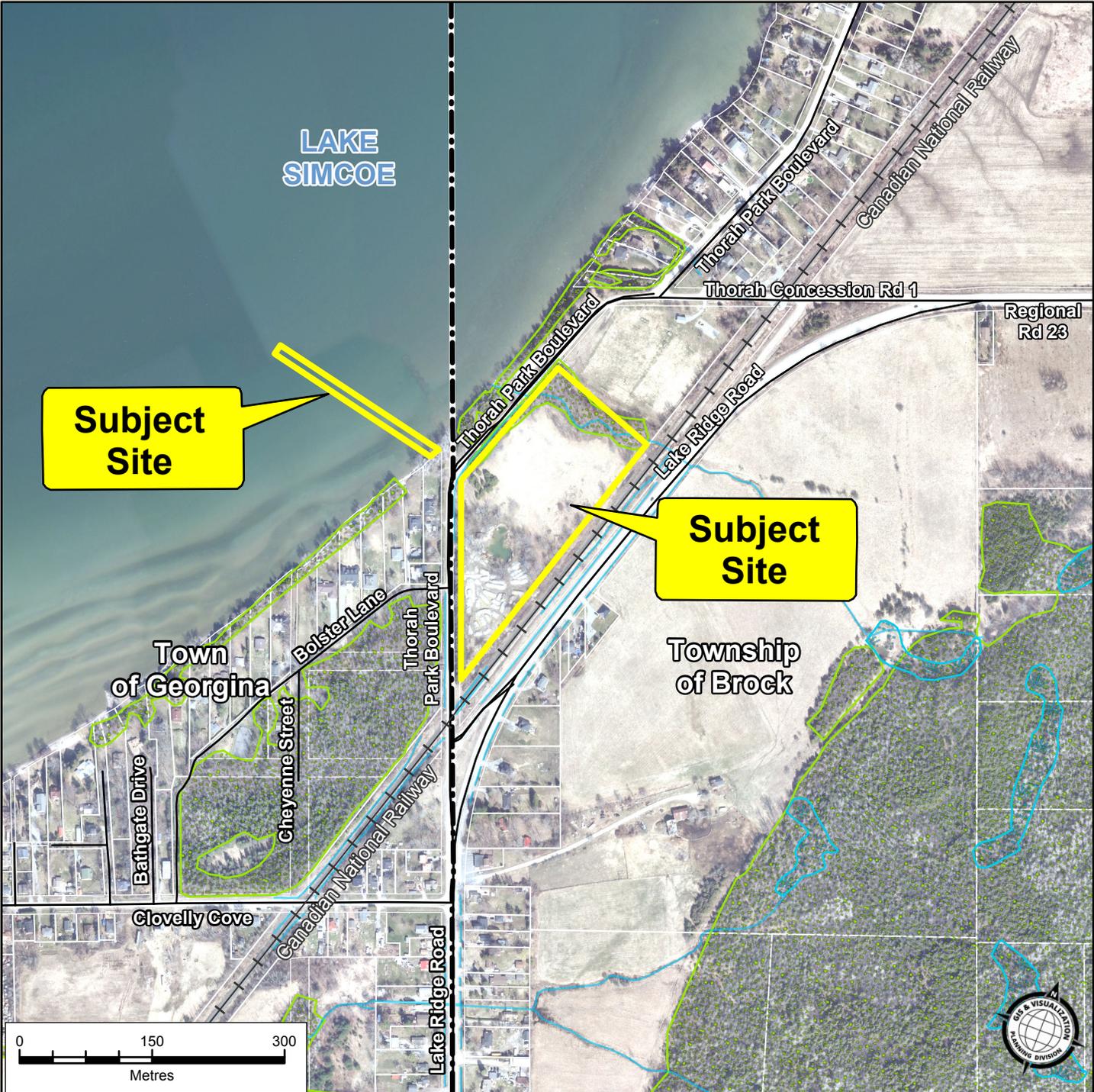
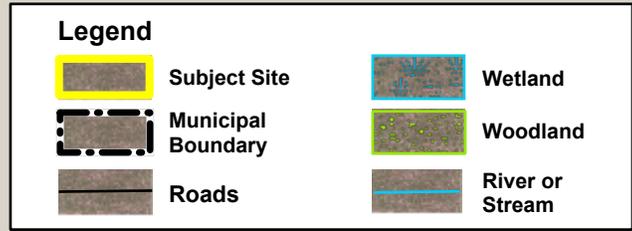
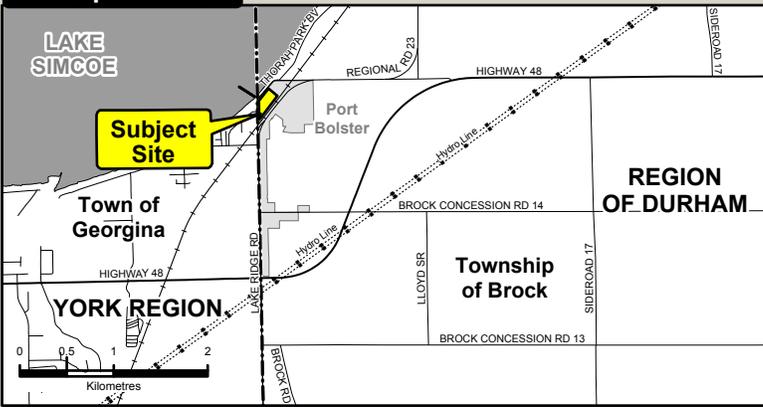
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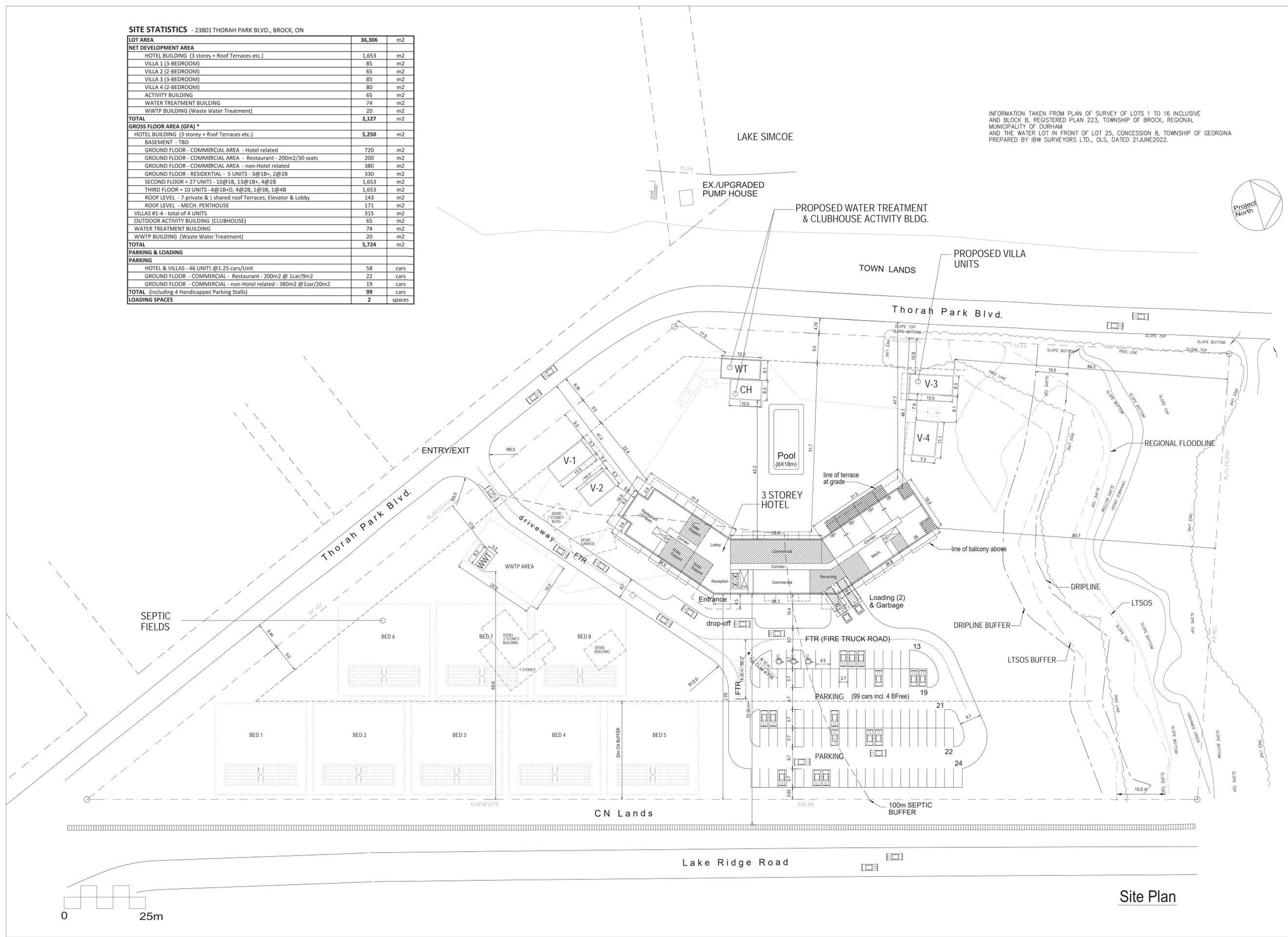
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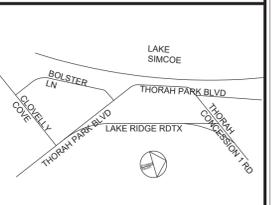
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REVISIONS

4	Rev Dripline Buffer, add LTSOS	23 Aug 2022
3	Issued for OPA submission	25 July 2022
2	rev dripline/miscellaneous	12 July 2022
1	rev U/G services	4 July 2022

Proposed New Development  
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Site Plan

# 23801 Thorah Park Boulevard

## Regional Official Plan Amendment

January 10, 2022

**Miles Weekes, MCIP, RPP**  
**Senior Planner**



LAKE SIMCOE

Subject Site

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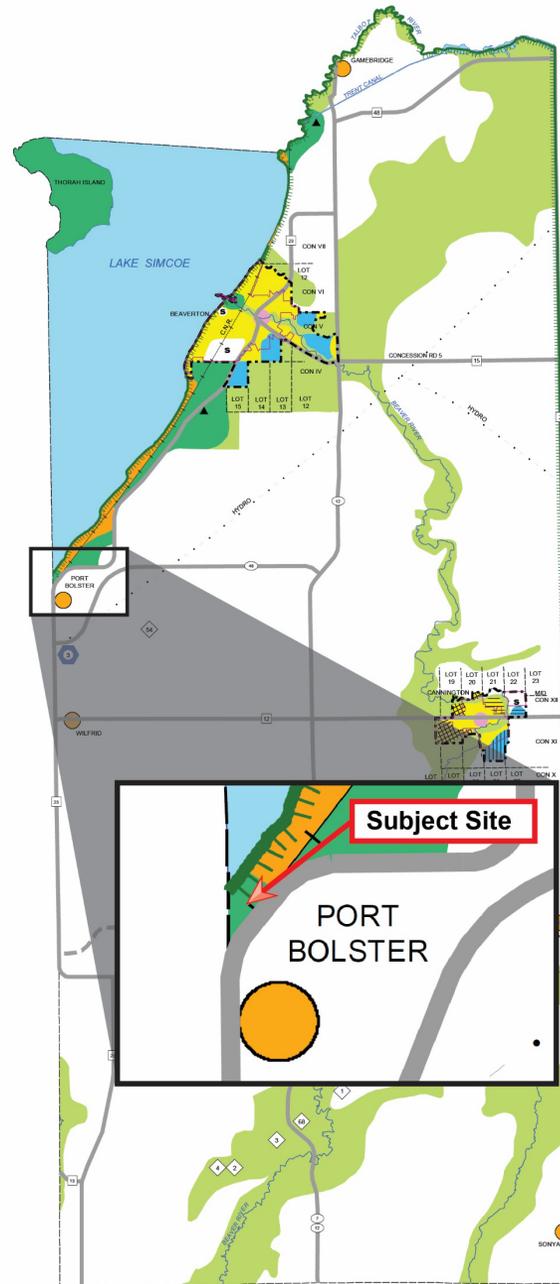
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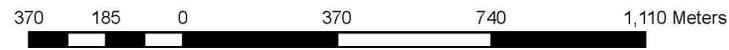
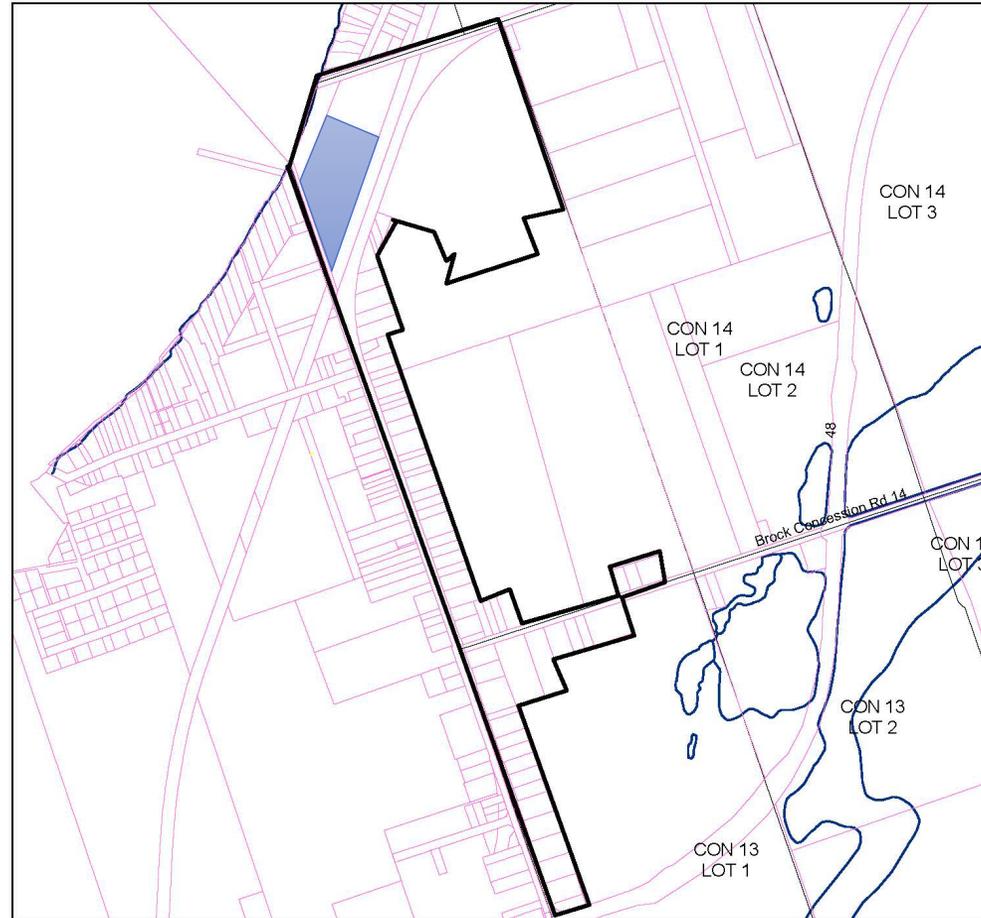
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REGIONAL STRUCTURE**

**LEGEND**

- URBAN SYSTEM**
- URBAN AREA BOUNDARY
  - REGIONAL CENTRE
  - URBAN GROWTH CENTRE
  - REGIONAL CORRIDOR
  - LIVING AREAS
  - EMPLOYMENT AREAS
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- RURAL SYSTEM**
- PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREAS
- RURAL SETTLEMENTS :**
- HAMLET
  - RURAL EMPLOYMENT AREA (SEE TABLE E3 FOR DESCRIPTION)
  - COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (SEE TABLE E3 FOR DESCRIPTION)
  - SHORELINE RESIDENTIAL
  - ▲ REGIONAL NODE (SEE SECTION 9C FOR DESCRIPTION)
  - ◆ AGGREGATE RESOURCE EXTRACTION AREA (SEE TABLE E1 FOR DESCRIPTION)
- GREENLANDS SYSTEM**
- MAJOR OPEN SPACE AREAS
  - WATERFRONT AREAS
  - OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ BOUNDARY
  - ▲ TOURIST ACTIVITY / RECREATIONAL NODE
  - OPEN SPACE LINKAGE
  - OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ AREAS
  - GREENBELT BOUNDARY
  - ▲ WATERFRONT PLACE
  - WATERFRONT LINKS
- TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**
- SEE SCHEDULE C FOR DESIGNATIONS
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| ● GO STATION    | ● GO STATION    |
- SPECIAL AREAS**
- SPECIAL STUDY AREA
  - DEFERRED BY MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
  - SPECIFIC POLICY AREA
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# Brock Township Official Plan Map 6 - D Hamlet of Port Bolster



**Legend**

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 Hamlet Boundary

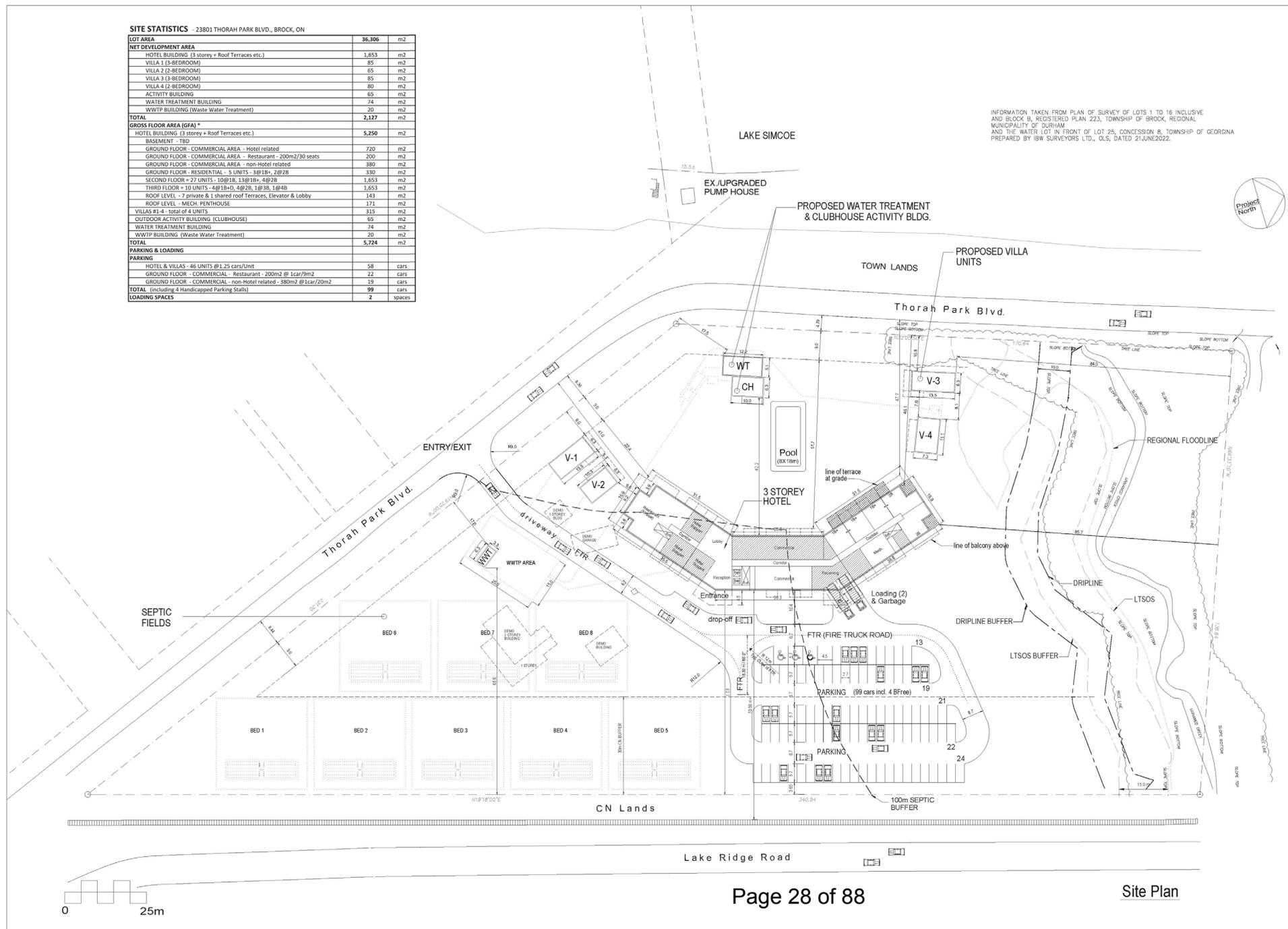
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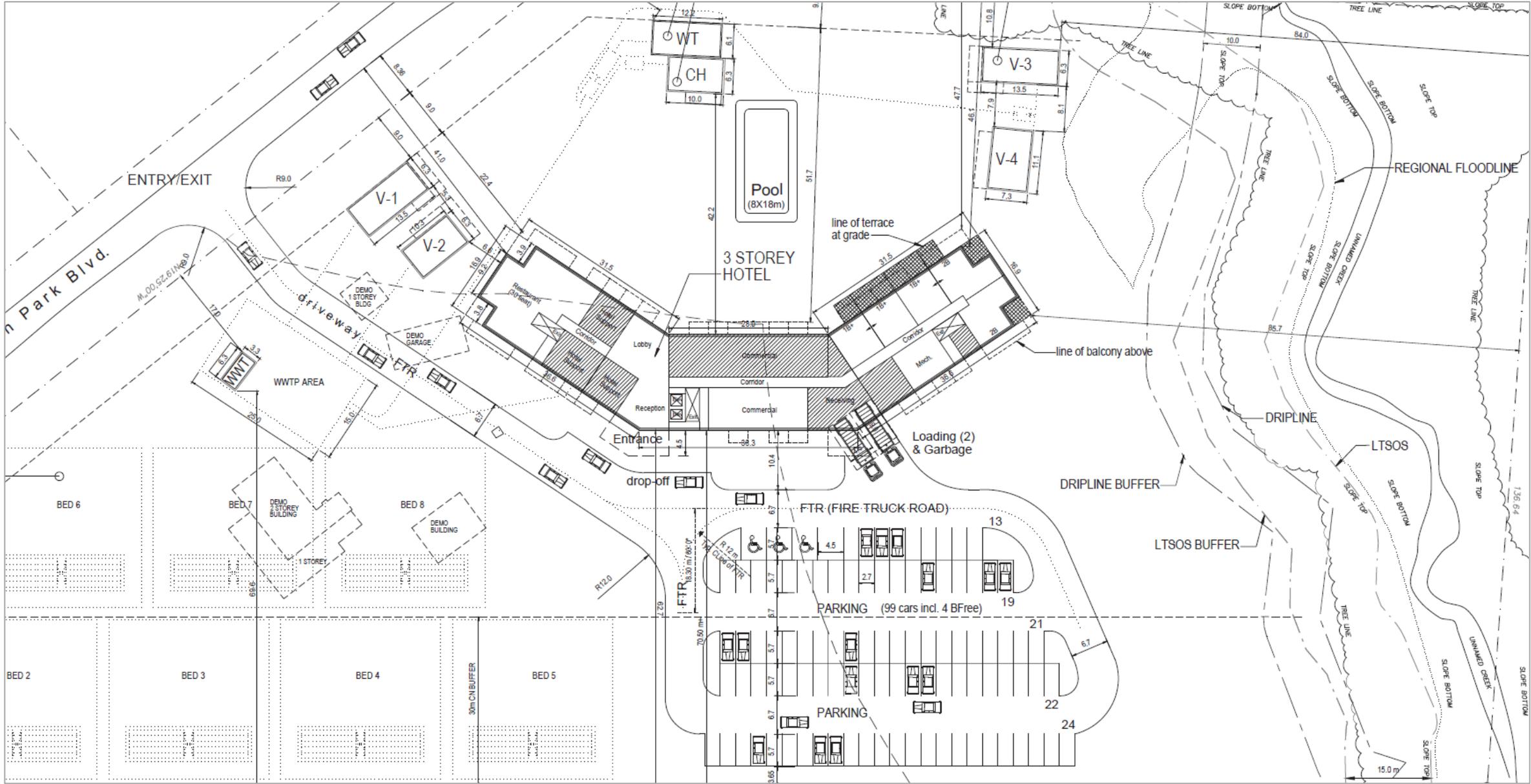
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# Questions Received To-Date:

**Traffic**

**Servicing**

**Environment**

**Lighting**

**Operations**

**Local Opportunities**

















## **Resort application Thorah Park Blvd public meeting Jan 10 2023**

Year round resort?

Where will entrance/exits be?

Does all traffic to this location use Thorah Park Blvd.?

Do guests have access to public lake area across the street?

Where is source of water for this resort ?

Will the blvd be widened / modified to accommodate this excess traffic?

How will traffic impact parking for soccer field and traffic on area on soccer days ?

How many and what type of permanent jobs are created with this proposal?

How will resort lighting affect residential neighbors?

Do any of the owners live in this community ?

Will hydro supply affect other residential neighbors on Thorah Park Blvd. is power supply adequate ?

What are plans for property owned across the street on the Lake ?

How many people are expected at resort (including staff)?

When do owners want to have this facility in operation?

Expected demographic of market for this resort?

### **ISSUES**

high traffic area

residential neighbors immediately across the street ( noise/traffic/lighting)

hours of operation/seasons of operation

impact on ice fishing operations

water supply

safety of children and families at soccer games

**very narrow road already has safety issues** for cyclists / walkers

environmental impact on lake

total mismatch with rural residential community. Inconsistent with purpose of high value /high tax paying residential properties

Donald Millet

24770 Thorah Park Blvd

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [delegations](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Leigh Fleury](#); [Alexander Harras](#)  
**Subject:** FW: application OPA 2022-005  
**Date:** January 3, 2023 2:35:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [QUESTIONS FOR RESPORT APPLICATION.docx](#)

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**From:** Connie Drago [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 3, 2023 2:09 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>  
**Cc:** DONALD MILLETT <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: application OPA 2022-005

To whom this concerns,

Please accept this email in support for the group of us who share great concerns regarding the application OPA 2022-005 to amend official plan to allow resort of Thorah Park Blvd. I am also a full time resident at 24675 Thorah Park Blvd. I will be attending the meeting on January 10 2023.

Please continue to provide updates as they arise.

Regards,  
Connie Drago  
[REDACTED]

On Jan 2, 2023, at 4:04 PM, DONALD MILLETT [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam;

I am submitting the attached questions and issues for consideration at the meeting regarding the application OPA 2022-005 to amend the official plan to allow a resort ON Thorah Park Blvd.

I am a permanent resident of Thorah Park Blvd and along with many of my neighbors we are very very concerned about the significant negative impacts a development of this size will have on our small rural residential community.

This is totally inconsistent with the community and with the official plan. High value/ highly taxed rural residential properties will suffer in many ways as outlined in my list of questions and issues.

Please circulate this as needed. I will be attending in person the Jan 10 2023 meeting and am hopeful there will be answers to our questions and responses to our issues at this time.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

Donald W Millett P.Eng.  
24770 ThoraK Park Blvd.  
Beaverton Ontario

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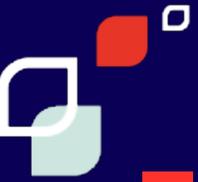
# On-Farm Diversification

Benefits and Best Practices



# What are On-Farm Diversified Uses?

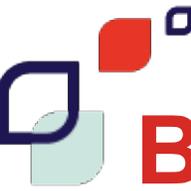
- Located on a farm
- Secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property
- Limited in area (e.g., 2% of farmland to a maximum of 1 ha)
- Includes (but is not limited to) home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism and value-added uses
- Is compatible with, and does not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations



# Economic Benefits

- Additional income and job opportunities
- Preserves agricultural land, building and heritage
- Strengthens the family farm
- Tourism attraction
- Agriculture education
- Cultural exchange





# Best Practices and Resources

- Guidelines to Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas
- Local-level policy: should include OFDU definitions, size/scale criterion and as of right uses
- Pre-consultation meetings for OFDU applications
- Scale back fee requirements for OFDU development permissions (where possible)
- Enhance working relationships (between farms, organizations, municipalities, OMAFRA)
- Maintain positive neighbourly relationships with surrounding property owners



## Current Projects/next steps

- Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Working Group
- Industry relations and business workshops
- OFDU Business Toolkit
- Agriculture 101 training (DAAC)
- Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan & Local Food BR+E



**Gates Open - 2022**  
**10 Farms – 2,500 visitors**  
**Brock, Clarington, Scugog &**  
**Uxbridge**



**Supporting  
Local**



**Culinary**



**Cycle  
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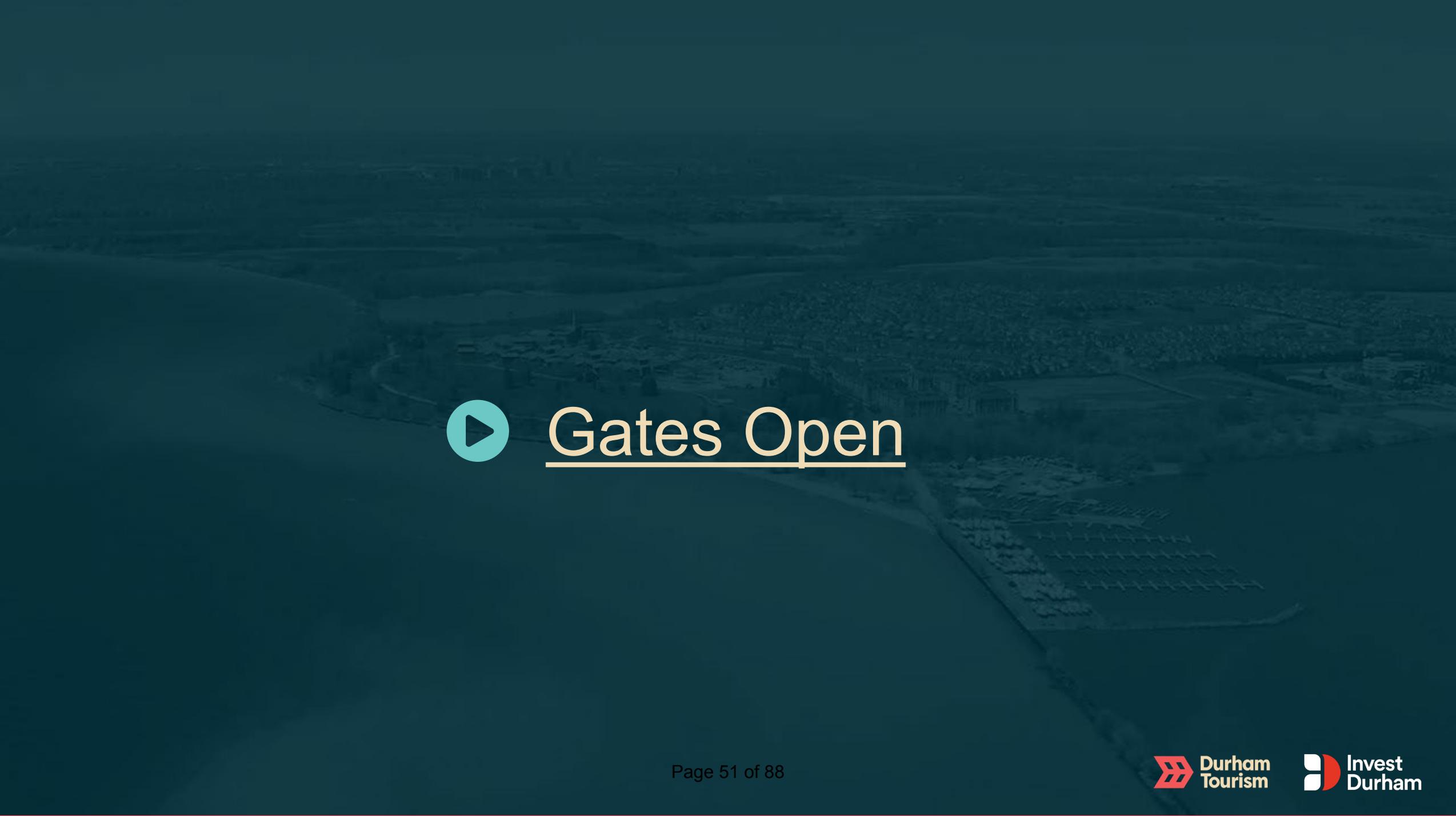
**Agri-Tourism**



Banjo Cider – Uxbridge  
Bragg Farms – Bowmanville  
Gallery on the Farm - Hampton  
Nature's Bounty Farm - Port Perry  
Ocala Winery & Orchards – Port Perry  
Sargent Family Dairy – Enniskillen  
Tindall Farm & Market – Uxbridge  
Two Blokes Cider – Seagrave  
Villa Vida Loca Market – Sunderland  
Wool 4 Ewe Fibre Mill – Nestleton Station



Ontario 



 Gates Open

## Airports in Durham Region ..(read time 9 min.)

### About This Submission

Durham Council, over an extended period of time, has been given false and misleading information regarding airports. The information has been provided by the GTAA, Transport Canada, and various encumbered “experts.” (Appendix various 13-4 of this submission)

### Pickering Airport an Economic Driver?

Durham Regional Council has repeatedly confirmed a need for a Pickering airport in Durham as an acceptable driver for growth. Durham believes and declares that airports are substantial growth generators with positive cost-benefit potential.

Transport Canada owns the Pickering Lands and holds them in case of need for a future airport project. But Transport Canada is contractually constrained within Article 44 of its Ground Lease with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA). A Pickering Airport cannot proceed until Toronto Pearson International Airport is no longer “**meeting any capacity and demand requirements.**” (Appendix 1)

The GTAA’s current Master Plan (2017-2037) foresees no existing or projected capacity issues within the Plan’s timeframe. (Appendix 2)

The Minister of Transport has agreed with this assessment. (Appendix 3)

The practical and absolute capacity limits declared for a 5-runway or a planned 6-runway system in the GTAA’s 2008 Master Plan were expected to be reached between 2013 and 2023, but such references were not included in the 2017 Master Plan. (Appendix 4) **The two master plans clearly define the term “capacity” as used in the Ground Lease contract, quoted above.** The GTAA has stated in its 2017 Master Plan that these limits will not be reached before that Plan’s termination date of 2037. (Appendix 2)

Two major reports commissioned by Transport Canada to analyze Southern Ontario airport capacity – the Needs Assessment Study: Pickering Lands, dated 2010 and released in 2011 (Appendix 5) and the KPMG Supply and Demand Report, dated 2016 and released in 2020 (Appendix 6) – do not contradict either of the related GTAA Master Plans. “Capacity” definitions are clearly outlined in both the 2008 Master Plan and in the Needs Assessment Study.

Nowhere in the KPMG Supply and Demand Report (or anywhere else in the study’s four reports) does KPMG state or even imply that a Pickering airport will be needed by 2036. The report does say, multiple times, that it WON’T be needed. And nowhere does GTAA say or even imply that the airport will be needed in 2037 or at any known date after that.

A review of the calculations provided by all these Transport Canada reports suggests that it is unreasonable to conclude that a Pickering airport would be viable before the year 2100. (Appendix 7)

This view is supported by the current GTAA Master Plan gate build projections and airline passenger-load-factor increases per movement, as presented in their annual reports. (Appendix 7-D)

Conclusion: A Pickering airport may never be contractually or financially viable. (Appendix 7-G)

## Oshawa Airport an Economic Driver?

On March 28, 2022, Oshawa Council considered its airport's future in two reports: From the Development Service Committee (DSC) meeting of Mar. 7, 2022, the report **DS-22-64** (pp. 83-91) — Re amending 1997 Operating and Option Agreement for the Oshawa Executive Airport (Appendix 8) and the report **DS-22-67** — Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures for the Oshawa Executive Airport. (Appendices 8 and 10)

Oshawa forwarded both reports to the Minister of Transport with requests for changes to the 1997 Oshawa Operating and Options Agreement (the Transport Canada—Oshawa legal agreement). Both reports reference an impending Pickering Airport build, as does the 1997 Oshawa Operating and Options Agreement itself. Both Oshawa and Durham have stated, without providing supporting evidence, that Toronto International will be at capacity in 2036.

Report DS-22-64 advised on a continuing and increasing – and previously undisclosed – airport debt of about **\$10 million**, and seeks to (1) open the agreement, (2) amend the agreement by 14 years to obtain an earlier termination date, and (3) enable the sale of some airport lands now. (Once permitted, the selling of land will likely continue, as the proceeds from the sales will help to pay down operating deficits that are a product of mismanagement.) (Appendix 9)

Report DS-22-67 engages in and details a process, required by Transport Canada, to attempt to legalize and enforce Oshawa Council's wishes for new (and unprecedented) restricted hours of operation at Oshawa Airport to reduce noise although there is video evidence that the community had been aware ahead of time that 100,000 training movements would be part of Oshawa airport's decision to be a base for a flying school. (Appendices 9 and 14)

This is an extensive arbitration process, which has been undertaken by an approved aviation specialist who in this case is young and clearly inexperienced, per his resume, which demonstrates to me that he will be overwhelmed by Oshawa senior staff.

“Noise” is a value legally defined by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario. Based on that legal definition, **there is no “noise”** at Oshawa Airport and no sound that exceeds that which Highway 401 delivers 24/7 on a 1-mile swath across Durham.<sup>1</sup>

Toronto Pearson receives 363 noise complaints per 1000 movements.<sup>2</sup> Oshawa gets 3 per 1000,<sup>3</sup> and note that the noise contours of the flight school are inside the airport boundary. (Appendix 10)

The bulk of the operational restrictions Oshawa seeks are extraordinary in nature and are unprecedented in the industry. (Appendix 10)

The two Oshawa documents clearly indicate a lack of due diligence by the city. Such failures can result in an airport's loss of viability, a lack of regional growth, loss of ownership of the airport as outlined in the 1997 Operating and Option Agreement for the Oshawa Executive Airport, or Oshawa Airport's premature closure. Oshawa Airport is specifically named in the GTAA's Ground Lease as being outside the GTAA/Transport Canada legal agreement restrictions within Article 44. (Appendix 1) If Oshawa fails to operate its airport according to the 1997 agreement, Transport Canada can resume airport operation. (Appendix 11)

## Summary

The Minister of Transport cannot go forward with Pickering, by contract as long as Toronto Pearson is “meeting all capacity and demand requirements.” See Article 44, GTAA/TC Ground Lease. No capacity constraint is anticipated at Toronto International in the foreseeable future; therefore, there is no business case for Pickering.

Durham Council has been misled regarding Toronto International Airport capacity by the GTAA, Transport Canada, and various “experts.”

The Minister of Transport cannot approve noise regulations in Oshawa. There is no airport noise at Oshawa by definition.

Oshawa Airport’s business plan increasingly fails, due to mismanagement and a lack of expertise.

## Recommendations

If Durham Regional Council truly believes in the benefits of airports as growth drivers, Council should assume some measure of control and immediately intervene with the Minister of Transport to request that he incorporate the Oshawa Airport into the National Airport System and lease it under a long-term contract to a viable professional entity. Can he do that? Yes, he can. (Appendix 11)

Durham Council should call the GTAA to account. Council has the most expedient means of doing so. (Appendix 15)

### Notes:

1. Aercoustics Engineering Ltd.: Durham Live Tourist Destination – City of Pickering Ref. A 03/14, Environmental Noise Feasibility Study, May 29, 2014. [https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/resources/A0314\\_NoiseStudy\\_May2014.pdf](https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/resources/A0314_NoiseStudy_May2014.pdf)
2. Government of Canada, Honourable Judy A. Sgro, Chair: Assessing the Impact of Aircraft Noise in the Vicinity of Major Canadian Airports: Report of the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, March 2019. <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/TRAN/Reports/RP10366059/tranrp28/tranrp28-e.pdf>.
3. HM Aero Aviation Consulting: Oshawa Executive Airport: Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures – Public Consultation Materials, Final Report, September 27, 2021 (p. 10) <https://www.oshawa.ca/en/transportation-parking/resources/Documents/CYOO---Public-Consultation-Materials---2021.09.27---Final-Report.pdf>

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**From:** Ivan Battye

**Subject:** Re: Aviation in Southern Ontario/Pickering/Oshawa

**Date:** November 25, 2022 at 10:55 AM

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Dear Sirs and madam

Yesterday I sent two letters to you.

The original email was a single letter with a large attachment.

That document caused failures of transmission. Apparently due to size.

In resurrecting the two letters the covering letter reverted to a draft. My mistake..

Please find below the correct letter.

The second email with the attachments is unchanged.

I apologize for the inconvenience

Sincerely,

Ivan Battye

November 24, 2022

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Dear Sirs and Madam:

Re: The ongoing critical issue of GTAA/Pickering. I am including the other Ministers as above. The issues are historical, recurring, and increasing in magnitude.

This is my fourth letter to your office on the subject. The last letter, Feb 20, 2018, included Minister Bains. His department's response from Ms. Francis McRae in Feb. 24, 2018 appears to have precipitated or at the least, coincided with the sudden departure of GTAA's Selma M. Lussenburg, Vice President Governance, Corporate Safety & Security, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. No reply was received from your office that would suggest otherwise.

Attached are two documents to be sent to Durham Region Council outlining the public misinformation being provided by GTAA and Transport Canada staff on an ongoing basis. I was hopeful that the Lussenburg discipline and your more recent and welcome comments in the attached Appendix# 3, would have persuaded GTAA and TC senior staff to improve upon their past public behaviour. Sadly, this has not been the case as indicated by your "National Summit on the Recovery of the Air Sector" scheduled for Nov. 24, 2022, which I believe signals some recognition of the issues you have before you.

By now, two submissions, as noted in my attachments, with regard to Oshawa Airport may have come to your attention. With respect, I am concerned, as illustrated in these two attachments, with any guidance from your staff that might recommend approval of both Oshawa's requests. I believe this may be unwise and underestimate the significant risks that you may need to address both politically and pragmatically. Additional concern relates to the fact that there was no real public process for either document.

The attached appendices clearly indicate is that Oshawa staff have cleverly "hoisted" the Region, GTAA and Transport "on a long petard" of your own making. These fraudulent failures of oversight appear to have been constructed assiduously by your department's neglect, false and misleading information.

The 50 year old fiction of a requisite Pickering Airport now needs to be relinquished and is long past due. I look to you to bring this to an honourable closure.

Recently, as attached, JOHAN C. VAN 'T HOF, GTAA director, from Pickering, delivered the following comment on June

4, 2019 to Durham Council in their GTAA annual briefing and in response to a direct question:-  
"We have no plans for new runways." (See Appendix 13 Sound Byte #3)

The GTAA 2017-37 MasterPlan references this, (See Appendix 2) "... a sixth runway...we will continue to protect the necessary land and zoning,...and we expect that additional airside capacity will be required at some point."

This Code of Conduct issue should require "forthwith removal" (GTAA Ground Lease Article 9, Section .01.02.). Also see [GTAA Code of Business Conduct and Ethics](#) (Section 2.2 and various). The GTAA CEO appears to believe his 2018 remarks,(See Appendix 13 Sound Byte #2) the year previous, were acceptable. I disagree. Both remarks, as demonstrated in the two Sound Bytes, require at a minimum, a very public retraction. I ask for your intervention to restore truth and public trust.

I believe Mr. Van't Hofs' demeanour was most unprofessional and unethical. He would seem to be taking his view from your approved KPMG study that Durham Region has interpreted falsely as "Toronto needs an new airport in 2036". That KPMG Supply and Demand Report should be withdrawn. In the interests of restoring a transparent and honest communication with the public, I ask that you do so and advise Durham Council that their statement regarding 2036 is false and is a non-existent myth. Durham should review and withdraw their statement, accordingly.

This ongoing deception of the truth can no longer be permitted to persist. There appears no indication that your office oversight has any GTAA regulatory effect.

You will see in the attachments that I am asking Durham Region to exercise their privilege of calling the GTAA to a public accounting. I request your support in this matter in order that there be a region based, full and frank discussion. I hope that you attend.

Would you please advise me of you conclusions and recommendations on these matters.

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**RE: Recruitment of Municipal Representatives on Regional Watershed Alliance**

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Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) would like to invite members of your municipality to participate on the Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA), which is a subcommittee of TRCA's Board of Directors.

Governed by the Conservation Authorities Act, TRCA is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario with a mandate to conserve, restore and manage the natural resources within the nine watersheds and Lake Ontario Waterfront of the Toronto region (including City of Toronto and portions of York, Peel and Durham Regions and the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio and Mono).

RWA supports creating healthy watersheds and waterfront that achieve The Living City Vision of sustainable communities, regional biodiversity and healthy rivers and shorelines through advocacy, knowledge sharing and collective action. With a membership consisting of 30 representatives, including TRCA Board members, watershed residents, sector experts, representatives from all three levels of government, and TRCA Youth Council representation, participation on this committee involves providing input to TRCA and partner-led initiatives, learning about TRCA projects and areas of work, and where relevant, providing recommendations to TRCA's Board of Directors. RWA members also provide direction and guidance to TRCA's Youth Council, as well as promote TRCA initiatives.

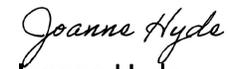
This letter is to formally request that you circulate this information through your respective council agendas and to provide TRCA with a resolution supporting the appointment of a municipal representative from your council or organization. We require your appointee to attend

two-hour quarterly meetings (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in 2023), which are currently held virtually.

We expect to convene RWA in March 2023 and are required to confirm final committee composition by mid-January to achieve this timeline, taking into account TRCA Board of Directors reporting timeframes.

Should you require further information regarding the nomination and election process, please contact [clerks@trca.ca](mailto:clerks@trca.ca)

Kindly,



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[RWA Terms of Reference](#)

## **Attachment 1: Regional Watershed Alliance Terms of Reference (September 23, 2022)**

The Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA) is considered an advisory board of TRCA.

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### **1. MISSION AND MANDATE**

#### **Mission:**

Create healthy watersheds and waterfront that achieve The Living City Vision of sustainable communities, regional biodiversity and healthy rivers and shorelines through advocacy, knowledge sharing and collective action.

#### **Mandate:**

Reporting to the Board of Directors (Figure 1) and working closely with Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation, the RWA is an advisory board to TRCA with the purpose of:

- **Advocacy:** Advocacy for awareness, policy innovation and action within members' sectors, communities and jurisdictions on regional and local environmental and sustainability issues.
- **Advisory:** Input on TRCA initiatives, act as a sounding board to TRCA staff, and advise the Board of Directors on matters of community interest.
- **Collective Action:** Priority setting and collective investment in key sustainability and environmental issues for cross-jurisdictional and cross-sectoral actions. Support and leadership to the development of platform and campaigns to bring actors and stakeholders together to drive solutions through collective action and resource sharing.
- **Reporting:** Reporting on collective outcomes on regional sustainability to the public, TRCA municipal partners and stakeholders. Reporting to the Board of Directors on its work.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS**

Supported by TRCA staff, the RWA has a Chair, Vice-Chair, and is comprised of approximately 30 voting members.

#### **2.1. Voting Members**

The RWA members are recruited based on a diverse skill set, sector and community specific expertise, network connections, demonstrated leadership, experience, and knowledge of the watersheds within TRCA's jurisdiction.

- **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board Members** (up to 2 voting representatives)
  - Preferably one representative from different TRCA appointing member municipalities from the Board of Directors.
- **Watershed Residents** (up to 12 voting representatives)
  - Up to 12 watershed residents selected from across TRCA's nine watersheds and

waterfront, aiming to achieve the following representation from TRCA municipalities to the best of TRCA's ability:

- Toronto: 2 representatives
  - Peel: 2 representatives
  - York: 2 representatives
  - Durham: 2 representatives
  - The remaining 4 spots will be flexible and can be utilized for Mono, Adjala-Tosorontio and/or additional representatives from the municipalities above. During the selection process, efforts will be made to ensure there is representation from across TRCA's watersheds.
- **Sector Experts and Organizations** (up to 6 voting representatives)
    - All representatives for this category must be located in and/or undertake work within TRCA's jurisdiction.
    - Representation will be sought from both experts/organizations with impact and/or jurisdiction that spans TRCA's jurisdiction and local/community-focused experts/organizations, with efforts made to include membership representation from across TRCA municipalities.
  - **Municipal Representatives** (up to 5 voting representatives)
    - There will be a minimum of 1 representative each from Toronto, Peel and local municipalities, York and local municipalities, and Durham and local municipalities (4 total).
    - The remaining additional spot can be allocated to one of the municipalities above or to Mono and/or Adjala-Tosorontio
  - **Provincial Representative** (up to 1 voting representative)
    - Up to one political representative or senior staff from the Province of Ontario.
  - **Federal Representative** (up to 1 voting representative)
    - Up to one local political representative or senior staff from the Government of Canada.
  - **Youth Council Representatives** (up to 2 voting representatives)
    - To be appointed from the Youth Council Executive. If sufficient representatives are not available from the Youth Council Executive, RWA Youth Council Representatives can be appointed from the Youth Council General Membership
  - **Indigenous Representative** with a Treaty right or historical affiliation to TRCA's jurisdiction (up to 1 voting representative)

## 2.2 Guests

The Regional Watershed Alliance meetings are open to the public. Municipal or other agency staff may be invited as guests to offer presentations or participate in discussions on relevant issues. Guests will not have voting privileges nor be eligible for travel expenses to and from meetings.

## 2.3 Appointment Process

Soliciting, vetting and selection of candidates will be done in accordance with TRCA's Public

Appointment Policy. Where relevant, TRCA staff will be involved in selection of candidates and criteria will be developed in advance to guide the review process

**2.3.1 Board of Directors Representatives:** Board Members will be appointed by the Board of Directors as voting representatives.

**2.3.2 Watershed Residents:** Applications from watershed residents will be solicited through direct recruitment, announcements in newsletters, local newspapers, web sites, volunteer networks, and through various social media platforms. A committee of TRCA staff and/or Board members will select the RWA resident members through the application process using a set of criteria to ensure suitability and eligibility.

**2.3.3 Sector Experts and Organizations:** Select organizations and agencies will be requested by TRCA to appoint a representative.

**2.3.4 Municipal Representatives:** Formal request for appointment of municipal representatives will be made to municipal councils.

**2.3.5 Provincial and Federal Representatives:** Federal and provincial representatives (member of Parliament or staff) with specific interest in TRCA's work and jurisdiction will be requested to participate as members.

**2.3.6. Youth Council Representatives:** Youth Council representatives will be elected from and by the TRCA Youth Council Executive.

**2.3.7. Indigenous Representative:** Formal request for appointment of an Indigenous representative will be made to Indigenous Bands with a Treaty right or historical affiliation to TRCA's jurisdiction.

## 2.4 Term of Appointment

RWA Members will be appointed for a two-year term with a possible extension of up to two additional years, with the exception of the Youth Council representatives, which currently serve a one-year term on the Youth Council with a possible extension of an additional year. Members unable to fulfill their commitments may be replaced as per the Board of Directors Administrative By-law.

## 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1.1 The **Chair** is responsible for:

- a) Presiding over meetings, setting the agenda and generally ensuring the effectiveness of meetings;
- b) Calling special meetings, as required;
- c) In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair will perform the above functions;
- d) In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Members shall appoint an Acting Chair who, for the purposes of that meeting has all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Chair.

3.2. **RWA Members** are responsible for:

- a) Providing input to TRCA or partner initiatives
- b) Sharing important notifications from TRCA or partner organizations

- c) Representing their organization, if relevant, and the interest of TRCA.
- d) Attending RWA meetings as required;
- e) Acting as a resource to TRCA, TRCA's municipal partners, other levels of government and the Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation by providing advice on matters of community interest;
- f) Collaborating with other conservation authorities, municipalities, other levels of government, and other organizations on opportunities that transcend TRCA jurisdictional boundaries;
- g) Reporting to the Board of Directors on a regular basis.

3.3. **TRCA's Government and Community Relations Specialist** is responsible for providing general support in regards to the activities and actions of the Committee and setting agenda for the meetings.

3.4. **TRCA's Clerk's Office** is responsible for acting in a Committee Clerk capacity, arranging meeting logistics, preparing the agenda, maintaining meeting minutes, tracking and delegating action items

#### 4. GOVERNANCE

4.1 Members are required to attend quarterly evening meetings of the Regional Watershed Alliance. An agenda will be circulated in advance of meetings. The Chair will have the discretion to call additional meetings, if required. Some meetings may be held during regular work hours depending on the preference and availability of members and staff or via conference call or online meetings.

4.2 Quorum will consist of voting members in numbers greater than or equal to one-third of the total number of voting members on the RWA. Consensus-based decision making will be the preferred procedure. Formal decisions will be based on a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote fails. Should a member resign or be removed from the Committee, quorum provisions, until the vacancy is filled, will be reduced by the number of vacant positions, as determined by the Clerk.

4.3 The RWA is an advisory board of the Board of Directors and as such does not have decision-making power but can make recommendations to the Board of Directors

4.4 The RWA will adhere to the Board of Directors Administrative By-law as adopted by Resolution #A141/18 & Resolution #A142/18 at Authority Meeting #7/18, held on September 28, 2018, and as amended periodically or superseded by any bylaws enacted as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Other policies and legislation may be applicable in regard to code of conduct, conflict of interest and policies on volunteers.

4.5 At official RWA meetings, as well as RWA Working Groups, members will be eligible for travel expenses, according to TRCA Administrative By-law, where these are not covered by their agency or other source. Members shall not receive a per diem or honorarium for attendance at meetings and functions.

4.6 If any part of the Terms of Reference conflicts with any provisions of the Board of Directors Administrative By-Law, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* or the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or a provision of a Regulation made under one of those Acts, the provision of that Act, Regulation, or By-Law prevails.

4.7 In all matters of procedure not specifically dealt with under the Terms of Reference, Board of Directors Administrative By-Law shall be binding.

4.8 The RWA may form time-limited working groups, if necessary to move forward watershed- or project-based objectives. These working groups may solicit local community representatives or experts to participate as needed. Any RWA Working Groups will report to the RWA.

## 5. YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council is comprised of community youth champions, existing youth group representatives and new recruits. The Youth Council reports to the Regional Watershed Alliance.

### 5.1 Youth Council Mission

Build healthy communities through improved connection to greenspace and nature.

### 5.2 Youth Council Mandate

Reporting to the Regional Watershed Alliance and working closely with TRCA and the RWA, the Youth Council will establish as a subcommittee to the RWA with the purpose of:

- a) Building Capacity and Engaging Youth - provide youth across the Toronto region with learning opportunities;
- b) Building a Youth Network/Strengthening Existing Networks - create/enhance a broad network of youth in the region who are interested in environmental and sustainability issues;
- c) Identifying Youth Perspectives - develop an understanding of youth opinion around current environmental issues and understand/investigate how these might be incorporated in the work of TRCA and its partners; and
- d) Creating fun opportunities for Youth - provide entertaining and engaging learning opportunities

### 5.3 Youth Council Structure and Governance:

**5.3.1** Youth Council members must be between the ages of 16 and 30 years old and either work or attend school within TRCA's jurisdiction.

**5.3.2** Youth Council members can join as either the Youth Council Executive or General Membership.

- **Youth Council Executive:** The Youth Council Executive is composed of up to 10 members which are appointed through an application process on an annual basis. Executive Members drive the agenda of the Youth Council and organize events and initiatives. Executive Members have a term of one year, with the option to extend their term by an additional year.
- **Youth Council General Membership:** Youth Council General Members can join the Youth Council at any time and may attend or participate in Youth Council events and initiatives.

## 6. REPORTING

The RWA is an advisory board of the Board of Directors and as such does not have decision-making power but can make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The RWA will report to the Board of Directors on membership, projects and progress through their meeting minutes or seek Board of

Directors approval as necessary on specific initiatives.

The RWA is not a formal commenting body regarding review and approval of planning applications or permits.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2564



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2023-P-2  
Date: January 10, 2023

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**Subject:**

Smart Mobility Durham 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan

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**Recommendations:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2023-P-2 be received as Smart Mobility Durham's 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan.
  - B) That Smart Mobility Durham's 2023 Workplan be approved, as outlined in Attachment 2 to this Report.
  - C) That a copy of this Report be forwarded to the Durham Active Transportation Committee, and the Area Municipalities.
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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Smart Mobility Durham's activities for 2022 and present the 2023 Workplan.

## 2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 On January 11, 2022, the Smart Mobility Durham 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan were presented and approved by the Planning and Economic Development Committee ([Report #2022-P-5](#)).

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Smart Mobility Durham is comprised of three Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs coordinated by the Region's Planning Division (Transportation Planning Section):
- a. **Smart Commute Durham** provides resources, events, online tools and action planning support to 31 of Durham's largest employers to help them encourage their employees to commute actively and sustainably.
  - b. **The Active and Sustainable School Travel Program** engages stakeholders across Durham to identify ways to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in school zones and encourage more students to walk, cycle and take the bus.
  - c. **Cycle Durham** promotes broad public awareness of non-auto transportation options.
- 3.2 By making it easier and more attractive for travellers to use active and sustainable modes of transportation, these TDM programs support progress toward the Region's non-auto mode share target of 65 percent by 2031. Increasing non-auto mode share benefits the community by:
- a. Unlocking additional value from existing transportation infrastructure by using it more efficiently.
  - b. Easing vehicle congestion.
  - c. Encouraging healthy lifestyles and reducing healthcare costs.
  - d. Improving air quality.
  - e. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## 4. 2022 Annual Report

- 4.1 Smart Mobility Durham's 2022 activities are summarized in the Smart Mobility Durham 2022 Snapshot (see Attachment #1).

4.2 In 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact commuter and school travel patterns, although to a lesser extent than in 2020 and 2021. Campaigns and services were modified throughout the year to comply with public health guidelines and accommodate ongoing higher rates of hybrid working and schooling conditions.

## **5. 2023 Workplan**

5.1 The following summarizes the key Smart Mobility Durham initiatives planned for 2023 (see Attachment #2).

- Encouraging participation in the Region’s workplace commuting and school travel programs through tailored outreach to different audiences.
- Updating monitoring and evaluation methods to respond to the changing needs of members, including more robust data collection for calculating Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) for member organizations that are keen to measure their environmental footprint from employee commuting and school travel.
- Increasing awareness and availability of bike and scooter parking at schools, businesses, as well as at Regional and Area Municipal properties to support and encourage active transportation.
- Supporting the advancement of a cycling wayfinding and signage strategy to make it easier and more convenient to use active modes of transportation.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

6.1 This report aligns the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Environmental Sustainability: Reducing single-occupant vehicle use helps protect the environment for the future and demonstrates leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 Smart Mobility Durham’s programs are an important component of the Region’s efforts to achieve the goals and objectives of the Durham Transportation Master Plan. Together, these TDM programs represent leadership and commitment to promoting the use of sustainable transportation options that enhance quality of life and support our transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient region.

**8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Smart Mobility Durham 2022 Snapshot

Attachment #2: Smart Commute 2023 Workplan

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Smart Mobility Durham

**2022**  
Snapshot



**Planning and Economic  
Development Department  
Transportation Planning**

# Smart Mobility Durham

Durham Region's Smart Mobility programs reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicle trips by making it easier and more attractive for travellers to use active and sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and transit. These programs are based on proven Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies

## Smart Mobility Durham's TDM programs include:



Resources, events, online tools and action planning support to encourage sustainable travel behaviour change in workplaces.



Community-facing awareness campaigns, events and other initiatives that encourage residents to cycle as an active mode of transportation.



Initiatives that engage stakeholders across Durham to increase school zone safety and encourage more students to walk, cycle and take the bus.



## What is TDM?



**Reduce** unnecessary vehicle trips



**Re-route** trips to less congested roads



**Re-time** trips to avoid peak demand periods



**Re-mode** trips using alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles

TDM strategies can include policies, programs, services and investments that motivate people to avoid unnecessary trips (e.g. by working remotely), travel outside of peak demand periods, choose routes that are less busy, and use transportation modes such as walking, cycling, and transit. TDM benefits can include :

- Decreased traffic congestion
- Increased physical activity
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and better air quality
- More efficient use of existing transportation infrastructure

# 2022 Snapshot



31 Smart Commute workplace members



45,000 employees engaged through workplace events



12 schools developing and implementing School Travel Plans



Scooter parking options improved at 4 schools



7,833 students positively impacted by the ASST Program



15,200 cycling trips made in Durham during Bike Month

## Bike Month



Smart Commute Durham established a multi-stakeholder Bike Month Planning Committee and hosted both in-person and virtual events that residents could participate in throughout the month of June. More participants than ever participated in Bike Month 2022! [Click on this link to read the full Bike Month report.](#)

## Back to School safety campaign

In partnership with [Durham Vision Zero](#), the ASST Program organized a six week-long Back to School road safety radio ad campaign aimed at drivers that reached up to 122,000 listeners across Durham.

## Ride on: new bike rack officially opened at Regional



In April, a ribbon cutting ceremony was hosted to unveil a new bike rack installation outside of the west entrance of Regional Headquarters. The design and location symbolizes the Region's leadership in active transportation and reinforces the importance of cycling in the community. Additional racks will be installed in locations around Durham Region in 2023.

## School Travel Planning



In partnership with Durham District School Board, Durham Catholic District School Board, area municipalities, the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), and other stakeholders, the Active and Safe School Travel (ASST) Program continued to work with schools to develop plans to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in school zones and encourage students to commute actively and sustainably. The 2022 project included the following schools: Good Shepherd in Port Perry, Dr. S. J. Phillips and Northern Dancer in Oshawa, and Elizabeth B. Phin in Pickering.



## Smart Mobility Durham 2023 Workplan

### Scope of Activities

The following Smart Mobility Durham programs are planned throughout 2023. These activities and initiatives support Direction #5 of the Durham Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. They also assist the goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and Actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.

#### Smart Commute Initiatives

1. Bike Month – Bike to Work Day (June 2023)
2. Walktober (October 2023)
3. SmartCommute.ca Trip logging Tool Promotional Campaign (ongoing)
4. Public engagement and promotion of Smart Commute Durham (ongoing)
5. Annual Survey (September 2023)
6. Smart Commute Annual Member Meetings and Scorecard designation (January 2023)

#### Active and Sustainable School Travel Initiatives

1. School Travel Planning – Implementing existing plans (January – December)
2. School Travel Planning – Developing new plans (January – December)
3. Winter Walk Day social media campaign (February 2023)
4. Durham Youth Cycling Guide safety awareness campaign (April 2023)
5. Back to School awareness campaign (August to September 2023)
6. Walk and Roll to School Week event (October 2023)

#### Cycle Durham Initiatives

1. Bike Month (June 2023)
2. Public Engagement campaigns (ongoing)
3. Communications Campaigns (ongoing)
4. Charity Ride in partnership with Lakeridge Health Foundation (May 2023)
5. Interactive cycling map development (September 2023)
6. Cycling Signage and Wayfinding Strategy (ongoing)

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2023-P-3  
Date: January 10, 2023

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**Subject:**

2022 Annual Reports of the Durham Active Transportation Committee, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee and Durham Environmental Advisory Committees, Files: C00, C07-02 and A01-37

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference (ToR) for each of the Planning and Economic Development Department's advisory committees requires the submission of an annual report summarizing their activities of the previous year.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to summarize the activities of the Durham Active Transportation Advisory Committee (DATC), the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) and the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) over 2022.
- 1.3 Traditionally, these Annual Reports have been accompanied by a work plan for the following year, and any proposed changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference. The work plans and the Terms of Reference will be presented to Committee for approval following the membership appointments for this Council term, expected by spring.

## **2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 In January 2022, Council endorsed DAAC's 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan (Report [#2022-P-2](#)).
- 2.2 In January 2022, Council endorsed DEAC's 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan (Report [#2022-P-3](#)).
- 2.3 In February 2022, Council endorsed DATC's 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan ([Report #2022-P-4](#)).
- 2.4 In April 2022, Council endorsed the selection of Azzam Abu-Rayash as an At-Large member on DEAC (Report [#2022-P-8](#)).
- 2.5 In May 2022, Council endorsed the selection of Muaz Nasir as the Ajax member representative on DEAC (Report [#2022-P-12](#)).
- 2.6 In Spring 2022, DEAC completed a Spring Pollinator Seed Distribution Project (Report [#2022-INFO-45](#)).
- 2.7 In October 2022, Council received information on the 2022 DAAC Farm Tour (Report [#2022-INFO-83](#)).
- 2.8 In December 2022, Council endorsed a revision to the DEAC ToR that subsumed the role of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC) within the DEAC mandate, resulting in the renaming of the committee to the Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) (Report [#2022-COW-28](#)).

## **3. 2022 Annual Reports**

- 3.1 Attachment #1 provides an Annual Report for the DATC.
- 3.2 Attachment #2 provides an Annual Report for the DAAC.
- 3.3 Attachment #3 provides an Annual Report for DEAC.

## **4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
  - a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability's objective: To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing

climate change.

- b. Under Goal 3; Economic Prosperity, Objective 3.5, Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

## 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Advisory Committees had many notable accomplishments in 2022, including supporting Regional active transportation initiatives by DATC, hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Tour by DAAC, and the Pollinator Seed Project by DEAC.
- 5.2 The following staff liaisons from the Planning Division worked with the Committees over the course of 2022:
  - Anthony Caruso for DATC;
  - Michael Scott for DAAC; and
  - Aneesah Luqman for DEAC.
- 5.3 Members should be commended for the time and commitment they have invested in the activities of their respective Committees.
- 5.4 The Planning Division will work closely with the Manager of Sustainability in the CAO's Office to support the transition of DEAC to the Durham Environmental and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) over the course of 2023.
- 5.5 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the:
  - DATC, DAAC and DEAC/DECAC;
  - Area Municipalities;
  - Durham Federation of Agriculture;
  - Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

## 6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Durham Active Transportation Committee 2022 Annual Report

Attachment #2: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Attachment #3: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and  
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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## **Attachment #1: Durham Active Transportation Committee 2022 Annual Report**

### **Membership**

The DATC is comprised of eight citizen volunteers, one from each area municipality, one Council Representative and one Council Alternate, who bring different perspectives and active transportation-related experiences. Membership is as follows:

- Ron Lalonde (Whitby) (Chair);
- Phil Smith (Uxbridge) (Vice-Chair);
- Keith Haines (Ajax);
- Jean Martin (Brock);
- Connie Kobelka, (Clarington);
- Jim Bate (Oshawa);
- Aisha Heywood (Pickering);
- Marc Gibbons (Scugog);
- Councillor Rick Kerr (Planning and Economic Development Committee);  
and
- Councillor Sterling Lee (Planning and Economic Development Committee -  
Alternate).

### **Major Activities**

The role of the DATC is to advise the Region of Durham on matters related to active transportation across Durham. The Committee also provides input on Regional initiatives, including its Active Sustainable School Travel (ASST) Program and the Regional Cycling Plan (RCP).

The DATC fulfilled its role and major activities in 2022 by:

- a. Receiving presentations and engaging in discussions on:
  - ASST planning in Durham Region;
  - Durham Region's Smart Commute Program; and
  - Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 guidelines.
- b. Providing advice and investigating various Regional issues, including:
  - Advocating for improved cycling safety on Regional cycling routes and infrastructure;
  - Commenting on future trail work and how to improve the overall trail system in Durham; and
  - Engaging on area municipal active transportation plans and projects, including those from the City of Oshawa.

**Attachment #2: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report****Membership**

DAAC is composed of sixteen members, including one member of the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

At the inaugural meeting of 2022, Zac Cohoon was elected Chair, Bryan Smith was elected 1st Vice-Chair and Tom Watpool was elected 2nd Vice-Chair.

- a. Membership at the conclusion of the 2018-2022 Council term was:
  - Zac Cohoon (Chair) (Durham Region Federation of Agriculture);
  - Bryan Smith (Uxbridge); (1st Vice-Chair)
  - Tom Watpool (2nd Vice Chair) (Brock);
  - Fuzz (Gord) Taylor (Pickering);
  - Frazer Puterbough (Member at Large – Farmer);
  - Buck Winter (Ajax);
  - Tom Barrie (Clarington);
  - Kevin Kemp (Scugog);
  - Hubert Schillings (Whitby);
  - Neil Guthrie (Member At Large – Farmer);
  - Keith Kennedy (Member At Large – Farmer);
  - Gerri Lynn O’Connor (Member At Large – Non-farmer);
  - Brad Howsam (Member At Large – Non-farmer);
  - Dave Risebrough (Member At Large – Non-farmer);
  - Councillor Gord Hight (Planning and Economic Development Committee);
  - and
  - Councillor Joe Neal (Planning and Economic Development Committee - Alternate).

**Major Activities**

The role of DAAC is to provide advice to the Region on agricultural and rural related planning matters. The Committee also has a role in implementing programs which enhance public awareness and knowledge of agriculture and rural related issues in the Region. During 2022, DAAC fulfilled this role by:

- a. Expanding its knowledge of agricultural related issues by receiving presentations and engaging in discussions on the following:

- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas;
  - Agriculture Industry Roundtable and Tour with Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs;
  - TRCA's Updated Regional Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System Mapping;
  - Durham Local Food Hub;
  - Envision Durham:
    - Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment;
    - Draft Natural Heritage System;
    - Implementation of the Regional Agricultural System
  - Agri-Food Business Development Charges;
  - 2022 Durham Business Count;
  - Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan;
  - Growing Agri-Food Durham – A Five-Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry;
  - Agricultural Economic Development and Planning Workshop;
  - Identification of Areas Meeting Criteria for Significant Wildlife Habitat in TRCA's jurisdiction;
  - Updates to Regional Roads and Infrastructure Projects;
  - Agricultural Opportunities at the Port of Oshawa;
  - Durham's Freight and Goods Movement Strategy;
  - Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022; and
  - Agri-Food Career Video Series.
- b. Providing advice on various Regional issues, including:
- Official Plan Amendment applications to permit surplus farm dwelling severances (OPA 2022-002 & OPA 2022-004);
  - Official Plan Amendment applications related to aggregate license applications in the Rural Area (OPA 2022-003);
  - Rural economic development needs and opportunities, including farm succession planning, migrant worker information, and promotion of rural economic initiatives;
  - Potential for a Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre
  - Durham Community Energy Plan Task Force
  - Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan – Priority Areas;
  - Envision Durham:

- Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment
  - Draft Natural Heritage System
  - Draft Agricultural System
- c. Organizing and/or participating in the following educational/outreach initiatives:
- Hosting the 2022 DAAC Farm Tour held on September 15 (see Commissioner's Report [#2022-INFO-83](#)). The in-person Farm Tour was attended by over 100 participants and provided a unique opportunity to experience a local family run dairy farm operation.

**Attachment #3: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report****Membership**

DEAC is composed of seventeen members, including one member of the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

At the inaugural meeting in 2022, Geoff Carpentier was re-elected as Chair, Jay Cuthbertson was elected first Vice-Chair, and Gwen Layton was elected second Vice-Chair.

Membership at the conclusion of the 2018-2022 Council term was:

- Geoff Carpentier (Scugog) (Chair);
- Jay Cuthbertson (Clarington) (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair);
- Gwen Layton (Oshawa) (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair);
- Muaz Nasir (Ajax);
- Richard Dickinson (Brock);
- Ozair Chaudhry (Pickering);
- Bruce Foxtan (Uxbridge);
- Susan Clearwater (Whitby);
- Keiko Lui (Member at Large) (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair);
- Kimberly Murray (Member at Large);
- Brian Shipp (Member at Large);
- Dimitri Stathopoulos (Member at Large);
- Azzam Abu-Rayash (Member at Large);
- Derek Nguyen (Youth Member);
- Shlok Panchal (Youth Member);
- Councillor Steve Yamada (Planning and Economic Development Committee); and
- Councillor Sterling Lee (Planning and Economic Development Committee – Alternate).

Anish Panday (Post-secondary Member) resigned from his position in 2022 upon graduating. Given the short time period before the end of the Council term, this role will remain vacant until the new membership appointment process for the next term.

## Major Activities

The role of DEAC is to provide advice to the Region on environmental matters. The Committee also has a role in implementing and participating in community outreach programs that support environmental awareness and appreciation in the Region.

During 2022, DEAC fulfilled its role by:

- a. Expanding its knowledge of environmental related issues by receiving presentations and engaging in discussion on the following:
  - The Durham Meadoway;
  - Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan;
  - TRCA's updated regional Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System Mapping
  - The Regional Natural Heritage System;
  - Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan;
  - Durham Greener Homes Program;
  - Friends of Second Marsh; and
  - Durham Wastewater – Treatment, Sludge, and Biosolids
- b. Providing advice on various Regional issues, including:
  - Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt and the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan;
  - The Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process by providing input and comments on Envision Durham, including the Regional Natural Heritage System and Growth Management Study;
  - Various Official Plan Amendments;
  - Whitby Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review;
  - Draft Regional Agricultural System; and
  - The Durham Climate Commission.
- c. Community outreach and stewardship, including:
  - Preparing for, and implementing a spring bee pollinator seed distribution project at Regional Compost Day events across all 8 area municipalities, where members distributed pollinator seeds and connected with over 1,200 residents (Report #[2022-INFO-45](#)); and
  - Preparing for the 2023 Durham Environmental Achievement Awards.

- d. Participating in various stakeholder advisory committees and groups including the Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group, the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plan Advisory Committee, Friends of Second Marsh Board of Directors, and attending community events (including seminars, workshops, and symposiums).



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2023-EDT-1  
Date: January 10, 2023

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**Subject:**

Gates Open 2022: Find Your Flavour

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

That this report be received for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of last year's Gates Open: Find Your Flavour event, which showcased Durham Region farms and their products during a two-day event that featured hands-on educational activities and unique experiences for visitors. The event was held on October 1 and 2, 2022.
- 1.2 This report will be accompanied by a staff presentation at the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Durham Tourism, in partnership with the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association, were pleased to bring back the Gates Open: Find Your Flavour event which was last held in 2019 and was placed on hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- 2.2 The opportunity to become a host farm for Gates Open was offered to members of the Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Association by way of an application process. Farms were asked to highlight in their application the types of activities they could offer to visitors - experiences not normally offered during their day-to-day operations.
- 2.3 Ten farms in the municipalities of Brock, Scugog, Uxbridge and Clarington participated in the event:
- Banjo Cider- 614 Sandford Rd., Uxbridge
  - Bragg Farms- 3048 Concession Rd. 3, Bowmanville
  - Gallery on the Farm - 1721 Regional Rd. 3, Enniskillen
  - Nature's Bounty Farm - 651 Scugog Line 2, Port Perry
  - Ocala Winery Groups Inc. - 971 High Point Rd., Port Perry
  - Sargent Family Dairy- 8734 Old Scugog Rd., Enniskillen
  - Tindall Farm & Market- 13669 Durham Regional Rd. 1, Uxbridge
  - Two Blokes Cider- 21300 Simcoe St., Seagrave
  - Villa Vida Loca Market- 13350 Highway 12, Sunderland
  - Wool 4 Ewe Fiber Mill - 3591 Proutt Rd., Nestleton Station
- 2.4 Visitors had the opportunity to take part in fun and educational activities including: live cider press demonstrations, dig-your-own potatoes, potato sack races, food sampling and cooking demonstrations, learning about grass-fed beef and rotational grazing, artist demonstrations, orchard tours, corn mazes, wagon rides, learning about wine production, learning about milk and cheese production, paint your own pumpkins and much more.
- 2.5 Admission to Gates Open: Find Your Flavour was free. In addition to financial support from the Region of Durham and Durham Farm Fresh, this event was made possible with \$16,698.00 of funding from the Provincial Reconnect Grant program. This program supports festivals and events that have a tourism economic impact, and which motivate visitors to rediscover Ontario.
- 2.6 A marketing rollout plan was developed to ensure the success of the Gates Open: Find Your Flavour event. Marketing for the event included printed posters, flyers, feature box placement on the Durham Tourism website, newspaper advertising, radio, social media, press release distribution, and a dedicated website: [www.gatesopen.ca](http://www.gatesopen.ca).

### **3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

3. Economic Prosperity:

3.5 Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries:  
Agriculture and agri-food industries are key drivers of our regional economy.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 According to visitation counts collected at participating farms, Gates Open: Find Your Flavour welcomed approximately 2500 guests over the course of the two-day weekend.

4.2 The event provided an opportunity to showcase some of Durham's most incredible farms and each farm demonstrated the passion and dedication they bring to farming, and their commitment to local food. Guests were able to learn about life on a farm and experience fun, hands-on educational experiences.

### **5. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Gates Open: Find Your Flavour Poster

Attachment #2: Metroland Advertorial

Respectfully submitted,

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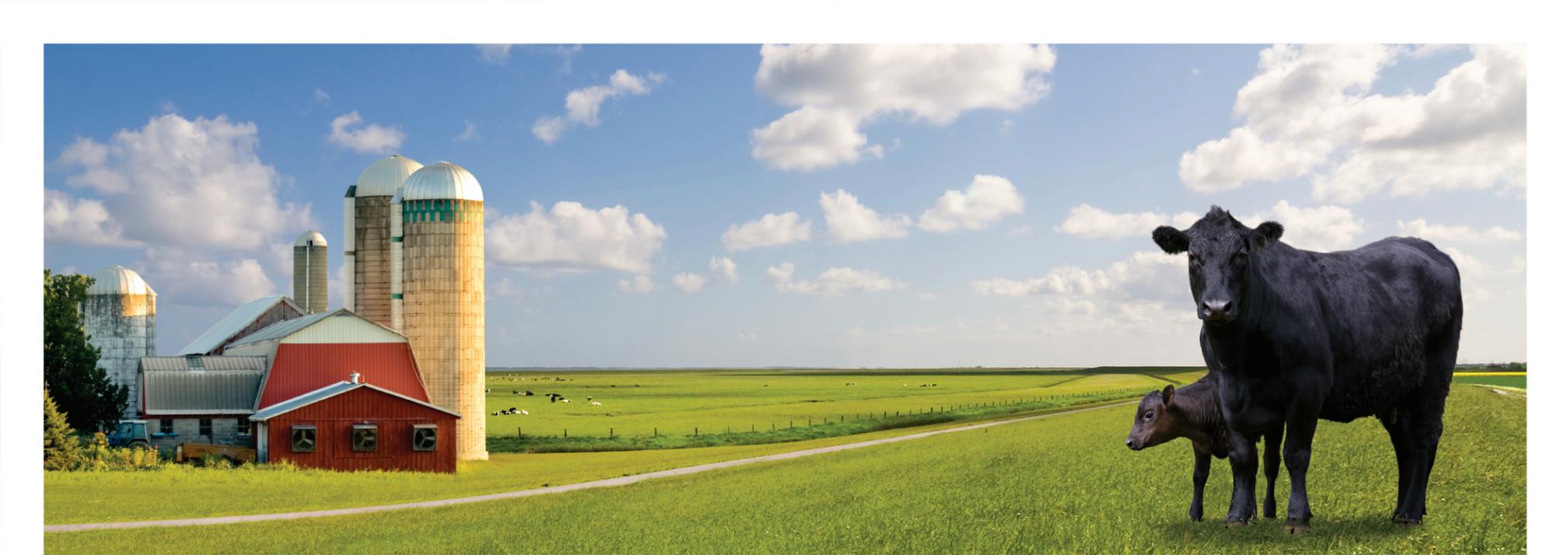
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# GATES OPEN

**FIND YOUR FLAVOUR**

**Experience Durham Region's  
signature farm tour**

**OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2022 ★ 10 A.M.  4 P.M.**

**[GatesOpen.ca](https://GatesOpen.ca)**



# Gates Open event returns to Durham Region



The gates will be open and so will the barn doors, as local farms welcome guests to experience rural life just in time for the harvest season. On October 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., people from all across Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Area will be invited to visit several locations, free of charge, and participate in a number of fun activities for the whole family.

In partnership with Durham Farm Fresh, Durham Tourism is once again welcoming folks who want a glimpse into rural life after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The last Gates Open event took place in 2019.

This event is the perfect way to kick-start your celebrations for Ontario Agriculture Week (October 3 to 9).

## Fun activities

You'll get to do more than just walk around these farms; you'll be encouraged to roll up your sleeves and partake in some fun and educational activities. Some of the activities you can expect this year include digging for potatoes, pressing apples, working with wool and painting pumpkins. Which activity you participate in will depend on the farms you visit, so plan out your route accordingly.

The Gates Open event is self-guided, so visitors can plan their weekend out how they want, with no registration or tickets required.

As a family friendly event, Gates Open encourages people of all ages, from near and far, to come out and experience life on a real working farm.

## Participating farms

As of the publication of this article, the following Durham Region farms are participating in the 2022 Gates Open weekend:

- Banjo Cider (Uxbridge)
- Bragg Farms (Bowmanville)
- Gallery on the Farm (Hampton)
- Nature's Bounty Farm (Port Perry)
- Ocala Winery (Port Perry)
- Sargent Family Dairy (Enniskillen)
- Tindall Farm & Market (Uxbridge)
- Two Blokes Cider (Seagrave)

- Villa Vida Loca Market (Sunderland)
  - Wool 4 Ewe Fibre Mill (Nestleton Station)
- As you can see, there's a good variety represented, with cideries, wineries, dairy farms, wool producers and more!

## The flavours of Durham

One thing the Gates Open event highlights is the importance of locally produced food. We take for granted that fresh vegetables are available to us at the grocery store, and we forget that some of that bounty is produced in our own backyard.

Many of our Gates Open farms will be offering samples of their goods to visitors, including some prepared by professional chefs. You might not realize that these goods are produced right in your own area!

If you want more than just a sample, many of these farms will have items for sale, as well. It's a great opportunity to stock up for fall harvest season celebrations. Nothing beats having locally grown vegetables and homemade baked goods on your dinner table when hosting close family and loved ones.

## Plan ahead

Want to take part in this year's Gates Open event? Visit [GatesOpen.ca](http://GatesOpen.ca) to get the details on participating farms and to plan your route. This is a rain or shine event, so be prepared for weather conditions.

We hope to see you and your family on October 1 and 2. There's so much to see and do right in your own backyard. It's a great opportunity to experience another way of life.

Our local farms and farmers play such a vital role in our communities; it's important to learn more about them.

See you there!



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