



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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May 2, 2024

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Re: Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan

Oshawa City Council considered the above noted matter at its meeting of April 30, 2024 and adopted the following recommendation:

- “1. That pursuant to Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 concerning the Municipal Comprehensive Review process to update the Oshawa Official Plan, staff be directed to review feedback received at the Special Meeting of Council and through the feedback form and prepare a subsequent report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee that includes a comprehensive work plan, consultation and engagement plan and any budget implications; and,
2. That staff be authorized to forward a copy of Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 and the related Council resolution to the Region of Durham.”

Please find attached a copy of Report CNCL-24-41 for your information.

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Anthony Ambra, Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



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CC: Economic and Development Services Department

To: City Council

From: Anthony Ambra, P. Eng., Commissioner,  
Economic and Development Services Department

Report Number: CNCL-24-41

Date of Report: April 24, 2024

Date of Meeting: April 30, 2024

Subject: Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan

Ward: All Wards

File: 12-12-0389

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## **1.0 Purpose**

On January 29, 2024, pursuant to Report CNCL-24-05 dated January 24, 2024, Council authorized Economic and Development Services staff to initiate the Municipal Comprehensive Review process to update the Oshawa Official Plan (the “Official Plan Review”), as well as to hold a Special Meeting of Council as required under the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (the “Planning Act”).

The purpose of this Report is to provide background information for the Special Meeting of Council on the Official Plan Review.

Attachment 1 is a copy of the current Oshawa Official Plan (the “O.O.P.”). Owing to the size of the document, the O.O.P can be viewed at the following link:  
<https://www.oshawa.ca/en/business-development/resources/Documents/Official-Plan.pdf>.

Attachment 2 is a copy of Envision Durham, the recently adopted Durham Regional Official Plan (the “D.R.O.P”). Owing to the size of the document, it is not attached to this Report but can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.durham.ca/en/doing-business/resources/Documents/PlanningandDevelopment/Envision-Durham/Adopted-Durham-ROP.pdf>.

Attachment 3 is a copy of a discussion paper that provides background information on the O.O.P. and details regarding the Official Plan Review process, including key themes that will be explored to assist with updating the O.O.P. (the “Discussion Paper”).

Attachment 4 is a copy of the Official Plan Review feedback form.

Notice advertising the Special Meeting of Council was mailed or emailed to all required public bodies. In addition, notice was posted on the City’s website, posted in various City

facilities, communicated through the City's social media accounts, and sent via e-newsletters, pursuant to the City of Oshawa's Public Notice Policy GOV-23-02.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended to City Council:

1. That, pursuant to Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 concerning the Municipal Comprehensive Review process to update the Oshawa Official Plan, staff be directed to review feedback received at the Special Meeting of Council and through the feedback form and prepare a subsequent report back to the Economic and Development Services Committee that includes a comprehensive work plan, consultation and engagement plan and any budget implications.
2. That staff be authorized to forward a copy of Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 and the related Council resolution to the Region of Durham.

## **3.0 Executive Summary**

The Oshawa Official Plan is a document that sets out a unified set of policies and land use designations to guide long-term growth and development in the City of Oshawa. The Oshawa Official Plan was last updated in 2016. Now that Envision Durham, the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan, has been adopted by Regional Council, it is appropriate to initiate a new City-initiated Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan as required under the Planning Act in order to:

- Conform to the newly adopted Durham Regional Official Plan; and,
- Conform to updated Provincial legislation, policies and plans.

## **4.0 Input From Other Sources**

### **4.1 Public**

Public input is being sought on the Official Plan Review. Staff have prepared an initial feedback form that can be accessed either online at [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshawa.ca/OPReview) or at Service Oshawa (see Attachment 4). The feedback form is intended to collect people's initial thoughts about Oshawa, including what people like most about living, working or studying in Oshawa, how the public would like to see Oshawa grow, and what should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review.

Feedback will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024 and will be considered in a future staff report to be presented to the Economic and Development Services Committee.

Planning staff will also be attending the upcoming "Shape Oshawa Open House" event at the Oshawa Centre on May 1, 2024 in order to engage with the public and provide information on the Official Plan Review.

## **4.2 Other Departments and Agencies**

Feedback is also being sought from other City departments and agencies on the Official Plan Review. The City will be establishing a Technical Advisory Committee (T.A.C.) comprised of City staff in various departments and branches, as well as representatives from various external agencies such as, but not limited to, the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Durham Region's Planning and Economic Development Department.

The role of the T.A.C. will be to review technical information and provide input throughout the entire Official Plan Review process. More details concerning the role of the T.A.C. and a list of its members will be shared in a future staff report as a component of the comprehensive work plan for the Official Plan Review.

Other agencies and departments who may not form part of the T.A.C., such as various Provincial ministries, school boards and utility companies, will be consulted during the Official Plan Review process as necessary.

In addition, the City's Advisory Committees such as Heritage Oshawa, the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee and the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee will be consulted throughout the process, and have been invited to provide feedback during this initial stage of the Official Plan Review.

## **4.3 Indigenous Communities**

A key component of the consultation and engagement plan for the Official Plan Review involves the engagement and input from participating Indigenous Communities. Engagement with Indigenous Communities is different from consultation with the public and other stakeholders and must operate in a separate, but integrated manner.

With input from the City's Indigenous Relations Advisor, engagement was initiated through a formal letter issued on March 18, 2024 to eight separate Indigenous Communities. These consist of the seven member nations of the Williams Treaties Nations (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation), as well as the Métis Nation of Ontario.

The letter provided background information, a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting of Council, and invited each Indigenous Community to submit their initial comments on the Official Plan Review through the feedback form.

## **5.0 Analysis**

### **5.1 Background**

The O.O.P. is a document that sets out a unified set of policies and land use designations to guide long-term growth and development in the City. The O.O.P. is the highest order land use planning document for the City and it gives direction to zoning by-laws and all other statements of local planning policy. It is the primary tool available by which to

manage and guide the physical form and growth of the City. In terms of scope, the O.O.P. applies to the entirety of the City.

The most recent City-initiated comprehensive review of the O.O.P. was completed in 2016, through Official Plan Amendment 179 (“O.P.A. 179”). O.P.A. 179 was undertaken to implement a wide variety of policy changes and updates to ensure conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (“Growth Plan”), the Provincial Greenbelt Plan (“Greenbelt Plan”), the D.R.O.P., and environmental policies based on the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority’s Natural Heritage System mapping and watershed plans. O.P.A. 179 was adopted by City Council on February 1, 2016 and approved by the Region of Durham on December 15, 2016, subject to a number of modifications and deferrals.

The current O.O.P. contains population, housing, and employment forecasts that are used to plan and manage growth and guide land use decision-making to 2031. However, an updated planning horizon to 2051 is necessary owing to the City of Oshawa’s growing population and the Region’s adoption of Envision Durham, which also has a time horizon of 2051. It is estimated that Oshawa’s current population as of 2023 is approximately 185,000, and the City is anticipated to experience significant growth over the next thirty years.

## **5.2 Rationale for Updating the Oshawa Official Plan**

The following sections outline the rationale for updating the O.O.P. and initiating the O.O.P. review process at this time.

### **5.2.1 Envision Durham**

Section 27 of the Planning Act requires that a lower-tier municipality amend its official plan to conform to upper-tier official plans within one year of the upper-tier official plan coming into effect.

The D.R.O.P. guides decisions on long-term growth and development in Durham Region, providing policies to ensure an improved quality of life and securing the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents of the Region.

In 2019, the Region of Durham launched Envision Durham – the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the D.R.O.P. On May 17, 2023, Durham Regional Council adopted the new D.R.O.P. (see Attachment 2) which includes, among other matters, updated population and job growth projections, density targets and the comprehensive delineation of Regional Corridors. The D.R.O.P. is currently under review by the Province and it is anticipated that approval of the new D.R.O.P. by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is imminent.

As part of Envision Durham, the Region of Durham has estimated that Oshawa’s population will increase to 298,540 persons by 2051. The newly adopted D.R.O.P.

allocates the following population, employment, and household growth targets for the City of Oshawa to 2051:

**Table 1: City of Oshawa’s Population, Employment and Household Forecasts**

<b>Oshawa</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2041</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>2051</b>
<b>Urban</b>	199,230	218,930	238,320	256,880	276,800	297,450
<b>Rural</b>	1,050	1,060	1,070	1,070	1,080	1,090
<b>Total Population</b>	200,280	219,991	239,390	257,950	277,880	298,540
<b>Households</b>	73,800	81,450	89,060	96,680	104,710	112,970
<b>Employment</b>	70,600	78,070	85,250	92,110	99,670	107,280

The O.O.P. must be updated to ensure conformity with the newly adopted D.R.O.P.

**5.2.2 Updates to Provincial Legislation, Policies and Plans**

In addition to conforming to the D.R.O.P., the O.O.P. must conform to Provincial legislation, policies and plans, including the Provincial Policy Statement (the “P.P.S.”), the Growth Plan, and the Greenbelt Plan. Staff note that the Province is proposing to combine and replace the existing P.P.S. and Growth Plan with a new Provincial policy document identified as the “Provincial Planning Statement.” Should the Province adopt a new Provincial Planning Statement, the O.O.P. will have to conform to it.

There have been many significant changes to Provincial legislation, policies and plans since O.P.A. 179 was adopted in 2016, including updates to the P.P.S. in 2020 and updates to the Growth Plan in 2017 and 2020. In addition, new legislation has been introduced by the Province in recent years that has significant impacts to land use planning across Ontario. These changes to legislation must be reflected in the O.O.P. and are further described below.

In 2022, the Province announced More Homes Built Faster: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23 (the “Action Plan”). This Action Plan includes a suite of legislative and non-legislative changes intended to help unlock more housing, streamline development approvals, remove barriers, accelerate planning and further protect homebuyers and owners. As part of the Action Plan, the Province identified a goal of building 1.5 million homes across Ontario by the end of 2031. To achieve the goal of building 1.5 million homes, large and fast-growing municipalities across Ontario, including Oshawa, have been assigned a Municipal Housing Target. The City of Oshawa has been assigned a target of constructing 23,000 new homes by the end of 2031.

To support the Action Plan, the Provincial government passed Bill 23, “More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022” (“Bill 23”) on November 28, 2022. Bill 23 was implemented to assist the Province in achieving its goal of constructing 1.5 million homes by 2031 and aims to ensure that cities, towns, and rural communities grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types that meet the needs of all Ontarians. Bill 23 made fundamental changes to the land use planning system in Ontario through amendments to the Planning Act, Ontario

Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 27, Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and other statutes. Some of the legislative changes made under Bill 23 that will have to be considered as part of updating the O.O.P. include, but are not limited to:

- Updating land use permissions to permit increased residential densities, including encouraging the development of the “missing middle” (e.g. townhouses, stacked townhouses, triplexes, fourplexes, etc.) and supporting higher density development around transit stations;
- Updating parkland requirements; and,
- Updating the role of Conservation Authorities.

Staff note that some of the considerations listed above have already been implemented, in part, through recent City-initiated amendments to the O.O.P. Nonetheless, they will need to be assessed comprehensively on a City-wide basis as part of the Official Plan Review process.

The Provincial government also passed Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 (“Bill 109”) on April 14, 2022. Bill 109 implemented amendments to various Provincial statutes, including the Planning Act, to address housing, development and certain other matters, all of which were intended to streamline and speed up the approval process for the delivery of new housing. While many of the legislative changes made under Bill 109 have already been implemented through City-initiated amendments to the O.O.P. (including expanding the list of holding symbol conditions and adding pre-consultation policies), these amendments will need to be carried forward in the Official Plan Review process.

More recently, on August 21, 2023, the Province announced the Building Faster Fund (“Fund”), a new three-year, \$1.2 billion program intended to provide funding to municipalities that meet or exceed their annual housing targets. As one of the identified fastest-growing municipalities in Ontario, the City of Oshawa was assigned specific targets for the first three years of the Fund (see Table 2 below). Oshawa’s annual target for 2026-2031 will be even greater than 2,300 units for each of the remaining years. However, a specific number has not yet been provided to the City.

**Table 2: City of Oshawa’s Housing Targets under the Building Faster Fund**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Oshawa’s Target (number of units)</b>	1,687	1,917	2,300

Owing to the above-noted updates to Provincial legislation, policies and plans, as well as the various housing and population targets that the City has been assigned, it is appropriate to initiate the City’s Official Plan Review in order to address all of these changes and plan for the future growth of the City accordingly.

### **5.3 The Official Plan Review Process**

#### **5.3.1 Planning Act Requirements**

In order to initiate the Official Plan Review, Section 26(3) of the Planning Act directs any Council to consult with the approval authority (in this case, the Region of Durham) and other prescribed public bodies, as well as hold a Special Meeting of Council open to the public to generally discuss the revisions that may be required as part of the Official Plan Review.

As per Section 26(4) of the Planning Act, notification of the Special Meeting of Council was advertised once a week in each of two separate weeks, and the last of the minimum required notifications took place at least 30 days before the date of the Special Meeting. The first notice of the Special Meeting of Council was advertised on March 18, 2024, approximately six weeks in advance of the Special Meeting.

#### **5.3.2 Discussion Paper**

Staff have prepared an initial Discussion Paper (see Attachment 3) for the Official Plan Review. The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to:

- Provide background information on the City of Oshawa, the O.O.P., and the land use planning system in Ontario;
- Outline details of the Official Plan Review process;
- Discuss key themes that staff will explore to assist with updating the O.O.P.; and,
- Outline ways to get involved and provide input into the Official Plan Review.

The Discussion Paper outlines the following key themes that staff will explore to assist with updating the O.O.P.:

- Growth Management;
- Housing;
- Transportation;
- Cultural Heritage Resources;
- Agriculture and the Rural System;
- Environment;
- Climate Change and Sustainability; and
- Economic Development.

#### **5.3.3 Scope of Work**

The Official Plan Review will generally be advanced as follows:

- Phase 1: Visioning/Background Research and Review
  - This phase includes a review of relevant policies, legislation and various themes (including growth management, housing, transportation, cultural heritage resources,

etc.). This phase will also include public engagement, such as the Special Meeting of Council.

- Phase 2: Initial Findings/Policy Development
  - This phase includes policy development, public engagement and preliminary drafting of the Official Plan Amendment.
- Phase 3: Statutory Phase
  - This phase includes the introduction of the draft Official Plan Amendment, as well as the statutory open house and public meeting(s) required under the Planning Act.
- Phase 4: Adoption
  - This phase includes Council adoption of the Official Plan Amendment.

Staff note that the above-noted scope of work is subject to change. A comprehensive work plan will be prepared following the Special Meeting of Council.

#### **5.3.4 Consultation and Engagement**

An important part of the Official Plan Review process will be extensive consultation and engagement with residents, community members, Indigenous Communities and stakeholders, in order to ensure that the future O.O.P. meets the needs of the entire Oshawa community.

The Special Meeting of Council is the first of many opportunities for community engagement. The Planning Act requires at least one statutory public open house and separately, one statutory public meeting. However, staff will be offering additional engagement opportunities beyond the legislative minimum requirements, including, but not limited to, public information centres, feedback forms and more.

A more detailed consultation and engagement plan will be prepared following the Special Meeting of Council.

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the Recommendation in this Report.

The majority of the work to undertake the Official Plan Review will be completed in-house. However, certain components of the Official Plan Review may require further analysis and/or studies to be undertaken that will require consulting services. It is anticipated that consulting services, should they be needed, would not be required until 2025, in which case funding generally in the amount of \$300,000 to cover the cost of future consulting services or any other unforeseen costs will be proposed in the 2025 Mayor's budget for consideration, which would typically get approved by the end of 2024. The costs to cover the future consulting services may in part or be fully funded through Development Charges or the Community Benefit Charge.

Additional financial implications may include communication costs, which can be funded from the appropriate Departmental budget. Staff note that any expenses associated with the public consultation and engagement portion of the Official Plan Review, as described in Section 5.3 of this Report, can also be accommodated through the appropriate Departmental budget.

## **7.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan**

Holding a Special Meeting of Council on the Official Plan Review advances the Accountable Leadership goal of the Oshawa Strategic Plan.



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## Discussion Paper

April 2024

Economic and Development Services Department



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# Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Hiawatha, Curve Lake, and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial. We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

'Oshawa' stems from an Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language) word meaning "a crossing place" and has further translation as "the point at the crossing of the stream where the canoe was exchanged for the trail". When the word Oshawa was chosen as the name of our City, it reflected and recognized the importance of water and land to our community. Our City's name is a reminder of this important and powerful connection between people and place in the past but also of the present and for the future.

As a municipality, we are crossing over. We are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.



# Executive Summary

The Oshawa Official Plan is a document that sets out policies and land use designations to guide long-term growth and development in the City of Oshawa.

We are updating the Oshawa Official Plan for the following reasons:

- Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan, was recently adopted by Regional Council in 2023 and Oshawa's Official Plan must conform to the newly adopted Durham Regional Official Plan, once it is approved by the Province.
- There have been many significant changes to Provincial legislation, policies and plans since 2016 and the Oshawa Official Plan must conform to them.

This Discussion Paper provides background information on the City of Oshawa, the Oshawa Official Plan, and the land use planning system in Ontario, as well as outlines details of the Official Plan Review process.

A number of themes will be explored as part of the Official Plan Review, including:

- Growth Management
- Housing
- Transportation
- Cultural Heritage Resources
- Agriculture and the Rural System
- Environment
- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Economic Development

We want your feedback on the Official Plan Review! Please share your feedback in one of the following ways:

- Attend a Special Meeting of Council on April 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Oshawa City Hall located at 50 Centre St. S.; or,
- Complete a feedback form on Connect Oshawa ([ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview)) or on paper at Service Oshawa, located at City Hall (50 Centre St. S.).

You can also visit [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview) to register and stay up-to-date on the Official Plan Review.

# 1.0 Introduction

The City of Oshawa is undertaking a Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan (the “Official Plan Review”). The Oshawa Official Plan (“Official Plan”) is a document that sets out policies and land use designations to guide long-term growth and development in Oshawa and was last comprehensively updated in 2016 through Official Plan Amendment 179 (“O.P.A. 179”).

Now that Envision Durham, the Region’s Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Durham Regional Official Plan (“D.R.O.P.”), has been adopted by Regional Council, it is appropriate to initiate an Official Plan Review in order to:

- Conform to the newly adopted D.R.O.P, subject to any additional amendments that may be introduced by the Province as the approval authority; and,
- Conform to updated Provincial legislation, policies and plans.

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to:

- Provide background information on the City of Oshawa, the Official Plan, and the land use planning system in Ontario;
- Outline details of the Official Plan Review process;
- Discuss key themes that staff will explore to assist with updating the Official Plan; and,
- Outline ways to get involved and provide input into the Official Plan Review process.

We want to hear your ideas! Please share your feedback in one of the following ways:

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# 2.0 City of Oshawa: Background Information

The City of Oshawa is the largest urban municipality in Durham Region and is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, with an estimated 2023 population of 185,000 and 87,000 jobs. By the year 2051, the City's population is expected to grow to 298,540 people and 107,280 jobs.

Oshawa contains a mix of urban and rural landscapes and is home to many diverse residents and businesses. Oshawa contains a number of unique features, including:

- The Downtown Oshawa Urban Growth Centre (one of only two designated Urban Growth Centres in all of Durham Region);
- Proud home of leading post-secondary institutions - Ontario Tech University, Durham College, Trent University Durham GTA and Queen's University's Family Medicine satellite campus at Lakeridge Health Oshawa;
- The Northwood Business Park, the City's newest prime employment development opportunity, containing approximately 500 acres of developable employment land minutes away from Highway 407 East;
- Prime Lake Ontario waterfront featuring the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail, the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve, Lakeview Park Beach and Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park;
- The Oshawa Executive Airport and the Port of Oshawa, Durham Region's two international gateways;
- Approximately 1,490 hectares of provincially protected lands in the Greenbelt;
- One of Canada's finest and last remaining grand estates, the Parkwood Estate National Historic Site;
- Over 320 hectares of parkland, distributed across 155 parks throughout the City; and
- The future Bowmanville GO Extension, which will include two new GO Train stations in Oshawa.



Oshawa has transitioned from an economy primarily driven by manufacturing to a technology-driven, knowledge economy. More specifically, the City has recently seen growth in other sectors such as healthcare and academia, warehousing and distribution, food and agriculture, and energy.

**Oshawa’s dynamic and diverse economy consists of:**

- Healthcare **18%**
- Accommodations & Food Services **8%**
- Educational Services **11%**
- Professional Services **3%**
- Retail Trade **15%**
- Finance & Insurance **3%**
- Manufacturing **6%**
- Information & Cultural **2%**
- Admin & Support **8%**
- Other **18%**
- Public Administration **8%**



Source: City of Oshawa’s 2022 Development Insider

Over the last few years, certain trends have impacted and continue to impact the City, leading to an increased demand for more diverse and affordable housing options, employment opportunities, City programming, recreational opportunities and various services.

**Trends Affecting Oshawa**

Trend	Summary
Growing population and population density	Rapid population growth in the City, driven by in-migration and development projects featuring increased density, particularly in the urban and near urban core.
Increasing diversity	Increased diversity rooted in the growth of the City’s immigrant communities.
Shifting age profile	A dynamic population age profile that includes both a growing population of seniors, but also growth in working age adults.
Rising incomes, cost of living and income distribution	Overall increases in the incomes of residents interacting with a growing cost of living in the City and Region of Durham.
Housing cost and tenure	Increases in the cost of home ownership and rental housing are a key issue, which has a growing impact on lower income residents.
Shift to a technology-driven knowledge economy	There has been a positive growth in the knowledge economy, leading to a dynamic workforce.

It is important that these trends are considered as part of the Official Plan Review, in order to ensure that we appropriately plan for the future of Oshawa’s residents and community members.

# 3.0 The Oshawa Official Plan

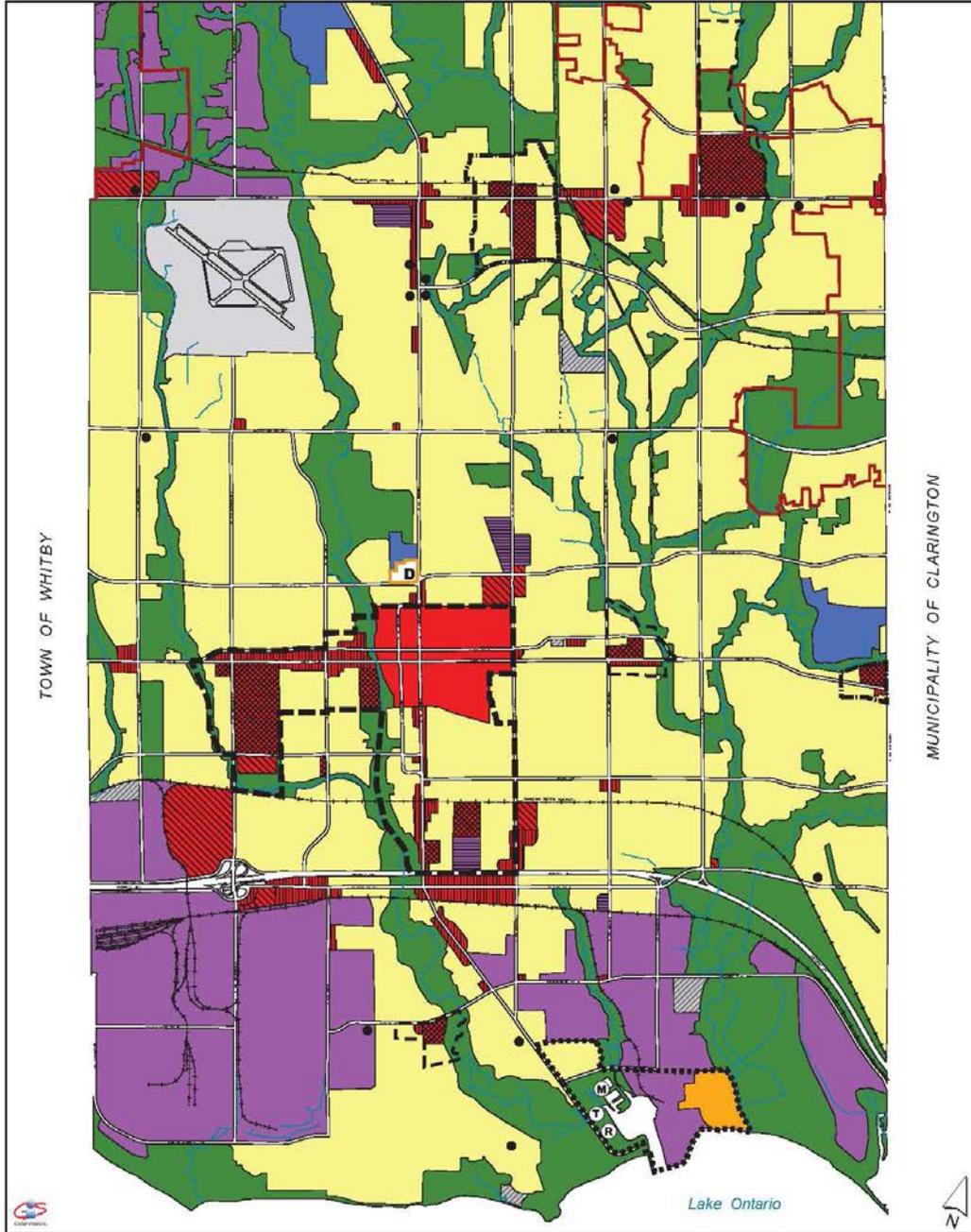
The Official Plan is the highest order land use planning document for Oshawa and it identifies where new housing, industry, offices and retail will be located. It also identifies what services will be needed, when they will be needed, and the order in which parts of the community will grow. It is the primary tool available to manage and guide growth and development, and in terms of scope, applies to the entire geographical limits of the City. The Official Plan ensures that growth is coordinated, meets the needs of the community, and provides a framework for establishing zoning by-law regulations and standards.

The Official Plan also contains a number of Part II Plans, which are land use plans for specific areas of the City. A Part II Plan provides more detailed policies for the area it covers. The Official Plan currently contains seven Part II Plans, the most recent being the Columbus Part II Plan which was adopted by City Council on October 2, 2023.

The most recent City-initiated comprehensive review of the Official Plan was completed in 2016, through O.P.A. 179. O.P.A. 179 was undertaken to implement a wide variety of policy changes and updates to ensure conformity with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (the "Growth Plan"), the Provincial Greenbelt Plan ("Greenbelt Plan"), the D.R.O.P., and environmental policies based on the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's Natural Heritage System mapping and watershed plans. O.P.A. 179 was adopted by City Council and approved by the Region of Durham in 2016.

The current Official Plan contains population, housing, and employment forecasts that are used to plan and manage growth and guide land use decision-making to 2031, which now need to be updated. It is estimated that Oshawa's current population as of 2023 is 185,000, and the City is anticipated to experience significant growth over the next 20+ years, with an estimated 2051 population of 298,540.

The Official Plan Review process provides an opportunity to set out a vision, goals and objectives for the City to address local priorities and changing community needs, as well as to plan for future growth accordingly.



**Schedule 'A' Land Use**  
City of Oshawa  
Official Plan

South Half

March 2021



Development Services Department

Notes:  
1. This Schedule should be read in conjunction with the text

Legend	
Residential	Downtown Oshawa Urban Growth Centre
Planned Commercial Centre	Planned Commercial Strip
Special Purpose Commercial	Institutional
Industrial	Regeneration Area
Airport	Special Waterfront Area
Utilities	Deferred by Regional Council
Local Central Area	Boundary of Major Urban Area
Built Boundary	Special Development Area
	Main Central Area Boundary
	Sub-Central Area Boundary
	Community Central Area Boundary
	Marina Node
	Recreational Node
	Tourist Node
	<b>Rural Areas</b>
	Estate Residential (refer to section 2.7.3.1)
	Prime Agricultural
	Oak Ridges Moraine
	Limits of Approved Highway 407 Corridor
	Greenbelt Protected Countryside Area Boundary
	<b>Greenland Areas</b>
	Open Space and Recreation

# 4.0 Ontario's Land Use Planning System

Ontario has a policy-led land use planning system, governed by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (the “Planning Act”) which is provincial legislation that sets out the ground rules for land use planning in Ontario. It describes how land uses may be controlled, and who may control them.

Two additional important Provincial planning documents are the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (the “P.P.S.”) and the Growth Plan. These two documents provide comprehensive, integrated policy direction on land use planning matters across Ontario including:

- Growth management, housing and economic development;
- Infrastructure planning, including sewage, water and stormwater management services, transportation, transit, energy supply and corridor protection;
- Protection and management of resources, including prime agricultural areas, aggregates, natural heritage, water, and cultural heritage; and,
- Protection of public health and safety, such as mitigating potential risks due to natural and human-made hazards.

The P.P.S. is issued under the Planning Act and is the primary Province-wide land use planning policy document. The Growth Plan is issued under the Places to Grow Act, 2005 and provides a more detailed framework for where and how growth should be accommodated in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Growth Plan also mandates specific density targets for key growth areas within municipalities.

There are two additional Provincial plans, the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, that also apply to lands within Oshawa. These two plans identify where urbanization should not occur in order to provide permanent protection for the agricultural land base as well as for ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions occurring on this landscape.

It is important to note that the Province is currently proposing to combine and replace the existing P.P.S. and Growth Plan with a new Provincial policy document identified as the “Provincial Planning Statement.” Should the Province adopt a new Provincial Planning Statement, the Official Plan will have to conform to it.

Provincial land use policies and plans are implemented by upper-tier municipalities (e.g. Durham Region) through regional official plans (see Section 5, “Envision Durham”, for more information on the D.R.O.P.). Accordingly, the D.R.O.P must conform to the P.P.S., Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The Official Plan must in turn conform to the D.R.O.P.

## 5.0 Envision Durham

The Planning Act requires that a lower-tier municipality amend its official plan to conform to upper-tier official plans within one year of the upper-tier official plan coming into effect.

The D.R.O.P. guides decisions on long-term growth and development in Durham Region, providing policies to ensure an improved quality of life and securing the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents of the Region.

In 2019, the Region of Durham launched Envision Durham – the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the D.R.O.P. In May 2023, Durham Regional Council adopted the new D.R.O.P. which includes, among other matters, updated population and job growth projections, density targets and the comprehensive delineation of Regional Corridors and Protected Major Transit Station Areas (M.T.S.A.s). The D.R.O.P. is currently under review by the Province and waiting approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (M.M.A.H.).

As part of Envision Durham, the Region of Durham has estimated that Oshawa’s population will increase to 298,540 persons by 2051. The newly adopted D.R.O.P. allocates the following population, employment, and household growth targets for the City of Oshawa to 2051:

### City of Oshawa’s Population, Employment and Household Forecasts

Oshawa	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2051
Urban	199,230	218,930	238,320	256,880	276,800	297,450
Rural	1,050	1,060	1,070	1,070	1,080	1,090
<b>Total Population</b>	200,280	219,991	239,390	257,950	277,880	298,540
Households	73,800	81,450	89,060	96,680	104,710	112,970
Employment	70,600	78,070	85,250	92,110	99,670	107,280

Envision Durham also provides updated intensification targets for Oshawa. The City of Oshawa’s current intensification target is to accommodate 39% of all new residential units within the Built Boundary. The Built Boundary is defined as the limit of the developed urban area in Oshawa and is identified on Schedule ‘A’, Land Use, of the Official Plan. In the event that Envision Durham is approved by the Province, Oshawa’s intensification target will increase to 50%, which will be reflected in the updated Official Plan through the Official Plan Review.

As previously mentioned, the Official Plan must be updated to conform to the approved D.R.O.P. This approval is currently pending from the Province, but is anticipated shortly.

# 6.0 Why Are We Updating The Official Plan?

There are a number of reasons why the City is initiating the process to update the Official Plan, as discussed in the following subsections.

## 6.1 The Planning Act

The Planning Act requires that a lower-tier municipality amend its official plan to conform to upper-tier official plans within one year of the upper-tier official plan coming into effect.

## 6.2 Envision Durham

Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the D.R.O.P., has been adopted by Regional Council and the Official Plan must conform to the newly adopted D.R.O.P. once it is approved by M.M.A.H.

## 6.3 Provincial Legislation, Policies and Plans

In addition to conforming to the D.R.O.P., the Official Plan must conform to Provincial legislation, policies and plans, including the Planning Act, the P.P.S., the Growth Plan and other legislation.

There have been many significant changes to Provincial legislation, policies and plans since O.P.A. 179 was adopted in 2016, including updates to the P.P.S. in 2020 and updates to the Growth Plan in 2017 and 2020. In addition, new legislation has been introduced by the Province in recent years which has had a significant impact on land use planning across Ontario and in Oshawa. Any changes to legislation must be reflected in the Official Plan and are further described below.

In 2022, the Province announced More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23

(the "Action Plan"). This Action Plan includes a suite of legislative and non-legislative changes introduced by the Provincial government intended to help unlock more housing, streamline development approvals, remove barriers, accelerate planning and further protect homebuyers and owners. As part of the Action Plan, the Province identified a goal of building 1.5 million homes across Ontario by 2032. To achieve the goal of building 1.5 million homes, large and fast-growing municipalities across Ontario, including Oshawa, have been assigned a Municipal Housing Target. The City of Oshawa has been assigned a target of constructing 23,000 new homes by the end of 2031.

To support the Action Plan, the Provincial government passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 ("Bill 23") on November 28, 2022. Bill 23 was implemented to assist the Province in achieving its goal of constructing 1.5 million homes by the end of 2031 and aims to ensure that cities, towns, and rural communities grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types that meet the needs of all Ontarians. Bill 23 made fundamental changes to the land use planning system in Ontario through amendments to the Planning Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Development Charges Act, Municipal Act and other statutes.



Some of the legislative changes made under Bill 23 that will need to be considered as part of the Official Plan Review include, but are not limited to:

- Updating land use permissions to permit increased residential densities, including encouraging the development of the “missing middle” (e.g. townhouses, stacked townhouses, triplexes, fourplexes, etc.) and supporting higher density development around transit stations;
- Updating parkland requirements; and,
- Updating the role of Conservation Authorities.

Staff note that some of the considerations listed above have already been implemented, in part, through recent City-initiated amendments to the Official Plan. Nonetheless, they will need to be assessed comprehensively on a City-wide basis as part of the Official Plan Review process.

The Provincial government also passed Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 (“Bill 109”) on April 14, 2022. Bill 109 implemented amendments to various Provincial statutes, including the Planning Act, to address housing, development and certain other matters, all of which were intended to streamline and speed up the approval process for the delivery of new housing. While many of the legislative changes made under Bill 109 have already been implemented through City-initiated amendments to the Official Plan, these amendments will need to be carried forward in the Official Plan Review process.

More recently, on August 21, 2023, the Province announced the Building Faster Fund (“Fund”), a new three-year, \$1.2 billion program intended to provide funding to municipalities that meet or exceed their annual housing targets. As one of the identified fastest-growing municipalities in Ontario, the City of Oshawa was assigned specific targets for the first three years of the Fund (see the table below). Oshawa’s target for 2026-2031 will exceed 2,300 units annually for the remaining years. However, a specific number has not yet been provided to the City.

#### City of Oshawa’s Housing Targets under the Building Faster Fund

Year	2023	2024	2025
<b>Oshawa’s Target (number of units)</b>	1,687* *The 2023 actual number of units achieved was 1,204	1,917	2,300

As a result of the Planning Act requirements, the newly adopted D.R.O.P., updated Provincial legislation, policies and plans, as well as the various accelerated housing and population targets that the City has been assigned, it is appropriate to initiate the Official Plan Review in order to address all of these changes and plan for the appropriate future growth of the City accordingly.

# 7.0 Themes for Review

The following subsections outline various themes that will be explored as part of the Official Plan Review.

## 7.1 Growth Management

Almost all development in Oshawa is located within the Major Urban Area boundary, which is a defined boundary shown on Schedule 'A', Land Use, of the Official Plan. The Major Urban Area is the area of the City intended for development of urban land uses. The Major Urban Area is divided into two distinct land areas: the Built Boundary and Greenfield areas. Greenfield areas are urban areas that are located outside of the Built Boundary but within the Major Urban Area boundary. Inside of the Major Urban Area boundary are certain key growth areas, including the Downtown Oshawa Urban Growth Centre, M.T.S.A.s, various Central Areas and other intensification areas that are all intended to accommodate significant growth and development. Land beyond the Major Urban Area boundary is intended to remain rural in nature with limited development.

Envision Durham has introduced new terminology relating to growth management, including "Strategic Growth Areas" (optimal locations for prioritizing intensification and high density mixed use development), "Transit-oriented Development" (the clustering of high density, compact development in proximity to transit infrastructure), and "M.T.S.A.s" (the area including and around any existing or planned higher order transit station or stop within a settlement area, or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core). All of this new terminology will be reflected in the updated Official Plan.



There are a number of various density targets prescribed by the Province that Oshawa is expected to meet. The Growth Plan specifies the following density targets that are applicable to Oshawa:

- A minimum of 50% of all residential development occurring annually in Durham Region is to be within the Built Boundary. Oshawa's allocation of Durham's total intensification is currently 39%. However, in the event that the D.R.O.P. is approved by the Province, Oshawa's intensification target will increase to 50%;
- 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare applied to the Downtown Oshawa Urban Growth Centre; and,
- 50 residents and jobs combined per hectare applied to designated Greenfield areas (e.g. the Kedron Part II Planning Area and Columbus Part II Planning Area).





The Growth Plan continues to set the direction for accommodating growth and development and requires municipalities to grow in ways that use land and resources more efficiently, including development that can achieve or succeed the above noted density targets. The Growth Plan encourages growth through intensification and promotes optimization of new and existing infrastructure. As Oshawa's population continues to increase, it will be important to use land more efficiently and direct development to key growth areas, as well as encourage infill development, the use of vacant or underutilized sites, the redevelopment of brownfield sites and modest intensification through the addition of accessory apartments. Strengthening policies to encourage complete communities characterized by a mix of uses, a range of housing options and various transit / active transportation options will also be important.

In 2023, approximately 26% of the City's new residential units were located within the Built Boundary. This percentage has increased from 2022 when the City achieved only 19%, but still falls short of the City's intensification target of 39%. Consideration will need to be given to strengthening policies in order to encourage more intensification and development within the Built Boundary.

Part of the Official Plan Review will include determining whether or not Oshawa has a sufficient amount of land to sustain its future population. The Columbus Part II Planning Area was the City's most recent Greenfield area to be planned for growth and development. Now that the Columbus Part II Plan has been adopted by City Council, there are no other large planning areas in north Oshawa that can be developed through a Part II Plan, unless the Major Urban Area boundary is expanded. Envision Durham identifies "2051 Urban Expansion Areas", which include lands outside of Oshawa's Major Urban Area boundary. Further study will be undertaken to determine the City's land needs to 2051 and whether or not an expansion of the Major Urban Area boundary is necessary to accommodate future growth.

Future growth in Oshawa will not be limited to just residential growth. Employment growth will also be necessary to ensure that there is a more balanced rate of employment growth relative to population growth. Ensuring that Oshawa has a sufficient supply of employment lands, and in appropriate locations, will also be considered as part of the Official Plan Review.



## 7.2 Housing

A housing crisis has been declared in Ontario. Specifically, over the last decade the cost of housing has increased significantly. The price of a home has risen at more than double the rate of household income and rents have continued to rise, making housing unaffordable for many. As well, housing construction has not kept pace with the growing population. Oshawa's housing stock has to both catch up and keep up with population growth forecasts.

In recent years, there has been an increase in the development of higher density dwellings such as townhouses and apartment buildings in Oshawa. There have also been widespread legislative changes to encourage the development of the "missing middle", which includes accessory apartments, duplexes, triplexes and laneway housing. These housing options are generally less expensive than a traditional single detached dwelling and provides a more affordable housing option for many in the community.

Although some of the Provincial legislative changes to encourage more housing have already been implemented, in part, through recent City-initiated amendments to the Official Plan, they will still need to be assessed comprehensively on a City-wide basis as part of the Official Plan Review process. A component of the Official Plan Review will be to examine the existing housing policies and ensure that the policies encourage greater housing diversity and tenure, including addressing the missing middle, the promotion of more affordable housing options, and directing land to be used more efficiently for housing.



## 7.3 Transportation

The City of Oshawa's population is growing, which means that more people will be travelling to, from and within the City. A well-planned transportation system contributes to creating a healthy, complete and sustainable community. The City should strive to achieve an integrated, balanced, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system.

Oshawa is one of the few cities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and the only municipality in Durham, that can boast an airport, rail lines, deep-sea port and 400 series-highway all in proximity to one another. More specifically, Oshawa is home to:

- An extensive grid-based road network, including at a fine-grained level in key intensification areas;
- An extensive transit network comprised of numerous bus routes (served by Durham Region Transit and GO Transit);
- An inter-regional commuter rail line served by GO Transit via the GO Train;
- An extensive active transportation network consisting of bicycle lanes, bicycle routes, trails and pathways;
- The Oshawa Executive Airport, which serves executive and private air traffic and offers aircraft charters, flight training and the services of other aviation-related businesses; and
- The Port of Oshawa, which handles approximately \$23 million worth of cargo annually and is anticipated to grow as capacity expands.

Oshawa's growing population has resulted in increased travel demand, which puts pressure on the transportation system, leading to increased congestion and delays. As a result, public transportation and active transportation will need to take on a greater role in meeting travel demand. Fortunately, there are some exciting transportation related projects and studies currently underway in Oshawa, including Metrolinx's Oshawa to Bowmanville GO Rail Extension, the City's Integrated M.T.S.A. Study for Central Oshawa and the Region of Durham's Simcoe Street Rapid Transit Visioning Study, all of which will have a positive impact on Oshawa's transportation system.





### **7.3.1 Oshawa to Bowmanville GO Rail Extension**

In June 2016, the Provincial government announced the extension of GO Rail Service along the Lakeshore East Corridor, which currently ends in south Oshawa at the Durham College Oshawa GO Station on the Canadian National Railway mainline. The extension would cross to the north side of Highway 401 and run through central Oshawa along the Canadian Pacific Railway mainline to Bowmanville in Clarington. The current terminus, i.e. the Durham College Oshawa GO station is located south of Bloor Street West and west of Stevenson Road South. The extension would result in the addition of two more stations in Oshawa, one located east of Thornton Road South, north of Champlain Avenue (“Thornton’s Corners GO Station”), and the other located midway between Simcoe Street South and Ritson Road South, between Olive Avenue East and First Avenue (the “Central Oshawa GO Station”). These new stations will each be a hub for multiple modes of transportation, will spur revitalization of the surrounding neighbourhoods, and will help to accommodate the needs of Oshawa’s residents and the workforce of the future who need access to regional and local transit.

### **7.3.2 Integrated M.T.S.A. Study for Central Oshawa**

The Integrated M.T.S.A. Study for Central Oshawa was initiated in response to the announced Bowmanville GO Extension and the planned Central Oshawa GO Station. The purpose of the study is to undertake a Master Land Use and Urban Design Plan to advance appropriate development and intensification in the M.T.S.A, as well as to undertake an area specific Transportation Master Plan and recommend a preferred transportation option that accommodates future development. Staff are currently completing Stage 3 of this 4-Stage study and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.

### **7.3.3 Simcoe Street Rapid Transit Visioning Study**

The Region of Durham's Simcoe Street Rapid Transit Visioning Study is investigating opportunities to realistically assess rapid transit investments based on evolving best practices in areas of diversity, equity and inclusion. The primary objective of this study is to develop a concept plan, including preferred stations and connections, and a supportive rapid transit service strategy for Simcoe Street North and South. It will also consider future transit planning initiatives by Metrolinx, transit agencies and regional and municipal authorities.

The current transportation projects and studies being undertaken will help to inform existing or new transportation policies for the Official Plan Review. Strengthening Oshawa’s transportation policies will help to accommodate the transportation needs of Oshawa’s growing population, offer and promote more active transportation opportunities, encourage more transit-oriented development, and reduce the demand for automobiles.

## 7.4 Cultural Heritage Resources

Oshawa's cultural heritage resources contribute to the unique character of the City, reflecting its history and the cultural diversity of its community members. Oshawa has a rich and dynamic history and features extensive archival collections and significant landmarks, including many historic sites and one National Historic Site (Parkwood Estate National Historic Site). There are many properties with cultural heritage value in Oshawa, including 40 properties that are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

An official plan provides a municipality with the legal authority to plan and protect its cultural heritage resources and may have specific requirements beyond the heritage conservation tools available in the Ontario Heritage Act. However, there have been numerous changes to Provincial legislation over the last several years which have resulted in updates to the Ontario Heritage Act, specifically through the introduction of Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 ("Bill 108") and Bill 23.

Some of the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act introduced under Bill 108 include:

- Changes to the inclusion of non-designated properties on a municipal heritage register;
- Changes to the heritage designation process;
- Changes to the alteration and demolition process; and,
- Changes to the appeals process.

The changes to the Ontario Heritage Act issued under Bill 23 include:

- Updating how municipalities manage and update listed heritage properties;
- Revising when municipalities can issue a Notice of Intention to Designate a property;
- Raising the threshold for designating a heritage property; and,
- Prescribing how municipalities create and manage Heritage Conservation Districts.

Recent changes made to the Ontario Heritage Act as a result of Bill 108 and Bill 23 will be reviewed and applied to future Official Plan policies, where applicable. Part of the Official Plan Review will also consider:

- Strengthening cultural heritage resources polices;
- Promoting built and cultural heritage awareness;
- Encouraging the adaptive reuse and promotion of cultural heritage resources;
- Defining cultural heritage landscapes;
- Ways to incorporate Indigenous cultural heritage;
- Engagement with Indigenous Communities to consider their interests when identifying, protecting and conserving Indigenous cultural heritage resources; and,
- The protection and management of archaeological resources.





## 7.5 Agriculture and the Rural System

While Oshawa may be more urbanized compared to other Durham Region municipalities, there is still a robust agricultural and rural component to the City. Oshawa's rural area, which is generally contained in the north half of the City, supports:

- Blocks of land for agriculture and food production;
- A system of open spaces which support recreational opportunities, tourism and environmental conservation;
- Rural settlements; and,
- Agri-tourism.

Some key issues facing the agricultural and rural sector today in Durham Region include loss of productive agricultural land, fragmentation of agricultural land, rural severance policies and potential land use conflicts between rural and urban uses. There is also a growing shift of modernization and diversification of farming, including the demand for on-farm diversified uses. The Official Plan Review provides an opportunity to examine ways in which we can further support local food infrastructure, encourage on-farm diversified uses and value-added agricultural or rural-related activities.

There is also a growing interest in urban agriculture, which is the practice of growing, processing and distribution of food within urban centres in accordance with local policies, by-laws and regulations. Oshawa has a number of volunteer-led community gardens located throughout the City and as its population continues to grow, there will be more need and/or interest for community gardens and other innovative ways to grow food and feed the community. Increasing opportunities for urban agriculture through updated policies will be important, as eating locally grown food reduces our environmental footprint, decreases wasteful packaging, and eases food safety and security concerns. Local food is also often fresher, nutritious, and better tasting.



## 7.6 Environment

Oshawa is home to many natural areas, from the Lake Ontario shoreline to the rolling hills of the rural areas to the north, including open spaces/green spaces, trails and parks.

### 7.6.1 Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine

A portion of the City lies within the provincially designated Greenbelt, which includes the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Greenbelt is permanently protected greenspace and farmland in Ontario. The Oak Ridges Moraine is one of Ontario's most significant landforms and contains a unique concentration of environmental, geological and hydrological features including clean and abundant water resources, healthy and diverse plant and animal habitat, an attractive and distinct landscape, and prime agricultural areas. Policies in the Official Plan must conform to both the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

### 7.6.2 Environmental Pressures

There are a number of issues currently facing Oshawa's natural environment, including impacts to water resources, environmental degradation (e.g. loss of tree cover and wildlife habitat), an increase in invasive species and climate change. Proper management, protection and conservation of Oshawa's natural environment is essential to ensure that Oshawa's natural features and water resources continue to be protected for the long term, to allow for a thriving environmental system. Creating specific environmental goals and strengthening environmental policies will be considered as part of the Official Plan Review.





### 7.6.3 Open Space and Parkland

A specific review of parkland policies will also be an important part of the Official Plan Review. Recent updates to Provincial legislation through Bill 23 have impacted the way in which the City can acquire parkland. Specifically, the Province has updated the maximum alternative parkland dedication rate, which means that the City will be acquiring less parkland and less cash-in-lieu of parkland. However, as Oshawa continues to grow, more parkland will be required to accommodate more residents. Oshawa's parks system provides many recreational, cultural and social opportunities, and access to parkland and open spaces can improve mental health and wellbeing. As a result

of Bill 23 and the City's ability to acquire less parkland than in previous years, it is now, more than ever, vital to ensure that Oshawa's existing and future parks system is properly managed, conserved and protected.

## 7.7 Climate Change and Sustainability

Climate change is defined as a significant change in long-term weather patterns, and can apply to any major change in temperature, wind pattern or precipitation that occurs over time. These changes are significantly impacting communities across the world and are having a detrimental effect on the natural environment. Oshawa residents will continue to experience more frequent extreme weather events, potential flooding, and temperature fluctuations. Air and water quality is a growing concern, as is the strain that climate change is placing on power generation through increased demand for electricity. Climate change has also led to new insect-borne diseases and increased invasive species and pests.

As Oshawa continues to grow, consideration will need to be given to more sustainable development options (e.g. low impact development, green buildings, promoting sustainable energy, building more active transportation infrastructure, etc.). Currently, there are limited references to climate change in the Official Plan. Through the Official Plan Review, there is opportunity to both enhance existing policies and develop new policies that promote resilient and sustainable communities that support climate change adaption and mitigation and encourage sustainable and climate resilient development.



## 7.8 Economic Development

Oshawa's economy is diversifying and growing. As previously mentioned, Oshawa has transitioned from an economy primarily driven by manufacturing to a technology-driven, knowledge economy. In a report released by CBRE, Oshawa was ranked as one of the top five markets for tech talent growth across Canada. However, industrial growth, which has accounted for over \$250 million in building permit activity over the past five years, is still growing and bringing new companies and thousands of new jobs to Oshawa's economy.

The City is committed to economic growth through strategic activities that enhance job growth and create investment opportunities. The Official Plan Review provides an opportunity to strengthen economic development policies in order to support:

- Downtown revitalization;
- Commercial and industrial investment;
- The growth of the City's post-secondary educational institutions;
- Oshawa's arts and culture sector; and
- City infrastructure assets for investment attraction (e.g. the Oshawa Executive Airport and Port of Oshawa).



What other themes do you think should be explored as part of the Official Plan Review?

We want to hear your thoughts!

Visit [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview) to fill out a feedback form or complete a paper feedback form at Service Oshawa.

# 8.0 Other City Initiatives

There are a number of City initiatives that are recently completed, are currently being undertaken, or are anticipated to commence this year that will help to inform the Official Plan Review. The table below provides a description and status update of each initiative.

Initiative	Description	Status
<b>2024 – 2027 Oshawa Strategic Plan</b>	The Oshawa Strategic Plan is a road map for how Council and City staff deliver on community priorities through the delivery of services and program. The current Oshawa Strategic Plan timeframe is 2020-2023. A new Strategic Plan is being developed with an updated timeframe (2024-2027).	Staff are in the process of developing a new draft Oshawa Strategic Plan, which will be presented to Council in 2024.
<b>Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facility Needs Assessment (P.R.L.C.)</b>	The first P.R.L.C. was endorsed by City Council in 2015, which was used to plan parks, recreation, library and culture related facilities in a fiscally sustainable manner and respond to the needs of people living in Oshawa. Many of the initial recommendations have been successfully implemented. The P.R.L.C. is now being revisited to provide an updated strategy that builds on recent achievements and reflects changes in the City.	Final revisions are underway. The final document is anticipated to be endorsed by Council in 2024.
<b>2024-2028 Corporate Energy Management Plan</b>	The City recently approved a new Corporate Energy Management Plan, which highlights the City’s current energy conservation measures and actions, identifies areas of opportunity, outlines actions to assist in achieving the City’s goals and objectives for conserving energy, reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and sets corporate targets.	Completed.
<b>Oshawa Economic Development Strategy</b>	The City recently launched its new Economic Development Strategy that aims to drive job growth and further investment in Oshawa. The Strategy focuses on enhanced trade, diversification and quality of life, and positions Oshawa for future economies, opportunities and overall growth.	Completed.

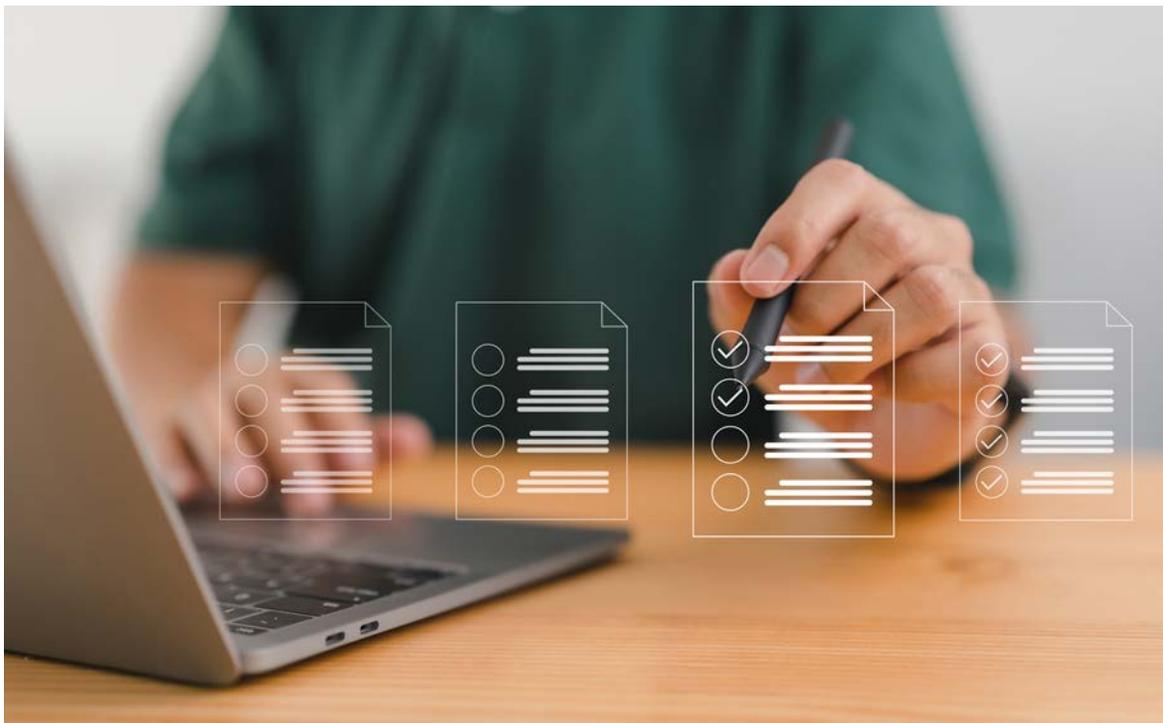
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Integrated M.T.S.A. Study for Central Oshawa</b>	The purpose of the Integrated M.T.S.A. Study is to undertake a Master Land Use and Urban Design Plan to advance appropriate development and intensification in the Central Oshawa M.T.S.A, as well as to undertake an area specific Transportation Master Plan and recommend a preferred transportation option that accommodates future development.	Currently in Stage 3 of the Study and anticipated to be completed in 2024.
<b>Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study</b>	The City is undertaking a Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study in order to develop an intensification policy framework to guide future development in suitable locations and at appropriate densities within the Study Area. The Study will include a review of the existing land use policy framework and current conditions in the Study Area, and identify opportunities to accommodate future growth.	Currently in process and anticipated to be completed in 2024.
<b>The Oshawa Integrated Transportation Master Plan (I.T.M.P.) and the City of Oshawa Active Transportation Master Plan (A.T.M.P.)</b>	There is an existing I.T.M.P. and A.T.M.P. that were both prepared in 2015 but will be updated over the next few years. The purpose of the I.T.M.P. is to guide the City with respect to transportation-related decisions in the coming years, whereas the A.T.M.P. sets out the means for improving and expanding Oshawa’s active transportation network.	Anticipated to commence in 2024.

# 9.0 Timeline/Schedule

In order to initiate the Official Plan Review process, Section 26(3) of the Planning Act directs any Council to consult with the approval authority (in this case, the Region of Durham) and other prescribed public bodies, as well as hold a Special Meeting of Council open to the public to generally discuss the revisions that may be required as part of the Official Plan Review.

The Official Plan Review process was initiated in January 2024. A staff report (Report [CNCL-24-05](#)) was presented to Council to obtain authorization to initiate the Official Plan Review. This is anticipated to be a multi-year study and will generally advance as shown on the next page.

It should be noted that the scope of work is subject to change. A more detailed work program will be prepared following the Special Meeting of Council.



 We are here.

**Phase 1**  
Visioning/Background  
Research and Review

This phase includes a review of relevant policies, legislation and various “themes” (such as growth management, cultural heritage resources, housing, the environment, etc.). This phase will also include public engagement, including the Special Meeting of Council taking place on April 30, 2024.



**Phase 2**  
Initial Findings/Policy  
Development

This phase includes Official Plan policy development, public engagement and preliminary drafting of the Official Plan Amendment.



**Phase 3**  
Statutory Phase

This phase includes the introduction of the draft Official Plan Amendment, as well as the statutory open house and public meeting(s) required under the Planning Act.



**Phase 4**  
Adoption

This phase includes Council adoption of the Official Plan Amendment.

# 10.0 Consultation and Engagement

An important part of the Official Plan Review process will be extensive consultation and engagement with residents, community members, Indigenous Communities, advisory committees and stakeholders, in order to ensure that the future Official Plan appropriately addresses local needs, emerging trends and ongoing growth of the City.

The Special Meeting of Council scheduled for April 30, 2024 will be the first of many opportunities for community engagement. The Planning Act requires at least one statutory public open house and separately, one statutory public meeting. However, staff will be offering additional engagement opportunities beyond the legislative minimum requirements, including, but not limited to, public information centres, feedback forms and more.

A more detailed consultation and engagement plan will be prepared following the Special Meeting of Council.



If at any point you have questions or comments related to the Official Plan Review, please email [OPReview@oshawa.ca](mailto:OPReview@oshawa.ca) or visit [www.ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](http://www.ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview) for more information.



# 11.0 Conclusion

This Discussion Paper is meant to:

- Provide background information on the City of Oshawa, the Official Plan, and the land use planning system in Ontario;
- Outline details of the Official Plan Review process;
- Discuss key themes that staff will explore to assist with updating the Official Plan; and,
- Outline ways to get involved in the Official Plan Review process.

We want your feedback! Please feel free to share your ideas and advise if there is anything else you think should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review. We appreciate your input and encourage your participation throughout the Official Plan Review process.

Share your feedback in one of the following ways:

- Attend a Special Meeting of Council on April 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Oshawa City Hall located at 50 Centre St. S.; or
- Complete a feedback form on Connect Oshawa ([ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview)) or on paper at Service Oshawa, located at City Hall (50 Centre St. S.).

Feedback will be received until 12 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024 and will be considered in a future staff report to be presented to the Economic and Development Services Committee.

You can also visit [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview) to register and stay up-to-date on the Official Plan Review and/or email [OPReview@oshowa.ca](mailto:OPReview@oshowa.ca) at any time with questions or comments.

## **Oshawa Economic and Development Services**

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## Imagine Oshawa: Oshawa Official Plan Review

The City of Oshawa is undertaking a comprehensive review of its Official Plan – the blueprint that guides how Oshawa will grow for years to come – and we want to hear your ideas!

The **Oshawa Official Plan** sets out the land use policy directions for long-term growth and development in the city, and manages and guides the physical form and growth of the city.

To help generate ideas, the City's Planning Services staff will be releasing a Discussion Paper about the Official Plan Review that explains why the Official Plan is important, provides details about the Official Plan Review process and identifies potential key themes that will be explored.

### Have your say

Community members are encouraged to read the Discussion Paper (anticipated to be released by mid-April 2024) and share their feedback using one or more of the following ways:

- Attend a Special Meeting of Council on April 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber at Oshawa City Hall located at 50 Centre St. S.; or
- Complete a feedback form on Connect Oshawa ([ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview)) or on paper at Service Oshawa, located at City Hall (50 Centre St. S.).

Feedback will be received until 12 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024 and will be considered in a future staff report to be presented to the Economic and Development Services Committee.

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us.

Laura Moebs

Principal Planner, Planning Services

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1. How would you describe yourself? Please select all that apply.

- I live in Oshawa
- I go to school in Oshawa
- I own property in Oshawa
- I own a business in Oshawa
- I work in Oshawa
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you like most about living, working or studying in Oshawa?

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3. What changes do you think would make the City even better? Please explain.

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4. How would you like to see the City grow over the next 30 years?

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5. What three words describe your vision of the ideal City of Oshawa?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. In your opinion, what are the important elements that support quality of life for Oshawa residents?

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7. Is there anything else that should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review?

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8. What is your preferred method of participating in the Oshawa Official Plan Review? (e.g. in person meetings, virtual meetings, feedback forms/surveys, drop-in events, etc.)

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9. Would you like to be added to the Oshawa Official Plan Review notification list? You will receive email updates related to the Oshawa Official Plan Review (i.e. notice of public meetings, staff reports, etc.).

Yes

No

10. If yes, please provide the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Demographic Information

Thank you for participating. Your feedback is very important to us. We would appreciate if you could please complete this demographic section.

**11. How old are you?**

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**12. Are you an Oshawa resident, and/or Oshawa business/property owner?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No (skip to <b>Question 14</b> ) |
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**13. If you answered “Yes” to **Question 12**, what ward do you live in / is your business/property located in?**

Please select all that apply.

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**14. How did you learn about this community engagement opportunity?**

Please select all that apply.

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Connect Oshawa website | <input type="checkbox"/> Email                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth          |   |

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May 3, 2024

Honourable David Piccini, MPP  
 Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Expand Life Span of Fire Apparatus**

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

**RES:20240213-18**

Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

*"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support to request the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks, due to insurance requirements;*

*Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and*

*Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: MPP David Piccini - Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario municipalities."*

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the County of Prince Edward as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 16, 2024 the following motion regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46**

**DATE: January 16, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Nieman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

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

**AND WHEREAS** apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

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

**AND WHEREAS** Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

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

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

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

**THAT** the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

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

**CARRIED**

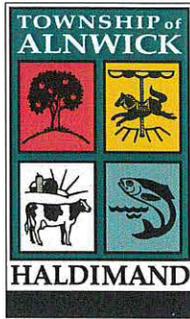
Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Nieman, Councillor Branderhorst, Marcia Wallace, CAO and Fire Chief Chad Brown





May 8, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P.,  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister:

**RE: Resolution of Support – Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy**

At its Regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand passed the following resolution:

**RES:20240213-19**

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

*"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered the Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin regarding a request for a Provincial National Fire Fighting Strategy;*

*Be it resolved that Council hereby provides its support; and*

*Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to: the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Defence, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities."*

CARRIED.

Please find attached the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin as supporting documentation.

We respectfully submit the resolution and supporting documentation for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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Yofanda Melburn  
Deputy Clerk

Encl.

Cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario  
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024-31

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

**Background:** Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

**WHEREAS** Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

**AND WHEREAS** smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

**AND WHEREAS** forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

**AND WHEREAS** according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

**AND WHEREAS** that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

**AND WHEREAS** as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

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

April 25, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk  
 Town of Lincoln  
 4800 South Service Road  
 Beamsville, Ontario L0R 1B1

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Dear Julie:

**Re: Welland City Council – Urgent Need for increased funding to libraries & museums in Ontario**

At its meeting of April 23, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and endorses the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 regarding urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario.”**

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens  
 City Clerk

- c.c.: - Premier of Ontario, sent via e-mail
- Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, sent via e-mail
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), sent via e-mail
  - Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region, sent via-email
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May 1, 2024

**Re: Ontario Heritage Act Amendment**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2024, approved the following resolution:

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

**And whereas subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2024 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under Section 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025;**

**And whereas, the Heritage Orangeville committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of December 31, 2024;**

**And whereas, Heritage Orangeville committee along with staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and take all required steps to designate such properties;**

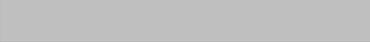
**And whereas the above noted work involving 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

- 1. The Council of the Town of Orangeville request that Subsection 27 (16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and**
- 2. That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust; and**
- 3. That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO).**

**Carried Unanimously.**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk

May 6, 2024

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Town of Orangeville, regarding an element of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23).

As you are aware, this omnibus Bill introduced several changes to various pieces of legislation, including the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and the Ontario Heritage Act. It is within the context of the latter that I am reaching out to you today.

Specifically, I wish to draw your attention to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, which stipulates that any non-designated heritage property that is listed on the municipal register as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, shall be removed from the register on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, unless the Council of the municipality gives notice of intention to designate the property under section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Heritage Committee for the Town of Orangeville, comprised of dedicated volunteers, alongside our staff members, have diligently worked to review the current non-designated register, which contains a staggering 454 properties. However, despite their best efforts, they are unable to complete this monumental task by the looming deadline due to resource constraints and competing interest, most notably the urgent need to review and support new housing development proposals.

Therefore, on behalf of Council for the Town of Orangeville, I am requesting an amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, extending the deadline from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2030. This extension will provide the necessary time and resource allocation to thoroughly assess each property's heritage value, engage with property owners, and take the appropriate steps to designate those deemed significant under the provisions of section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In light of the urgency of this matter, I kindly ask for your support in facilitating this amendment. I have been authorized to by my Council to send this letter and its attached resolution, which received unanimous support at our Council meeting on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your quick attention to this pressing issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Lisa Post  
Mayor

cc. Hon. Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin/Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
John Ecker, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario MPPs  
Municipal Councils across the Province  
Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)

**From:** Julie Hamilton <JHamilton@arran-elderslie.ca>

**Sent:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 1:05 PM

**To:** '

**Subject:** Letter from the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group Re: Unwilling Host Declaration

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached letter sent on behalf of the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group.

Warm Regards,

**Julie Hamilton, Dipl. M.A.**

**Deputy Clerk**

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

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**MULTI-MUNICIPAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP**

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[jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca](mailto:jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca)

May 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) continues to actively follow the procurement processes the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is undertaking to procure additional capacity to meet projected future energy needs. Details released regarding the Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP) plus subsequent LT RFPs has raised many concerns.

The IESO RFPs call for 5 TWh of new energy generation, and proposes that this be mostly derived from 2000 MW of new energy generation produced by mostly wind and solar by 2030. It further proposes that a portion of this generation could be derived by repowering on the current footprint of existing wind turbines that will reach their end of contract life between 2026 and 2034.

Since existence, the now Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group, formerly known as the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group, has continued to advocate for stronger safety measures and best practices related to wind turbine installations across the province. To date, many of the concerns raised have not been addressed with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed in a recent IESO engagement session that no changes to the existing setbacks are planned.

Severe health effects to many residents living within the vicinity of project sites have been identified and continue to jeopardized the health and well-being of many residents. The current setbacks from other activities are not sufficient to protect against the full range of noise emissions from wind turbines. The MMEWG will be making a presentation on this topic to the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit in the March in an effort to bring these concerns to the forefront in advance of the repowering of current projects.

Public safety continues to remain a paramount concern of the MMEWG. Setbacks for tower collapse remain insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement not a strong enough protective measure for existing projects let alone repowered turbines on existing footprints. Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade

length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario. Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. A Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.

In 2013, 115 municipalities declared themselves “Unwilling Hosts” for wind turbine projects. With the expected surge in proposals given the ambitious procurement efforts being undertaken by the IESO, and little change in the regulations, the MMEWG strongly recommends that municipalities reaffirm their unwillingness to host projects until the appropriate ministries address the concerns and make stronger rules and regulations to ensure that, as municipal leaders, provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction, as mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*. Over the past month, the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth and East Zorra-Tavistock have taken this step.

For consideration, a DRAFT declaration has been attached. Should your municipality declare its intention, please let us and we will continue to keep you apprised of any advancements in the industry and regulations.

Warm Regards,



p.p.  
Tom Allwood,  
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group  
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands

# DRAFT

Independent Electrical System Operator  
By email: [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca)

**Re: Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ – Wind Turbine Projects**

Please be advised at the Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO; and

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines; and

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints; and

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality; and

THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Clerk, Municipality/Township of \_\_\_\_\_

c:

The Hon. Todd Smith - Minister of Energy - [MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca)

David Donovan, Chief of Staff, [david.donovan@ontario.ca](mailto:david.donovan@ontario.ca)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [policy@amo.on.ca](mailto:policy@amo.on.ca)

Local MPP

Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group – [jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca](mailto:jhamilton@arran-elderslie.ca)



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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Ford,

**Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of Aurora’s Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use”**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-09

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

**“Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Aurora’s Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use.**

**And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”**

**CARRIED.**

**Sincerely,**



**Tammy Thompson**  
**Deputy Clerk**

**Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**  
**Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education**  
**John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament**  
**Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**  
**All Ontario Municipalities**



March 6, 2024

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

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend  
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and**

**Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and**

**Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and**

**Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and**

**Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: York Region District School Board  
York Catholic District School Board  
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party  
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party  
All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario municipalities



**8. Standing Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Thompson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Gaertner**

That the Standing Committee Reports, Items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024**

**8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use**

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7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.

**Carried**



**TOWNSHIP OF  
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May 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Ford,

**Re: Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Supporting the Town of Bracebridge “Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework”**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

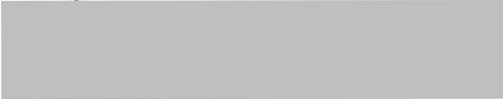
Resolution # 2024-05-01-08  
Moved By: Councillor Banks  
Seconded by: Councillor Kauffeldt

**“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the Town of Bracebridge letter dated March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.**

**And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers; Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMTCO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”**

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
John Yakabuski, Local Member of Provincial Parliament  
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
(AMTCO)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 14, 2024

**Re: Item for Discussion – Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework**

At its meeting of March 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-053, regarding Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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public works fax: (705) 645-7525  
planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

**AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Muskoka and Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT); and all Ontario Municipalities."**

**In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.**

**Yours truly,**



**Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk**



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May 1, 2024

**Re: Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-05-01-11  
Moved By: Councillor Quade  
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

**“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Arnprior and their support for the Mental Health Services of Renfrew County (MHSRC) Hoarding Program and its benefits to all residents within the County of Renfrew.**

**And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Pembroke Regional Hospital, all local municipalities and the County of Renfrew in support of the MHSRC Hoarding Program.”**

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Pembroke Regional Hospital  
All Local Municipalities  
County of Renfrew

May 06, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk  
The Town of Goderich  
57 West Street  
Goderich, Ontario  
N7A 2K5

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Dear Clerk Fisher,

**RE: Township of Manitouwadge Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge passed and endorsed the attached resolution concerning the Town of Goderich’s resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,



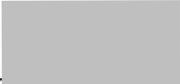
Joleen Keough  
Clerk/Deputy CAO  
The Township of Manitouwadge

CC: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Paul Calandra  
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce  
Hon. Sylvia Jones  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association  
Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANITOUWADGE

May 01, 2024

Session No. 2024- 122

Moved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by:  \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLVED THAT:** The Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

Recorded Vote	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Kathy Hudson		
Councillor Coady Keough		
Councillor Braden Kotyk		
Councillor Tonilynn Ruff		
Mayor Jim Moffat		

CARRIED  DEFEATED



Mayor Jim Moffat 



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April 23, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Andrea Fisher, Clerk  
The Town of Goderich  
57 West Street  
Goderich, Ontario  
N7A 2K5

Dear: Clerk Fisher,

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

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 15, 2024, passed, and endorsed the following resolution:

**Moved:** Councillor Korstanje

**Seconded:** Councillor DiFlavio

Resolved that the Town of Goderich's resolution regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates be received and endorsed.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Paul Calandra  
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce  
Hon. Sylvia Jones  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association  
Ontario Municipalities

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg  
Clerk  
Prince Edward County  
332 Picton Main Street  
Picton, Ontario  
K0K 2T0

SENT VIA EMAIL: [clerks@pecounty.on.ca](mailto:clerks@pecounty.on.ca)

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

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Dear C. Blumenberg,

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

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

  
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Dear Brian Bridgeman:

The review of the adopted Durham Region Official Plan by Ministry staff (including input from partner ministries) is now complete. The enclosed draft decision with proposed modifications is based on an analysis of the adopted official plan for consistency with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement, conformity with Provincial Plans, and the requirements of the *Planning Act*.

A rationale for each proposed modification is included in an appendix to this letter, with references to the relevant provincial policies or legislation.

Please note, that certain proposed modifications will impact the Region's adopted growth management policy framework, most notably in the City of Pickering. These modifications are related to the removal of land in the 2051 Urban Expansion Area that overlap with Minister's Zoning Order 102/72 (Pickering Airport). As a result, Ministry staff are seeking the Region's input with respect to any further modifications that are required to facilitate these changes.

Please contact Ministry staff to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed modifications, including the matter noted above, at your earliest convenience. If you have any other questions or would like to request any other minor changes to the proposed modifications, please let us know by **June 5, 2024**. Ministry staff would be pleased to meet virtually with you to discuss further.

For further information, please contact Maya Harris, Manager, Community Planning & Development (East), Municipal Services Office Central at [Maya.Harris@ontario.ca](mailto:Maya.Harris@ontario.ca) or 437-776-8447.

Sincerely,

  
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## Appendix

### Rationale for Proposed Modifications to the Region of Durham Official Plan

**Modifications 1, 2** - To ensure that provincial non-agricultural use policies are implemented appropriately for proposed municipal facilities and cemeteries. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

**Modifications 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 72, 76** - To ensure archeological resources, built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and heritage properties are protected from development in accordance with provincial policy and to ensure the language used in the Official Plan aligns with the provincial definitions. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

**Modifications 8, 9, 36** - To ensure policies reflect the requirements to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution from major development and existing settlement areas, and to ensure the provision of future settlement area expansions are considered in the context of all applicable provincial plans. The modifications would revise the subject policies to conform with applicable Source Protection Plans and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

**Modification 10** - To ensure that growth and intensification is not directed or expected to be accommodated within local Special Policy Areas which are subject to flood risk (as approved by the Province). The modification revises the subject policy to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, and to conform with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

**Modifications 12, 17, 19, 22** - To identify the Oshawa GO/VIA station as a Protected Major Transit Station Area in the Official Plan, reflect land use constraints, and establish the lower minimum density target as requested from the Region. The modifications would revise the subject policies to conform with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

**Modifications 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24** - To improve clarity in policy language to ensure alignment with A Place to Grow with respect to setting out minimum density targets and other development standards within strategic growth areas, including their boundaries, and to ensure lower tier plans will be updated to reflect new growth boundaries set out in the Regional Official Plan. The modifications would revise the subject policies to conform with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

**Modifications 21, 45, 74** - To highlight MTO requirements for proposals within their legislated permit control areas (i.e. Highway 401) early in the development review process, and to ensure official plan policies do not create undue expectations or demands on the timing and/or funding of future provincial infrastructure improvements.

The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and implement the requirements of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, 1990.

**Modifications 25, 52, 60, 61, 62, 63** - To recognize that the planning and development of certain lands is premature until such time as federal and provincial constraints related to the planning for a future potential Airport in Pickering have been removed. The modifications would revise the subject policies and remove new Urban Areas that overlap with Minister's Zoning Order 102/72.

**Modifications 26, 30, 34, 55, 73** – To recognize appropriate dates in provincial plans, changes in legislation regarding Conservation Authorities, and reflect provincial administrative processes. The modifications would revise the subject policies to ensure conformity with provincial plans, align with legislation, and provide clarity.

**Modifications 27, 28, 29, 32, 33** – To ensure the Official Plan is not more restrictive than provincial plans and policy with respect to provisions related to mineral aggregate operations. The modification would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, and conform with applicable provincial plans and policies.

**Modifications 31, 39, 40** – To ensure that the Official Plan aligns with the current provincial planning framework and does not authorize compensation for the development related destruction of natural heritage features. The modification would revise the subject policy to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

**Modifications 35, 76, 77** - To ensure Regional official plan policies refer to the appropriate hydrologic and natural heritage features, including those identified in the Provincial Policy Statement. The modification would revise the subject policy to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and applicable provincial plans and policies.

**Modifications 37, 38** - To ensure the Region undertakes its own assessment of wildland fire potential and does not rely on MNRF wildland fire mapping, which is at a coarse scale and is not a definitive representation of wildland fire risk. Further, to ensure wildland fire mitigation measures are not permitted in natural heritage features. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

**Modifications 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 68, 69** - To clarify the relationship between the Region and MTO with regards to transportation matters and to ensure official plan policies do not create undue expectations or demands on the timing and/or funding of future provincial infrastructure improvements. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, the Transportation Plan for the GGH and implement the requirements of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

**Modifications 49, 50** - To ensure official plan policies set out clear objectives to protect and plan for goods movement facilities, specifically airport, rail and marine. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020.

**Modifications 51, 53, 54, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67** - To align the Official Plan with recent changes in legislation to reinstate lands into the Greenbelt Plan and to re-establish the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act.

**Modifications 56, 57** – In response to requests made by the Region of Durham to incorporate Regional Official Plan Amendments that were adopted after the new Official Plan was adopted by Regional Council on May 17, 2023.

**Modification 58** - To remove a non-conforming expansion of an existing rural employment area (Uxville) into the Countryside Area of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan in the Township of Uxbridge. The modification would revise the subject policies to conform with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

**Modifications 70, 71, 72** - To support the introduction of new policies into the Official Plan, to ensure the definition of significant woodlands conforms to the criteria established by the Province, and to support the policy language used in the official plan by including associated provincial definitions in the Glossary. The modifications would revise the subject policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, conforms with applicable provincial plans and policies, and aligns with provincial technical guidance.

# DECISION

## With respect to New Region of Durham Official Plan Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

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I hereby repeal the Region of Durham Official Plan adopted by By-law 103-91 as approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on November 24, 1993, and subsequent amendments thereto. Furthermore, I hereby approve, as modified, the Region of Durham Official Plan, as adopted by the Region of Durham by By-law 38-2023, subject to the following modifications, with additions in **bold underline** and deletions ~~in bold strikethrough~~:

1. Policy 3.3.24 d) is modified so that it reads:

“d) they do not disrupt the agricultural community **and impacts on the surrounding agricultural operations and lands are mitigated to the extent feasible.**”

2. Policy 3.3.31 is modified so that it reads:

“Consider new cemeteries subject to the following criteria:

a) for Prime Agricultural Areas, **there are no reasonable alternative locations which avoid Prime Agricultural Areas and** the cemetery is located **on lower priority lands in areas of lesser agricultural significance;**

b) there are no adverse impacts on the natural environment, hydrological features and surrounding land uses;

**c) impacts from the cemetery on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are mitigated to the extent feasible;**

~~de~~) if locating adjacent to an operating landfill, the cemetery is sited in accordance with the Land Use Compatibility Guidelines, and any other guidelines and/or requirements issued by the province; and

~~ed~~) the cemetery is no larger than 40 hectares within the Prime Agricultural Area.

**f) Within the Greenbelt Area, cemeteries are not permitted within the Prime Agricultural Areas.**”

3. Parts d), e), and f) of policy 3.3.39 are modified so that they read:

“d) guide development, redevelopment, and intensification while protecting and preserving **built heritage resources, buildings, and cultural heritage landscapes, features and functions;**

e) support the restoration and where appropriate, the adaptive reuse of **built heritage resources, buildings;**

f) provide an appropriate interface or transition between new developments and **protected heritage properties, buildings** or heritage conservation districts;”

4. Policy 3.3.41 a) is modified so that it reads:

“adopt policies to protect and enhance cultural heritage resources in their official plans, **including the use of heritage impact assessments where development is proposed adjacent to properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, heritage conservation districts and provincial heritage properties.**”

5. Policy 3.3.46 is modified so that it reads:

“Encourage area municipalities to ~~preserve~~**conserve** and protect significant natural and cultural landscapes through the development process, including the Lake Ontario waterfront, the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail, Lake Scugog, Lake Simcoe and the Rouge National Urban Park views and vistas.”

6. Policy 3.3.50 is modified so that it reads:

“Ensure that, where archaeological resources are found to be of Indigenous, ~~First Nation or Metis origin~~ **affiliation**, the proponent and/or their archaeological consultant are required to:

**a) where the finding takes place** through a Stage 2 archaeological assessment, provide a copy of the findings to the ~~closest relevant~~ Indigenous, ~~First Nation or Metis affiliation community~~ prior to ~~development proceeding the subsequent stage of archaeological assessment~~; and

**b) during the through a** Stage 3 archaeological assessment, ~~engage notify~~ the ~~relevant closest~~ Indigenous ~~community affiliation~~ in ~~the formulation of mitigation strategies advance of onsite assessment work.~~”

7. Add a new policy 3.3.52 that reads:

**“Encourage area municipalities to prepare archaeological management plans and cultural plans, where appropriate.”**

8. Policy 4.1.13 is modified so that it reads:

“Work with area municipalities, conservation authorities and other agencies to ensure stormwater management plans **encourage implementation of a hierarchy of source, lot-level, conveyance and end of pipe controls, to** address the impacts of a changing climate, and impacts from natural hazards, including through improved stormwater management design and the use of innovative technologies and best practices”.

9. Policy 4.1.14 is modified so that it reads:

“Encourage area municipalities to include policies within their official plans to **implement source control programs that** reduce stormwater runoff volume and pollutant loadings within designated Urban Areas in the Lake Simcoe watershed, in accordance with the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.”

10. Policy 4.1.39 is modified so that it reads:

“Investigate the long-term servicing of Urban Areas identified in Policy 4.1.38. Further expansions to these Urban Areas shall only be considered if there is a long-term plan in place to provide full municipal services **and in accordance with applicable provincial plans. The applicable sewage and water infrastructure policies of the Greenbelt Plan also apply.**”

11. Policy 5.1.14 g) is modified so that it reads:

"g) notwithstanding the intensification policies herein, ~~any~~ new or intensified development **is not directed to within** Floodplain Special Policy Areas, **and** shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the area municipal official plan."

12. Figure 11 – Strategic Growth Area Targets Table is modified by adding an asterisk (\*) after the target for Protected Major Transit Station Areas and by adding the following note below the table:

**"Notwithstanding the above, the Oshawa GO/VIA Protected Major Transit Station Area will be planned to achieve a minimum density target of 25 people and jobs per gross hectare"**.

13. Figure 11 – Strategic Growth Area Targets Table is modified by deleting the note below:

~~"Notwithstanding the above Minimum Transit Supportive Density Targets, where a Regional Centre is located along a Rapid Transit Corridor and is also comprised of a historic downtown, an area municipal official plan may establish an alternative density target for the Regional Centre provided the overall target for the area municipality is maintained."~~

14. The preamble of policy 5.2.6 and the associated subsection b) are modified so that they read:

"Require area municipalities **to plan for Strategic Growth Areas by** updateing official plans, secondary plans and zoning by-laws to:

- b) **Set out** designate appropriate:
- i) land use designations;
  - ii) ~~establish minimum~~ residential and employment density targets **in accordance with Figure 11; and**
  - iii) ~~identify permissible~~ built form **standards, including minimum and maximum building heights;**
  - iv) ~~establish minimum and maximum building heights."~~

15. The first sentence of policy 5.2.8 e) is modified so that it reads:

"contributes to, recognizes, ~~preserves and/or~~ conserves ~~applicable built and~~ cultural heritage resources, in accordance with Section 3.3."

16. Add a new policy 5.2.11.1 which reads:

**"Notwithstanding policies 5.2.10 and 5.2.11, the further refinement of the boundaries of Urban Growth Centres or Protected Major Transit Station Areas shall only be undertaken in accordance with provincial plans and policy."**

17. The preamble of Section 5.2 (after policy 5.2.14) 'Protected Major Transit Station Areas' is modified so that it reads:

"There are ~~seven~~ **eight** Protected Major Transit Station Areas located within southern Durham along the Lakeshore East GO Train line. ~~Three~~ **Four** Protected Major Transit Station Areas surround existing stations in Pickering, Ajax, ~~and~~ Whitby, ~~and~~ **Oshawa,**

and four new stations are being planned along the GO East Extension, two of which are in the City of Oshawa (Thornton's Corners and Central Oshawa) and two of which are in the Municipality of Clarington (Courtice and Bowmanville)."

18. Policy 5.2.17 is modified to add the following new subsection:

**"c) any land use that would adversely affect the achievement of the minimum density target."**

19. Policy 5.2.18 is modified so that it reads:

"Not permit sensitive land uses, notwithstanding any other policies of this Plan to the contrary, **at the following locations:**

**a) on the lands located within the existing Oshawa GO/VIA Protected Major Transit Station Area in the City of Oshawa, due to surrounding industrial uses, railway and highway infrastructure; and,**

**b) on the lands located within the Courtice Protected Major Transit Station Area, east of Courtice Road and south of Baseline Road in the Municipality of Clarington, due to proximity to the Darlington Generating Station"**

20. Policy 5.2.23 i) is modified so that it reads:

**"Include plans to accommodate multimodal access to Protected Major Transit Station Areas by accounting for the retention or replacement of existing station access infrastructure (pedestrian, bus, cycle, pick-up and drop-off, and vehicle parking) and give priority to local and regional transit, active transportation and passenger pick-up and drop off. Include plans for as well as the protection for future facility expansion when new development on existing GO Station land is proposed;"**

21. Add a new policy 5.2.23 m) which reads:

**"Require, where development is proposed adjacent or in the vicinity of MTO permit control areas, a traffic impact study be undertaken to determine the impacts of proposed development and intensification on highway interchange nodes within the Ministry's permit control area."**

22. Add a new policy 5.2.23.1 which reads:

**"Notwithstanding policies 5.2.15 to 5.2.23, the existing Oshawa GO/VIA station is to be planned for Employment Area permitted uses only with a minimum density target of 25 people and jobs per hectare."**

23. Insert a new policy 5.4.5.1 that reads:

**"Development within the designated greenfield area shall be planned to achieve a minimum density target of not less than 53 [or 60] people and jobs per hectare."**

24. The preamble of section 5.7.2 is modified so that it reads:

**“Require Area Municipalities to update their official plans to designate a supply of land for development up to the time frame of this Plan, including Settlement Area Boundary Expansions to the extent of the Region’s Urban Area Boundary as shown on Map 1, provided that the amendment:”**

25. Policy 5.7.8 b) is deleted in its entirety:

~~“assess the impacts of existing Minister’s Zoning Orders and Airport Site Order and Zoning Regulations which currently restricts the development of these lands as a result of the potential for a future airport to the west. Development shall not proceed until such time it has been demonstrated that the relevant requirements, including those related to noise and building height restrictions have been met. Satisfying the requirements of this policy may be dependent on future actions first being undertaken by provincial and federal levels of government, as described in Policy 5.5.36.”~~

26. Subsection c) of policies 6.4.5 and 6.4.6 are modified so that they read:

~~“within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan Area, the dwelling was in existence in accordance with the date set out in the applicable provincial plans of December 16, 2004;”~~

27. Policy 6.7.4 is modified so that it reads:

“Ensure that the development of mineral aggregate operations and wayside pits shall, where applicable, conform with ~~the provincial plans and policies Oak Ridges-Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan~~, where applicable, in addition to the policies of this Plan.”

28. Add a new policy which reads:

**“6.7.24 Ensure the rehabilitation of mineral aggregate extraction sites in Prime Agricultural Areas is undertaken in accordance with applicable provincial plans and policy.”**

29. Policy 7.1.11 b) is modified so that it reads:

“demonstrate that the use is appropriate for location in the Major Open Space Area and, apart from recreational uses, cemeteries, and mineral aggregate extraction, is small in scale and serves the resource and agricultural sectors;”

30. The preamble of policy 7.4.15 is modified so that it reads:

“Require that any proposal for development or site alteration in proximity to key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features include an environmental impact study as part of a complete application. The Region, in consultation with the area municipality, the conservation authority having jurisdiction if a conservation authority permit will be required and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority where applicable conservation authority and applicant, may select and retain a qualified

environmental consultant to peer review the study at the applicant's expense. Such a study shall apply to the area to be developed, or may be expanded to include additional lands, as may be deemed necessary by the Region, in consultation with the area municipality, **the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority where applicable conservation authority** and any other appropriate agency, and it shall address the following.”

31. Policy 7.4.1.5 j) is deleted in its entirety:

~~“ j) the need for ecosystem compensation, as directed by the area municipality, if avoidance and mitigation are not possible, in accordance with Section 7.7;”~~

32. Policy 7.4.22 is modified so that it reads:

“Prohibit development and site alteration within significant woodlands, as verified by an appropriate site-specific study, such as an environment impact study. **Notwithstanding, mineral aggregate operations may be permitted within significant woodlands provided the applicable policy requirements of Provincial Plans and policies are satisfied.**”

33. Policy 7.4.27 is modified so that it reads:

“Prohibit development and site alteration within provincially significant wetlands, **significant coastal wetlands** and wetlands within provincial natural heritage system areas, in accordance with Policies 7.4.10 to 7.4.18. **Notwithstanding, mineral aggregate operations may be permitted within non-significant wetlands, provided the applicable policy requirements of Provincial Plans and policies are satisfied.**”

34. Policy 7.5.8 is modified so that it reads:

“Discourage alterations to watercourses and permanent and/or intermittent streams. Minor adjustments to watercourses and permanent and/or intermittent streams may be considered by the conservation authority having jurisdiction **in accordance with regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act where evidence can be provided that such alterations will not have an adverse effect on the functions of the watercourse or permanent and/or intermittent stream, including aquatic habitat.**”

35. Policy 7.5.13 is modified so that it reads:

“Require that area municipalities include policies and appropriate designations within their official plans, informed by watershed planning, that provide for the long-term protection of **key hydrologic features**, key hydrologic areas, **and their functions**”.

36. Policies 7.5.33, 7.5.34 and 7.5.35 are modified to replace the words “the Beaverton intake protection zone - 1” with the words **“any intake protection zone – 1”**.

37. Policy 7.6.11 is modified so that it reads:

“Require area municipalities to ensure hazardous forest types for wildland fire are considered through an environmental impact study when development is proposed in or

adjacent to areas at risk for wildland fire, ~~as identified by Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry mapping, or local refinements where available.~~

38. Add new policies 7.6.12.1 and 7.6.12.2 which read:

**“7.6.12.1 Wildland fire mitigation measures shall not be permitted in significant wetlands and significant coastal wetlands.**

**7.6.12.2 Wildland fire mitigation measures shall not be permitted in significant woodlands, significant valleylands, significant wildlife habitat, significant areas of natural and scientific interest, coastal wetlands and fish habitat as well as adjacent lands unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions.”**

39. Objective iii) in Section 7.7 is deleted in its entirety and iv) to iii) are renumbered:

~~“iii) Promote the use of ecosystem compensation when avoidance and mitigation of natural features is not possible.”~~

40. The Ecosystem Compensation Section, including the preamble and policies 7.7.11, 7.7.12 and 7.7.13, are deleted in their entirety

41. Policy 8.1.9 is modified so that it reads:

“Encourage and work with Metrolinx, provincial, **municipal** and federal governments to **realize plan for** improved inter-regional transit connections, including Freeway Transit and Other Transit Connections designated on Map 3a.”

42. Policy 8.3.7 is modified so that it reads:

~~“Request that the province continue to~~ **Work with the province to investigate the feasibility of** implementing dedicated commuter parking lots along Highways 407, 412 and 418 as identified through section 8.1.2, and along other provincial highways, to support carpooling and inter-regional transit use.”

43. Policy 8.4.8 is modified so that it reads:

“Recognize the importance of the **current and planned expansions to the** provincial **freeway** highway system, **including Highways 401 404, 407, 412, 418 and 115, in fostering planning for** continued economic development, supporting goods movement, and accommodating **Freeway Highway** transit **and reducing the burden of long distance travel on the Region’s arterial road network.**”

44. Policy 8.4.9 is modified so that it reads:

i), Modifying the first sentence to read:“Support improvements to the provincial **freeway and** highway network ~~by encouraging the accelerated implementation of~~ **such as:**”, and

ii) deleting subsection d) in its entirety:

~~“d) modifications to the alignment of the Highway 7/12 intersection at Thickson Road, subject to further study by the Town of Whitby and MTO, that may be updated without amendment to this Plan.”~~

45. Add new policy 8.4.10.1 that reads:

**“Ensure MTO is consulted on all proposed development that is adjacent to or in the vicinity of provincial highways within MTOs permit control area under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.”**

46. Policy 8.4.11 is deleted in its entirety:

~~“Encourage MTO to construct the Highway 407 interchanges at Westney Road, Salem Road and Thornton Road, Highway 412 interchange at Rossland Road, and complete the Highway 401/Lake Ridge Road interchange, which were approved in the Highway 407 East Environmental Assessment study but deferred from initial construction.”~~

47. Policy 8.4.12 is deleted in its entirety:

~~“Encourage MTO to construct an interchange on Highway 401 at Lambs Road and close the adjacent Bennett Road interchange, and investigate the ultimate role of Highway 35/115 between Highway 401 and Highway 407, including potential upgrades to a provincial freeway facility.”~~

48. Policy 8.4.13 a) is modified so that it reads:

“a) Advocating the importance of inter-regional transportation improvements such as the widening of Steels Avenue (west of Beare Road) and Highway 7 (west of Brock Road), ~~including advocating the provincial government to take a leadership role in their implementation;~~ and”

49. Objective iii) in policy 8.5 is modified so that it reads:

**“Ensure the long-term operation and economic role of air, rail facilities, and marine facilities for goods movement is protected.”**

50. A new Objective iv) is added to policy 8.5 modified which reads:

**“Ensure that goods movement facilities and sensitive lands uses are appropriately designed, buffered and/or separated from each other to mitigate noise and vibration impacts to adjacent land uses.”**

51. Policy 9.1.2 e) is deleted in its entirety:

~~“Special Study Area 6 applies to the lands removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area by the Province of Ontario within the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax and Municipality of Clarington. In accordance with the province, the following conditions must be addressed to the satisfaction of the province, or it will initiate the process to return the lands back to the Greenbelt Plan Area:~~

- ~~i) significant progress on approvals is to be achieved by the end of 2023;~~
- ~~ii) construction of new homes is to begin on these lands by no later than 2025; and~~
- ~~iii) proponents will fully fund the necessary infrastructure upfront. If these conditions are addressed to the satisfaction of the province, the lands may be included within the Urban Area Boundary, and the population, household and employment forecasts may be revised to reflect the provision of additional housing supply in these areas.~~

52. Policy 9.1.2 is modified by adding a new subsection a.1) that reads:

**“Special Study Area 1A applies to lands in northeast Pickering, that are outside the Greenbelt Area, and overlap with Minister’s Zoning Order 102/72. These lands may be reconsidered for urban development through a future amendment to this Plan, or in the absence of a Regional Official Plan, an amendment to the Official Plan of the City of Pickering, undertaken in accordance with Section 26 of the Planning Act and any applicable provincial plans and policy, provided that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing amends or revokes Minister’s Zoning Order 102/72 to permit such development.”**

53. The subtitle after policy 9.2.1 is modified so that it reads:

“Specific Policy Area A – Seaton Urban Area **& Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve**”.

54. Policies 9.2.6 through 9.2.10 are renumbered 9.2.7 through 9.2.11 respectively, and a new policy 9.2.6 is inserted (after policy 9.2.5) that reads:

**“In addition to the applicable policies of the Greenbelt Plan and the implementing policy framework set out in this Plan, lands within the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve are also subject to the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act, 2023.”**

55. Policy 10.2.5 c) is modified so that it reads:

“submission of a signed Record of Site Condition (RSC) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the subject lands. The RSC must be to the satisfaction of the Region, and the Municipality of Clarington, **and including an Acknowledgement of Receipt of the RSC by the** MECP; and”

56. Policy 10.4.20 is modified by adding the following new subsections that reads:

**“10.4.20 fff) A surplus farm dwelling rendered surplus from the parcel identified as Assessment No. 18-39-010-003-14300 located in Part of Lot 6, Concession 5, former Township of Thorah, in the Township of Brock, subject to the inclusion of the provisions in the zoning by-law to prohibit the establishment of any dwellings on the retained parcel in accordance with the Provincial and Regional policies, no further severance of the property is permitted.;**

**10.4.20 ggg) A surplus farm dwelling is severed from the parcel identified as Assessment No. 18-39-050-005-28300 located in Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 in the Township of Brock, subject to the inclusion of provisions in the zoning by-law to prohibit the establishment of any dwellings on the retained parcel. In accordance with Provincial and Regional policies no further severance of property is permitted.;**

57. Insert a new policy, 10.5.9, which reads:

**“Permit, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, ancillary uses to the existing major recreational use including a 4 – 5 storey hotel and expanded parking area are permitted on lands located on the south side of Elgin Park Drive west of Concession 7, east of Howard Williams Court, identified as Assessment 18-29-040-009-00500 in Part of Lot 27 Concession 6, in the Township of Uxbridge. The uses shall be subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions to the satisfaction of the approval authorities:**

**a) the establishment of a site-specific baseline and surveillance monitoring program funded by the proponent to the satisfaction of the Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. The baseline program should be established before the site is used for soil treatment purposes and both water levels and water quality samples should be collected that reflect the contaminants of concern to be treated. The surveillance monitoring and reporting program should include surface water from the two on-site drainage ponds, groundwater, and 2-year stormwater event runoff, water quality sampling and water level measurement analysis, be prepared by a Qualified Person and begin before the soil remediation use begins and continue for the duration of the soil remediation operations on the site; and**

**b) the locations of all of the storage and processing facilities for the proposed use be checked in the field to verify that they are outside of the 10-year time of travel of the Wellhead Protection Area as identified on Map 2f of this Plan.”**

58. Map 1 – Regional Structure – Urban and Rural Systems is modified by delineating the boundary of Rural Employment Area No. 2 as shown on Map 1 – Regional Structure – Urban and Rural System, in the 1993 Regional Official Plan, as amended.

59. Map 1 of the Official Plan is modified by:

a) removing Special Study Area #6 from lands in the City of Pickering and Town of Ajax and redesignating them as Agricultural Area; and

b) removing Special Study Area #6 from lands in the Municipality of Clarington and redesignating them as Major Open Space Area.

60. Map 1 of the Official Plan is modified by deleting the Community Areas, Employment Areas, and Regional Centres land use designation from lands located in northeast Pickering, that are outside the Greenbelt Area, and overlap with Minister’s Zoning Order 102/72, and replacing them with **“Special Study Area #1A”**.

61. Map 1 of the Official Plan is modified by adjusting the Urban Area Boundary to exclude

the lands located in northeast Pickering, that are outside the Greenbelt Area, and overlap with Minister's Zoning Order 102/72.

62. Maps 1, 2a), 3a) to 3d), and 4 of the Official Plan are modified by deleting the 2051 Urban Expansion Areas overlay from lands that are located in northeast Pickering, that are outside the Greenbelt Area, and overlap with Minister's Zoning Order 102/72.
63. Maps 2a), 3a) to 3d), and 4 of the Official Plan are modified by deleting the Urban Area designation from lands that are located in northeast Pickering, that are outside the Greenbelt Area, and overlap with Minister's Zoning Order 102/72.
64. Map 2a of the Official Plan are modified by removing 'Special Study Area #6' and its associated boundaries in the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax, and Municipality of Clarington
65. Map 2b of the Official Plan is modified by identifying the lands, formerly identified as "Special Study Area #6" in the City of Pickering and Municipality of Clarington, as Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, as the system is depicted on Schedule 4 of the Greenbelt Plan.
66. Maps 2b, 2c, and 4 of the Official Plan are modified by identifying the lands, formerly identified as "Special Study Area #6" in the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax and Municipality of Clarington, as Protected Countryside.
67. Maps 1, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, and 3e of the Official Plan are modified by adjusting the boundary of Specific Policy Area A, in the City of Pickering to add the lands identified in Schedule 1 to the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act, 2023.
68. Map 3b, Road Network, is modified by:
  - i) deleting the words "Existing Interchange to be Removed" from the legend and replacing the associated symbol on the map with the 'Existing Interchange' symbol, and
  - ii) replacing the words, "Future Interchange" in the legend with the words, "**Conceptual Future Interchange**".
69. Map 3c, Strategic Goods Movement Network, is modified by identifying the following road segments as part of the Strategic Goods Movement Network:
  - King St, between Bowmanville Avenue and Highway 418
  - King Avenue / Regional Highway 2, between Highway 35/115 to the region's eastern municipal boundary
  - Ganaraska Rd, between Highway 35/115 to the region's eastern municipal boundary.
70. Add a new definition, "Agricultural Condition" to the Glossary that reads:

**"Agricultural Condition: in regard to prime agricultural land, a condition in which substantially the same areas and same average soil capability for agriculture are**

restored.”

71. Modify the definition of Significant Woodlands so that it reads:

“Significant Woodlands: at the regional scale are identified as:

- a) any woodland occurring within the Urban or Whitebelt Area which is two hectares in size or larger; or
- b) any woodland occurring within the Rural Area, which is 10 hectares in size or larger;
- c) any woodland occurring within the Urban or Whitebelt Area which is one hectare in size or larger or any woodland occurring within the Rural Area, which is four hectares in size or larger; and
  - i) occurs within 30 metres of significant natural heritage feature, **unevaluated any** wetland greater than 0.5 hectares in size, or fish habitat; or
  - ii) occurs wholly within an identified linkage area; or
- d) any woodland occurring within the Urban or Whitebelt Area which is one hectare in size or larger or any woodland occurring within the Rural Area, which is four hectares in size or larger; and **supports includes:**
  - i) a vegetation community with a provincial ranking of S1, S2, or S3 as designated by the Natural Heritage Information Centre;
  - ii) rare, uncommon species or species with a restricted habitat preference; or
  - iii) characteristics of older woodlands, including:
    - i. woodlands having 10 or more trees per hectare greater than 100 years old; or
    - ii. woodlands having 10 or more trees per hectare at least 50 centimetres in diameter, or a basal area of eight or more square metres in trees that are at least 40 centimetres in diameter

**e) Notwithstanding, for woodlands occurring within the Oak Ridges Moraine or the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, significant woodlands are based on the provincial criteria developed for the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.**”

72. Add the following new terms to the Glossary:

**“Areas of archaeological potential: means areas with the likelihood to contain archaeological resources. Criteria to identify archaeological potential are established by the Province. The Ontario Heritage Act requires archaeological potential to be confirmed by a licensed archaeologist.**

**Built heritage resource: means a building, structure, monument, installation or any manufactured or constructed part or remnant that contributes to a property’s cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community, including an Indigenous community. Built heritage resources are located on property that may be designated under Parts IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act, or that may be included on local, provincial, federal and/or international registers.**

**Conserved: means the identification, protection, management and use of built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeological resources in a manner that ensures their cultural heritage value or interest is retained. This may be achieved by the implementation of recommendations set out in a conservation plan, archaeological assessment, and/or heritage impact assessment that has been approved, accepted or adopted by the relevant**

**planning authority and/or decision-maker. Mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches can be included in these plans and assessments.**

**Cultural heritage landscape: means a defined geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community, including an Indigenous community. The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or association. Cultural heritage landscapes may be properties that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest under the Ontario Heritage Act, or have been included on federal and/or international registers, and/or protected through official plan, zoning by-law, or other land use planning mechanisms.**

**Protected heritage property: means property designated under Parts IV, V or VI of the Ontario Heritage Act; property subject to a heritage conservation easement under Parts II or IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; property identified by the Province and prescribed public bodies as provincial heritage property under the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties; property protected under federal legislation, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.**

73. The third paragraph of 'Environmental Impact Study' under the Application/ Development Scenario column in Table 1 is modified so that it reads:

"Prior to the submission of any application, applicants shall confirm the scope of any potential environmental study requirements with the Region, ~~and~~ area municipality ~~and the conservation authority~~ to determine whether the study will be prepared by a consultant retained by the Region, or by the applicant. In those instances where the study is prepared by the Region, an application shall not be deemed to be a 'complete application' until such a time the study has been completed."

74. Table 1 is modified to include the following new study as part of a complete application:

**"Traffic Impact Study (TIS):**

**A Traffic Impact Study may be required by the Ministry of Transportation as part of the permit application process. The TIS is used to determine the extent to which highway improvements are required as a direct result of proposed construction or development within the MTO permit control area and adjacent to a provincial highway. The requirement for the study shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the Ministry of Transportation.**

75. Table 1 is modified to include the following new study (after Fiscal Impact Study) as part of a complete application:

**"Heritage Impact Assessment: A Heritage Impact Assessment will be required for development on properties adjacent to protected heritage properties and for development on properties included in an area municipality's Heritage Register."**

76. The 'Area of Natural and Scientific Interest' row in Table 7 is modified by replacing "(earth science)" with "(life science)" where it appears in the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan columns.

77. Table 7 is modified by adding a new column titled, "Provincial Policy Statement" and adding indicator dots in the following rows: Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species, Fish Habitat, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, Significant Valleylands, Significant Woodlands, Significant Wildlife Habitat, and Wetlands. Beside the new indicator dot added for wetlands, include the following note: "(significant wetlands, significant coastal wetlands, coastal wetlands)"

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair  
B. Baszyk, Brock  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student attended the meeting at 7:06 PM  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
M. Nasir, Ajax  
L. Nguyen, Youth Member  
Councillor Shahid attended the meeting at 7:16 PM  
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:04 PM  
B. Widner, Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair  
K. Lui, Member at Large

Also

Present: Councillor Wotten (Alternate)

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
N. Halim, Sustainability Policy Advisor, Office of the CAO  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Logan, Policy Advisor, Climate Change, Office of the CAO  
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
I. McVey, Manager, Sustainability, Office of the CAO  
**\*all staff members participated electronically**

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by M. Nasir,  
That the agenda for the April 18, 2024 Durham Environment and Climate  
Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by B. Widner,  
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory  
Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, be adopted.  
CARRIED

### 5. **Presentations**

#### A) 2024 Annual Climate Change Progress Report, Nayel Halim, Durham Region Sustainability Office

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Nayel Halim, Sustainability Policy Advisor, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2024 Climate Change Progress Report.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Durham's Commitment to Climate Action
- Durham Community Energy Plan Update
- Durham's Low Carbon Pathway – Key Strategies
- Community Energy Plan Initiatives Underway
  - Existing Home Energy Retrofits
  - New Construction – Durham Green Development Program
  - District Energy Initiative – Sewer Heat Recovery/District Heating
  - Electric Vehicle (EV) Adoption
  - Public and Active Transportation
  - Climate Governance and Public Reporting
- Durham Region Corporate Climate Action Plan Update
- 2019 to 2023 Durham Region Total Corporate Emissions
- Corporate Initiatives Underway
  - Buildings
  - Fleet
  - Solid Waste
  - Water & Wastewater
- Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan
- Adaptations Initiatives Underway
  - Cross-Sector
  - Building-Sector
  - Flooding-Sector
  - Human Health-Sector
  - Road-Sector
  - Natural Environment-Sector

N. Halim responded to questions from the Committee regarding what the Green Development Program would look like for Durham Region; whether the Region has installed any heat pumps or has plans in the future to install heat pumps and increase the number installed each year; the positives and negatives of Regional assets such as the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), and private assets such as St. Marys' Cement, that are benefited from province wide and that contribute positively to the electrical grid, but seen by many as emitting too much carbon emissions; whether there can be an "other" category noted under carbon emissions (e.g. forest fires); what steps it will take to get to net zero or to meet each milestone; the increase of ridership on Durham transit and what can be attributed to that; and the removal of the subsidy for natural gas hook-ups in new buildings and whether the Committee can support the need for infrastructure upgrades and advocate for more electrification.

## **6. Items for Discussion**

### **A) Debrief on the April 10<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Education Session to the Committee of the Whole (I. McVey)**

I. McVey stated that it has been 4 years since the Region of Durham made the declaration of a climate emergency. He listed the presenters for the Climate Change Education Session (refer to Item 7. A) of this agenda) and noted it was a successful session.

J. Cuthbertson advised that he attended the session in person and stated it was very valuable and appreciated the great deal of discussion around the design and planning of homes, and the impact that long-term infrastructure has on the Region's ability to meeting its' climate goals/targets.

### **B) OPG The Power for Change Project (J. Cuthbertson)**

J. Cuthbertson informed the Committee of Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) "The Power for Change Project" that provides a number of province-wide empowerment grants, regional empowerment grants, regional biodiversity grants, and school awards and scholarships.

### **C) Pollinator Project – Volunteer Reminder (A. Luqman)**

A. Luqman reminded Committee members to let her know if anyone would like to volunteer at the compost giveaway events. P. Cohen advised that he would be interested in attending one of the events.

### **D) Tour of McLaughlin Bay and Second Marsh Update (A. Luqman)**

A. Luqman reminded Committee members to fill out the doodle poll that she emailed out as soon as possible to determine the best day to tour McLaughlin Bay and the Second Marsh.

**7. For Information**

A) Materials presented at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Education Session to the Committee of the Whole:

- a. Web streaming link of the Climate Education Session
- b. GTHA Emissions Inventory Presentation and Carbon Emissions Inventory Report – 2022 (by Bryan Purcell, The Atmospheric Fund)
- c. The Blueprint for More and Better Housing Report (Presentation and Report) (by Don Iveson, Co-Chair, Task Force for Housing and Climate)
- d. Perspectives from the Durham Climate Roundtable on Electrification and the Energy Transition (Presentation)
- e. Climate Adaptation 101 and Strategic Directions for Future Work (Presentation)

B) Information Report #2024-INFO-15: “Blueprint for More and Better Housing” – Overview of the Task Force Report for Housing and Climate

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-15 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Social Services was received.

C) Information Report #2024-INFO-17: Durham York Energy Centre 2023 Compliance Source Test Update

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-17 of the Acting Commissioner of Works was received.

D) Memorandum from R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner of Works – Durham York Energy Centre – Quarterly (Q3 – 2023) Long-Term Sampling Systems Report

A copy of the memorandum from R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner of Works - Durham York Energy Centre – Quarterly (Q3 – 2023) Long-Term Sampling Systems Report was received.

E) Resolution passed at Whitby Council (March 18th, 2024) supporting the Ontario Energy Board’s Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

A copy of the resolution passed at Whitby Council (March 18th, 2024) supporting the Ontario Energy Board’s Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy, was received.

F) Information Report #2024-INFO-21: 2023 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Report

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-21 of the Acting Commissioner of Works was received.

G) 2024 Planning and Economic Development Department Business Plans and Budget (Report #2024-P-7, Attachment, and Presentation)

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

H) Commissioner's Report #2024-WR-2: Update on Small Business Recycling Post Blue Box Transition

A copy of Report #2024-WR-2 of the Acting Commissioner of Works was received.

I) Commissioner's Report #2024-WR-1: New Waste Management Services By-law

A copy of Report #2024-WR-1 of the Acting Commissioner of Works was received.

J) Commissioner's Report #2024-COW-11: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study – Project Outcomes and Next Steps

A copy of Report #2024-COW-11 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Commissioner of Finance and Acting Commissioner of Works was received.

K) Minutes of the March 19th, 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting (Attachment 1)

A copy of the March 19 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,  
That Information Items 7. A) to 7. K) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A) Parking Lot Solar Panels in Los Angeles (LA) (Geoff Carpentier)

In the absence of G. Carpentier, it was the consensus of the Committee to refer this item to the May 16, 2024 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting.

B) Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)

O. Chaudhry announced that the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) in Washington, United States, has included him in their panel of research grant reviewers. He stated that FFAR approves research proposal grants between \$0.25 million to \$1.0 million for 5 years to scientists around the world.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by P. Cohen,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

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

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk