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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-44
Date: July 12, 2024

Subject:

The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled: [The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective](#), one of two reports released by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on July 2, 2024.

2. Background

2.1 AMO collaborated with key partners from the health, justice, business, and social services sectors and those with lived experiences to develop a report which seeks to re-focus attention on evidence-based solutions across prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction to address the opioid crisis.

2.2 AMO provided the following resources to support the report: [data](#) from the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network on opioid deaths by public health unit and municipalities across Ontario, [key messages](#) from the report, and [social media cards](#) for municipalities to support AMO's release of its report.

3. Report Key Messages

3.1 Nearly 60 per cent of people who died from opioid toxicity were employed and one-third of these people worked in the construction industry.

- 3.2 Opioid-related deaths affect 88 per cent of urban Indigenous People in Ontario. First Nations have a mortality rate approximately four times higher than the rest of the population.
- 3.3 Almost 50 per cent of people who died from opioid-related toxicity have not been diagnosed with opioid use disorder in the previous five years.
- 3.4 Between 2013 to 2021, the rate of opioid-related deaths among youth increased by more than 360 per cent.
 - a. It should be noted that Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) staff continues to review provincial and local data. Both provincially and locally, opioid toxicity deaths among youth peaked in 2021 but preliminary data show the rates decreased in 2022.
- 3.5 The report states that municipalities are at the front-line of addressing the toxic drug crisis and advocates for the need for provincial leadership, resources, and meaningful action.
- 3.6 AMO recommends the following actions across the four pillars of prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction:
 - a. Addressing the opioid crisis long-term requires investment in prevention strategies that are culturally relevant and provincial action on the social determinants of health (SDOH) to address income security and affordable housing.
 - b. There must be a comprehensive approach to treatment that includes a range of holistic and evidence-based options.
 - c. First-responders require enhanced support, such as training on mental health and addictions, in addition to building capacity for connecting people with treatment.
 - d. Evidence shows that supervised consumption sites help save lives and should be approved and funded based on demonstrated local need and community engagement. There is also emerging evidence that safer supply programs are having a positive impact on both individuals and communities.

4. Local Program Initiatives

- 4.1 Locally, DRHD partakes in harm reduction activities, including the needle syringe program, the opioid patch return program, naloxone distribution, and support programs for sex trade workers. More information on [harm reduction programming](#) and information and resources on safe needle disposal can be found on [durham.ca](#).
- 4.2 DRHD provides information regarding the risks associated with opioids and drugs, including information on overdose prevention, recommendations for reducing usage

and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca.

- 4.3 Local health statistics and information on drug use can be found on the [Durham Health Stats](#) webpage.
- 4.4 DRHD provides mental health resources and supports, including information on crises, available at durham.ca.
- 4.5 To address the local opioid crisis, the Durham Region Opioid Task Force continues to work on implementing the objectives identified in the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#).
- 4.6 The [Durham Region Opioid Information System \(DROIS\)](#) is an online tool that provides the latest opioid overdose-related statistics, including Region of Durham Paramedic Services calls.
- 4.7 Information and local trends on the following are available on durham.ca:
 - a. Comparison of benzodiazepine overdose emergency department visits in Durham Region and Ontario categorized by age and sex are available [here](#).
 - b. Comparison of early substance use – alcohol (December 2017) in Durham Region and Ontario are available [here](#).
 - c. Comparison of past year alcohol use (December 2017) in Durham Region and Ontario are available [here](#).
 - d. Comparison of percentage of secondary school students reporting substance use before Grade nine (2016-2017) in Durham Region and Ontario are available [here](#).
- 4.8 Individuals and community organizations can use the [Report Drugs Durham Tool](#) to anonymously report a bad or unexpected reaction to drugs.

5. Previous Reports

- 5.1 Report [2020-INFO-114](#) provided an update on the report: [Preliminary Patterns in Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
- 5.2 Report [2021-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
- 5.3 Report [2022-INFO-10](#) provided an update on the report: [Patterns of Medication and Healthcare Use Among People Who Died of Opioid-Related Toxicity During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario](#).

- 5.4 Report [2022-INFO-67](#) provided an update on the report: [Lives Lost to Opioid Toxicity among Ontarians Who Worked in the Construction Industry](#).
- 5.5 Report [2023-INFO-47](#) provided information on the application process for Consumption and Treatment Services in Ontario.
- 5.6 Report [2023-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid Toxicity and Access to Treatment among Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario](#).
- 5.7 Report [2023-INFO-83](#) provided an update on the report: [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths](#).
- 5.8 Report [2024-INFO-16](#) provided an update on the report: [Prescribing Patterns, Substance Use Disorder Diagnoses, and Access to Treatment Prior to Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario](#).
- 5.9 Report [2024-INFO-43](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid-Related Toxicity Deaths Within Ontario Shelters: Circumstances of Death and Prior Medication & Healthcare Use](#).

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

a. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.3: Enhance community safety and well-being
- 2.4: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 AMO's report highlights that the opioid crisis is complex and interconnected with income insecurity, lack of affordable housing, intergenerational trauma carried by Indigenous communities and insufficient investment in broader mental health and addictions supports.
- 7.2 AMO advocates for a need for a multi-faceted strategy that addresses the SDOH, provides long-term investment in prevention, and appropriately supports treatment, enforcement and harm reduction approaches.
- 7.3 AMO highlights the need for provincial support to take concrete action to support Ontario's residents and communities.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2024-INFO-45
Date: July 12, 2024

Subject:

Economic Update – Softening Economic Backdrop Leads to Bank of Canada Rate Cut

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report updates Regional Council on the economic environment, as monitored by the Finance Department, including key economic indicators and their impacts on the local economy and Durham Region programs.

1.2 Economic highlights include:

- On June 5, 2024, the Bank of Canada lowered its overnight interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.75 per cent, the first reduction in four years after holding the key policy rate at 5% since last hiking rates in July 2023.
- Canadian Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 0.4 per cent in 2024 Q1, after posting no change in 2023 Q4 (revised down from 0.2 per cent). The economy grew by 1.7 per cent on an annualized basis in 2024 Q1 missing expectations by 0.8 per cent, while 2023 Q4 was revised lower from 1.0 per cent to 0.1 per cent.
- The Labour Force Survey (May 2024 data) by Statistics Canada released on June 7, 2024, indicated that employment was little changed in May and that the unemployment rate ticked up 0.1 percentage points in the month to 6.2%.
- On June 5, 2024, the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) reported that GTA home sales remain low and there was no spring pick-up, as was seen in the housing market last year.

- Higher supply and lowered demand also resulted in downward pressure on the resale price. According to TRREB, the average home price in the GTA decreased 2.5 per cent from \$1,195,409 in May 2023 to \$1,165,691 in May 2024. Ontario Inflation, as measured by the 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased by 3.0%, slightly more than the national rate of 2.9%.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 This report updates the March, 2024 Report #2024-INFO-12 “Higher Interest Rates are Having the Intended Effect as Inflation Retreats and Growth and Spending Slow”.

3. Bank of Canada Interest Rate Decrease

- 3.1 On June 5, 2024, the Bank of Canada (BoC) lowered its overnight interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.75 per cent, after the Consumer Price Index (CPI) edged down in April to 2.7 per cent. This was the first reduction in four years after holding the key policy rate at 5% since last hiking rates in July 2023. The move was not a surprise with markets pricing roughly 75% odds of a cut before the announcement as data continued to provide evidence that underlying inflation is easing, and policy no longer needed to be as restrictive.
- 3.2 The reduction in rates marked the beginning of the central bank easing monetary policy towards more ‘normal’ levels of interest rates after a prolonged and difficult battle with rising inflation pressures. That still, however, leaves monetary policy firmly in ‘restrictive’ territory – the change in interest rates is the equivalent of the central bank easing off the brakes rather than stepping on the gas.
- 3.3 The pivot is entirely possible because of persistently lower inflation readings over the last year. The BoC’s core CPI measures started to ease more significantly in 2024 and averaged at 1.85% on a three-month annualized basis at last count in April. That alongside the currently soft economic backdrop provided sufficient evidence that “monetary policy no longer needs to be as restrictive”.
- 3.4 The BoC in its statement also highlighted ongoing softening in labour market conditions as growth in employment lags that of the working age population and pointed to wage pressures “that look to be moderating gradually”.
- 3.5 Moving forward, the BoC expects unwinding in price pressures will persist, especially with the Canadian economy still running in excess supply (demanding less than what’s produced). The BoC’s forecast per the April Monetary Policy Report is for headline CPI to continue to trend lower and reach the 2% target in 2025, despite improving economic outlook in the meantime.
- 3.6 With the first interest rate cut now having materialized, the focus will shift towards the pace and amount of further rate cuts. On that front, the BoC offered few clues outside of reiterating that upside inflationary risks still remain, and decisions will be made “one meeting at a time”.

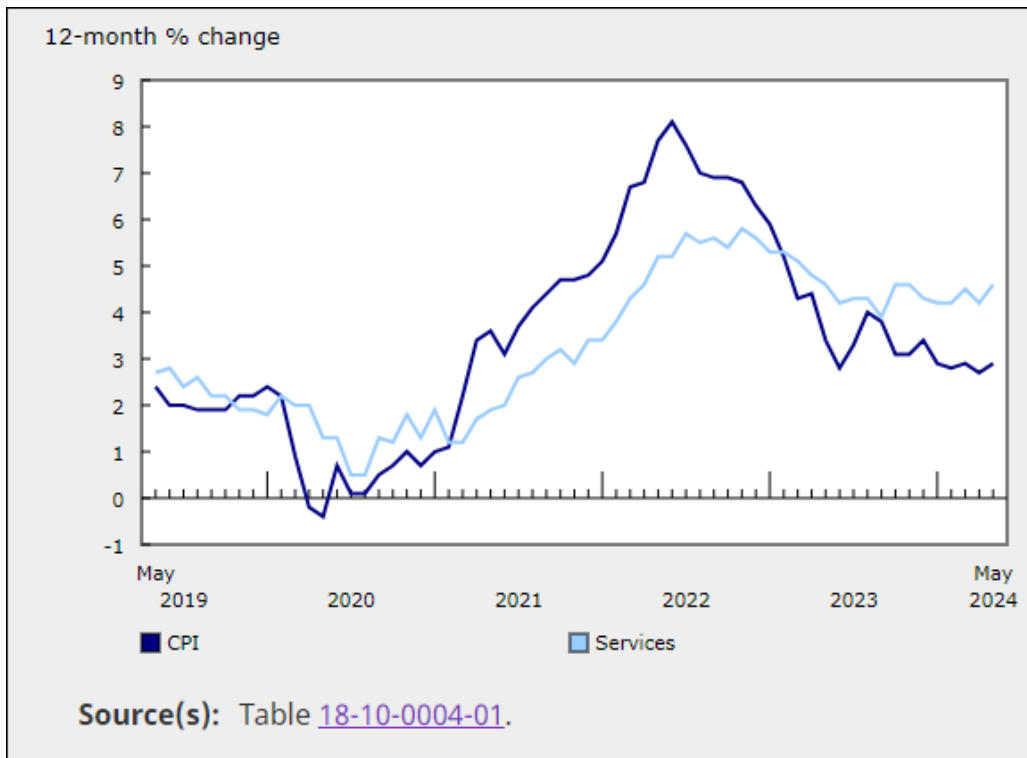
- 3.7 Contrary to expectations, CPI data released on June 25, 2024, indicated that inflation jumped to 2.9 per cent in May on a year-over-year basis, weakening the case for a rate cut in July.
- 3.8 There are several risks to the outlook for economic growth and inflation which the Bank of Canada will be monitoring to inform future rate decisions, namely:
- (a) A large number of households renewing mortgages in 2025 could curb spending and dampen economic activity and inflation more than expected. Alternatively, consumption could rebound more than expected as consumer confidence recovers.
 - (b) Persistently strong wage growth and weak productivity could lead to inflationary pressures in services prices. Currently, disinflation in goods prices is offsetting upward pressure in service prices.
 - (c) Cuts to interest rates could lead to an overheated housing market, given pent-up demand.
 - (d) The timing and impact of government plans to unwind the rapid growth in non-permanent residents could affect the forecast for inflation and growth. Strong population growth can put upward pressure on shelter inflation, particularly rents.
 - (e) Geopolitical tensions or worsening of regional conflicts abroad, and labour disruptions or climate events such as wildfires in Canada, could affect global oil prices, supply chains, and inflation.
- 3.9 The potential for divergent monetary policies between the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada could put downward pressure on the Canadian dollar.
- 3.10 Bottom line: The June 5 rate cut from the Bank of Canada marks the first step of an easing cycle where interest rates are lowered back towards “normal” levels, and spells good news for Canadian households that have been contending with elevated borrowing costs. To be sure, interest rates themselves are still high – and will still be at levels the BoC views as ‘restrictive’ by the end of this year even if the expected 100 bps worth of cuts materialize. Still, the move itself signifies confidence among policymakers that the most likely path for future inflation in Canada is down. The BoC will get two additional monthly inflation and labour market reports, as well as the second quarter business and consumer surveys before the next scheduled policy decision in July. Those should all offer more clues on a few key pressure points that the BoC highlighted including housing, wage growth and inflation itself.

4. Consumer Price Index (CPI): Canadian Headline Inflation

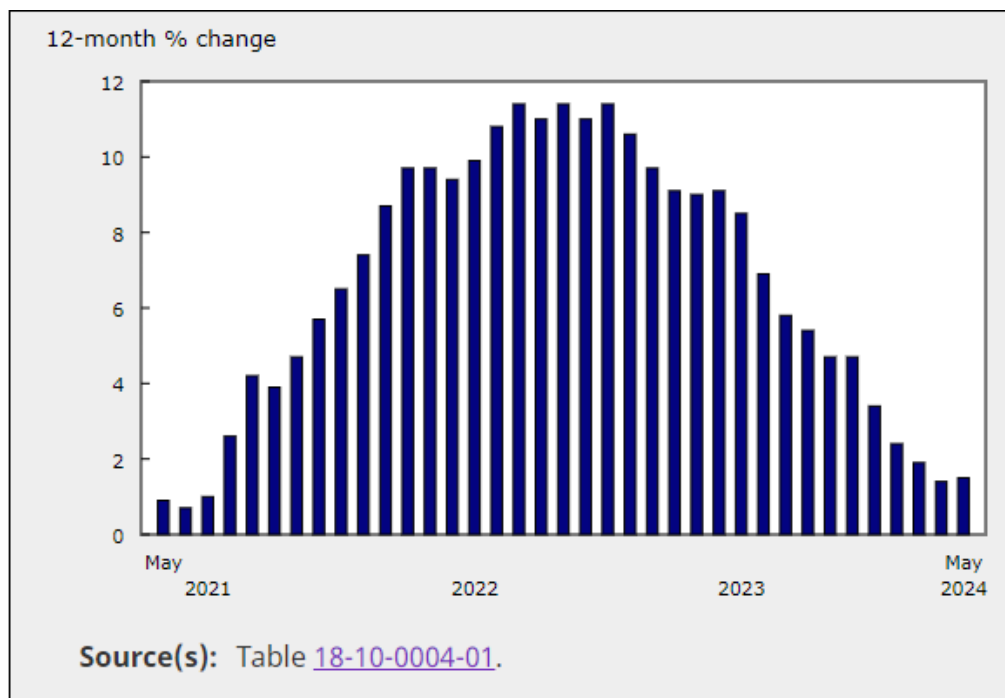
- 4.1 Statistics Canada released its May update on Consumer Price Indices on June 25. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.9% on a year-over-year basis in May, up from a 2.7% gain in April.

- 4.2 Acceleration in the headline CPI was largely due to higher prices for services, which rose 4.6% in May following a 4.2% increase in April. Faster price growth for services was led by cellular services, travel tours, rent and air transportation. Prices for goods (+1.0%) grew at the same rate as in April.

Chart 1: 12-Month Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Service Prices



- 4.3 Prices for food purchased from grocery stores rose 1.5% on a year-over-year basis in May following a 1.4% increase in April. Although slight, this was the first acceleration since June 2023. Prices for groceries remain elevated and have increased by 22.5% compared with May 2020.

Chart 2 – 12-Month Change in Prices for Food Purchased in Grocery Stores

4.4 Gasoline prices were down slightly from the April 2024 reading, however, have risen 5.6% on a year over year basis.

4.5 In Ontario, the year-over-year CPI increased by 3.0%, slightly more than the national rate of 2.9%.

5. Canadian Economic Growth Outlook

5.1 Canadian Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 0.4 per cent in 2024 Q1, after posting no change in 2023 Q4 (revised down from 0.2 per cent). The economy grew by 1.7 per cent on an annualized basis in 2024 Q1 missing expectations by 0.8 per cent, while 2023 Q4 was revised lower from 1.0 per cent to 0.1 per cent.

5.2 Household spending rose by 0.7 per cent in the first quarter, primarily due to a 1.1 per cent increase in spending on services, primarily telecommunications services, rent, and air transport. Household spending on goods increased by 0.3 per cent, with higher expenditures on new trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles.

5.3 On a per capita basis, household consumption expenditures increased by 0.1 per cent in 2024 Q1, following three quarters of declines. Per capita spending on services increased 0.5 per cent, while per capita spending on goods fell for a 10th consecutive quarter.

5.4 Business capital investment rose by 0.8 per cent in 2024 Q1, driven by increased spending on engineering structures, primarily within the oil and gas sector. Business investment in machinery and equipment increased by 1.6 per cent in

2024 Q1, coinciding with increased imports of industrial machinery, equipment and parts.

- 5.5 Weaker investment in inventories was the main factor that held back economic activity in 2024 Q1.
- 5.6 Housing investment also increased by 0.3 per cent in 2024 Q1, as resale activity rose by 7.1%. New housing construction increased slightly by 0.1 per cent in 2024 Q1. Costs related to new construction, such as taxes and closing fees upon ownership increased in the quarter and were mainly attributed to newly absorbed apartment units in Ontario.
- 5.7 Net trade provided a minor lift to GDP rising by 0.1 per cent, after providing a large offset in late 2023. The main driver of trade were exports of unwrought gold, silver, and platinum group metals and their alloys increasing amidst high demand for gold due to geopolitical uncertainty.

6. The Labour Market

- 6.1 Employment in Canada was little changed in May (+27,000) and June (-1,400). The unemployment rate increased to 6.4% in June and has risen 1.3 percentage points since April 2023.
- 6.2 Ontario posted little change in employment in June, however, the unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 7.0%, as more Ontarians were searching for work. The unemployment rate in Ontario has increased 1.9 percentage points from its recent low of 5.1% in April 2023. Employment rose by 3,000 in New Brunswick (+0.8 per cent) as well as by 2,600 in Newfoundland and Labrador (+1.1 per cent), meanwhile employment in Quebec declined by 18,000 (-0.4 per cent) in June, following little change in May.
- 6.3 There were declines in the number of people working in transportation and warehousing (-12,000; -1.1 per cent) as well as in public administration (-8,800; -0.7 per cent) in June. At the same time, there were more people employed in accommodation and food services (+17,000; +1.5 per cent) and in agriculture (+12,000; +5.5 per cent).
- 6.4 For men aged 25 to 54, employment was little changed (-14,000; -0.2%) in June, and the employment rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 86.6%. This extended a downward trend in the employment rate from a recent high of 88.2% in June 2023. The rate in June 2024 was comparable to the pre-pandemic average of 86.5% observed from 2017 to 2019. For women aged 25 to 54, employment rose in June 2024 (+19,000; +0.3%) and the employment rate held steady at 80.6%. The employment rate of women aged 25 to 54 has trended down from the record high of 82.0% in January and March of 2023, but remained above the pre-pandemic average observed from 2017 to 2019 (79.3%).

- 6.5 Average hourly wages among employees increased 5.4% in June on a year-over-year basis, following growth of 5.1% in May. Wage growth remained relatively widespread across the wage distribution. Total hours worked were down 0.4% in June, however, on a year-over-year basis, total hours worked were up 1.1%.
- 6.6 In June 2024, the proportion of employees who usually worked most of their hours from home was 15.1%, down from 21.5% in June 2022. This decrease was driven by a decline in the proportion of employees who usually worked mostly from home and whose office or work site was in the same city or nearby, down 6.4 percentage points to 11.4 per cent from June 2022 to June 2024.

7. Housing Trends

- 7.1 On July 4, 2024, the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) reported that Greater Toronto Area (GTA) home sales were lower compared to the same month last year as many buyers kept their home purchase decisions on hold. TRREB President, Jennifer Pearce noted, “The Bank of Canada’s rate cut last month provided some initial relief for homeowners and home buyers. However, the June sales result suggests that most home buyers will require multiple rate cuts before they move off the sidelines. This follows Ipsos polling for TRREB, which suggested that cumulative rate cuts of 100 basis points or more are required to boost home sales by any significant amount.” (TRREB, page 1).
- 7.2 Higher supply and lowered demand also resulted in downward pressure on the resale price. Between June 2023 and June 2024, GTA home sales are down 16.4 per cent, offsetting a 12.3 per cent rise in new listings, and resulting in a 1.6 per cent decrease in existing home resale prices. According to TRREB, the average home price in the GTA decreased from \$1,181,002 in June 2023 to \$1,162,167 in June 2024. New listings increased from 15,995 to 17,964 over the same period, while sales fell by 1,216 transactions.

**Table 1 - Toronto Regional Real Estate Board:
Summary of Select Existing Home Transactions
(All Home Types – Average Price in Canadian \$)**

	Year-over-Year		Monthly Changes			
	23-Jun	24-Jun	Mar-24	Apr-24	24-May	24-Jun
Durham	999,787	956,428	936,166	943,840	954,942	956,428
York	1,391,215	1,385,139	1,334,655	1,326,533	1,340,032	1,385,139
Peel	1,145,515	1,077,628	1,062,171	1,106,045	1,071,480	1,077,628
Halton	1,294,251	1,252,642	1,244,298	1,297,545	1,271,115	1,252,642
Toronto	1,152,424	1,173,781	1,087,017	1,152,200	1,193,202	1,173,781

- 7.3 Table 1 provides GTA municipalities’ year-over-year price changes for resale homes. Prices in June 2024 decreased in 4 of the 5 GTA Regions, with Toronto being the exception having experienced slight price appreciation. The largest decreases occurred in Peel (-5.9 per cent) and Durham (-4.3 per cent). After Durham Region’s housing resale pricing peaked at \$1,175,010 in June of 2022, Durham’s May 2024 average price is 19 per cent lower than this peak, despite increasing March to June 2024.

7.4 According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), in the Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), new housing starts from January 1 to May 31, 2024, increased by four compared to January 1 to May 31, 2023 (812 starts compared to 808). While the overall total is consistent, there has been a shift in the area and composition of starts across the CMA, which includes Whitby, Oshawa, and Clarington. The Town of Whitby led housing starts in 2023 over this period with 556 starts (of which 338 were apartment dwellings). For 2024 however, the City of Oshawa and Municipality of Clarington have led starts to May 31st, with Clarington adding 376 starts (339 apartment) and Oshawa adding 292 starts (291 being single, semi-detached or row housing).

8. Canadian Household Debt

8.1 The Canadian household debt servicing ratio (the ratio of debt payments to disposable incomes) edged down to 14.9 per cent in 2024 Q1 from the 15.0 per cent in 2023 Q4.

8.2 Total household debt payments grew by 7.8 per cent year-over-year – led by an 8.4 per cent surge in mortgage payments driven by higher interest costs. Growth in non-mortgage payments also rose sharply (+7.0 per cent). But household disposable income including interest payments also increased significantly—expanding by 8 per cent year-over-year to (slightly) outpace the growth in total debt payments.

8.3 Canadian households' debt to disposable income ratio lowered again in 2024 Q1, from 178 per cent in 2023 Q4 to 176.4 per cent, marking a fourth consecutive decline.

8.4 Household credit market debt edged up 0.9 per cent in Q1 as mortgage borrowing activity was softer in the face of continually weak affordability conditions.

8.5 Household net worth continued to expand in 2024 Q1, up by 4.6 per cent from a year ago. Recent gains in asset values were largely driven by the rally in equity markets into Q1, with S&P 500 and S&P/TSX Composite Indexes both jumping higher, by 10.2 per cent and 5.8 per cent respectively. Additionally, residential real estate values rose \$213 billion in 2024 Q1, following two quarterly declines in the second half of 2023.

8.6 Canada's household savings rate rose to 6.9 per cent in 2024 Q1, from 6.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2023, given the household disposable income grew at a faster pace than consumption.

8.7 Bottom line: Higher interest rates continue to push up household debt payments. Disposable incomes have, for now, been keeping up to hold the household debt servicing ratio essentially unchanged over the last year. But household debt payments will continue to rise even with the pivot from the BoC to cut interest rates last month as the impact of previous rate hikes feed into household debt payments with a lag. And a softer labour market means income growth won't be sustained at its recent pace. The combination of rising debt payments and softer

labour markets are expected to push the household debt service ratio higher over the second half of this year and will keep a cap on consumer spending growth even as interest rates edge lower.

9. Ontario Economic and Fiscal Outlook

- 9.1 According to the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (FAO), Ontario's economic growth (as measured by growth in real GDP) slowed sharply in 2023 and is projected to slow even further to 1.1 per cent in 2024, reflecting the ongoing impact of higher interest rates on household spending and the housing market, and a weaker global environment. Ontario's economic growth is projected to improve over the 2025 to 2028 period as lower interest rates bolster household spending and residential investment.
- 9.2 Following a budget deficit of \$5.9 billion in 2022-23, the FAO projects that Ontario's budget deficit will temporarily improve to \$0.9 billion in 2023-24, smaller than the government's projection of a \$3.0 billion deficit in the 2024 Ontario Budget. The FAO expects the budget deficit will widen to \$6.4 billion in 2024-25 and improve gradually over the outlook, reaching a surplus of \$1.8 billion in 2028-29, two years later than the government's plan for a budget surplus.
- 9.3 The FAO projects revenue growth will average 3.8 per cent per year from 2022-23 to 2028-29, slower than the 7.3 per cent average annual growth recorded during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAO projects \$1.0 billion less revenue in 2023-24 compared to the government's revenue projection and \$3.9 billion lower by 2026-27, mainly reflecting the FAO's less optimistic outlook for corporate tax revenue.
- 9.4 The FAO projects spending growth will average 3.1 per cent per year from 2022-23 to 2027-28, slower than the 5.6 per cent average annual growth over the previous five years. The FAO's spending outlook does not include the estimated cost of some recently announced spending measures, including the Building Ontario Fund; the upload to the Province of the Gardiner Expressway, Don Valley Parkway and Ottawa Road 174; provincial support to Honda to build new electric vehicle and battery plants; and the refurbishment of the Ontario Legislative building.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 10.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- **Economic Prosperity:** To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation, and partnership.

11. Conclusions

The economy is slowing and anticipated to bring the inflation rate, as measured by CPI, closer to the two per cent BoC target later in 2024. The Bank lowered its key policy interest rate to align with this softening economic backdrop, and economists will be monitoring key data coming out of Statistics Canada to predict the timing of future reduction in rates lowering of rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

Interoffice Memorandum



Date: July 12, 2024
To: Members of Regional Council
From: Barb Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Subject: 2022 - 2026 Meeting Schedule - Update

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Barb Goodwin
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CMMIII
Commissioner of
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At its meeting held on June 26, 2024, Regional Council approved recommendations contained in [Report #2024-A-10](#) to make changes to the 2022 to 2026 Regional Council and Committee Meeting Schedule to incorporate Special Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings for budget deliberation purposes.

As a result, the Budget Guideline for 2025 will be considered in September 2024 and the Guideline for 2026 will be considered in June 2025. Please note that full-day meetings have been scheduled for these dates.

Also, two full days have been scheduled in December of 2024 and December of 2025 respectively for consideration of the 2025 and 2026 Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Business Plans and Budgets and the associated Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer User Rates, as well as the Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budget and the Annual Property Tax Study . The second meeting day will be cancelled if budget deliberations are completed during the first day*.

In summary, the following Special COW meeting dates have been added:

- September 12, 2024 (2025 Budget Guideline)
- December 12, 2024 (2025 Budget Approval Day 1)
- December 13, 2024 (2025 Budget Approval Day 2)*
- June 12, 2025 (2026 Budget Guideline)
- December 11, 2025 (2026 Budget Approval Day 1)

If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact Leni.Jaklin@durham.ca or call 1-800-372-1102 extension 2126.

- December 12, 2025 (2026 Budget Approval Day 2)*

An updated meeting calendar is attached for your reference.

Original signed by

Barb Goodwin, MPA,
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Regular Regional Council and Committee Meeting Schedule **(Revised)**

September 2024 to November 2026

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 2 – 6, 2024	Labour Day	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	
September 9 – 13, 2024	-	F&A	COW	Special COW	-
September 16 – 20, 2024	-	-	-	-	-
September 23 – 27, 2024	-	-	Council	-	-
September 30 – October 4, 2024	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
October 7 – 11, 2024	-	F&A	COW	-	-
October 14 – 18, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	-	-	-	-
October 21 – 25, 2024	-	-	Council	-	-
October 28 – November 1, 2024	-	-	-	-	-
November 4 – 8, 2024	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
November 11 – 15, 2024	Remembrance Day	F&A	COW	-	-
November 18 – 22, 2024	-	-	-	-	-
November 25 – 29, 2024	-	-	Council	-	-
December 2 – 6, 2024	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
December 9 – 13, 2024	-	F&A	COW	Special COW	Special COW*
December 16 – 20, 2024	-	-	Council	-	-
December 23 – 27, 2024	-	-	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	-
December 30 – January 3, 2025	-	-	New Year's Day	-	-
2025	-	-	-	-	-
January 6 – 10, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
January 13 – 17, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
January 20 – 24, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
January 27 – 31, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
February 3 – 7, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
February 10 – 14, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
February 17 – 21, 2025	Family Day	-	-	-	-

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 24 – 28, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
March 3 – 7, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
March 10 – 14, 2025	March Break Week	-	-	-	-
March 17 – 21, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
March 24 – 28, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
March 31 – April 4, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
April 7 – 11, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
April 14 – 18, 2025	-	-	-	-	Good Friday
April 21 – 25, 2025	Easter Monday	-	Council	-	-
April 28 – May 2, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
May 5 – 9, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
May 12 – 16, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
May 19 – 23, 2025	Victoria Day	-	-	-	-
May 26 – 30, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
June 2 – 6, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
June 9 – 13, 2025	-	F&A	COW	Special COW	-
June 16 – 20, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
June 23 – 27, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
June 30 – July 4, 2025	-	Canada Day	-	-	-
July 7 – 11, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
July 14 – 18, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
July 21 – 25, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
July 28 – August 1, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
August 4 – 8, 2025	Civic Holiday	-	-	-	-
August 11 – 15, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
August 18 – 22, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
August 25 – 29, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
September 1 – 5, 2025	Labour Day	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 8 – 12, 2025	-	F&A	COW	-	-
September 15 – 19, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
September 22 – 26, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
September 29 – October 3, 2025	-	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	-	-	-
October 6 – 10, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
October 13 – 17, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	F&A	COW	-	-
October 20 – 24, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
October 27 – 31, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
November 3 – 7, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
November 10 – 14, 2025	-	Remembrance Day	F&A COW	-	-
November 17 – 21, 2025	-	-	-	-	-
November 24 – 28, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
December 1 – 5, 2025	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
December 8 – 12, 2025	-	F&A	COW	Special COW	Special COW*
December 15 – 19, 2025	-	-	Council	-	-
December 22 – 26, 2025	-	-	Offices Closed at 12:00 PM	Christmas Day	Boxing Day
December 29 – January 2, 2026	-	-	Offices Closed at 12:00 PM	New Year's Day	-
2026					
January 5 – 9, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
January 12 – 16, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
January 19 – 23, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
January 26 – 30, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
February 2 – 6, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
February 9 – 13, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
February 16 – 20, 2026	Family Day	-	-	-	-

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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March 2 – 6, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
March 9 – 13, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
March 16 – 20, 2026	March Break Week	-	-	-	-
March 23 – 27, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
March 30 – April 3, 2026	-	-	-	-	Good Friday
April 6 – 10, 2026	Easter Monday	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
April 13 – 17, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
April 20 – 24, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
April 27 – May 1, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
May 4 – 8, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
May 11 – 15, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
May 18 – 22, 2026	Victoria Day	-	-	-	-
May 25 – 29, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
June 1 – 5, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
June 8 – 12, 2026	-	F&A	COW	-	-
June 15 – 19, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
June 22 – 26, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
June 29 – July 3, 2026	-	-	Canada Day	-	-
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September 21 – 25, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
September 28 – October 2, 2026	-	-	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Council	-
October 5 – 9, 2026	-	P&ED	Works TEC	H&SS	-
October 12 – 16, 2026	Thanksgiving Day	F&A	COW	-	-
October 19 – 23, 2026	-	-	Council	-	-
October 26 – 30, 2026	Municipal Elections	-	-	-	-
November 2 – 6, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
November 9 – 13, 2026	-	-	Remembrance Day	-	-
November 16 – 20, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
November 23 – 27, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
November 30 – December 4, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
December 7 – 11, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
December 14 – 18, 2026	-	-	-	-	-
December 21 – 25, 2026	-	-	-	Office es Closed at 12:00 PM	Christmas Day
December 28 – January 1, 2027	Boxing Day Observed	-	-	Office es Closed at 12:00 PM	New Year's Day

***Please Note: The December 13, 2024 and December 12, 2025 Special COW meetings will be cancelled if budget deliberations are completed on the previous day (December 12, 2024 and December 11, 2025)**



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 12, 2024
To: Health & Social Services Committee
From: Dr. Robert Kyle
Subject: Health Information Update – July 5, 2024

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
July 5, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/4e5ubrh3

- Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (Jun 24)

tinyurl.com/2dynnrka

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/2s7pjnr

- Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus in Durham Region (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/ymzupv97

- Keeping you safe this summer (Jul 4)

tinyurl.com/58ves8ey

- Durham Region Health Department weekly beach report (Jul 5)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2u9jzx9t

- Government of Canada invests in mental health and crisis services for children and young people of Canada (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/2t3rumap

- National Seniors Council Report Recommends How Federal Government Can Further Support Canadians Aging at Home (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/3fmy5ftz

- More health care professionals and more communities to benefit from Canada student loan forgiveness (Jun 28)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/3bsj5akj

- Taking action to address health product shortages (Jun 25)

tinyurl.com/ymrrjxfa

- Adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and children under 18 are now eligible to apply to the Canadian Dental Care Plan (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/y747hmpx

- Health Canada Calls for Proposals to Create an Integrated Youth Services Collaboration Centre (Jul 4)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/yc2fvr8e

- New Request for Proposals and Tools to Deploy Thousands More EV Chargers Across Canada (Jul 2)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/33pxh6ej

- Prime Minister announces reappointment of Dr. Mona Nemer as Canada's Chief Science Advisor (Jul 4)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/rb5xewkw

- Helping communities prevent and reduce substance use-related harms among youth (Jun 26)

tinyurl.com/23daw72m

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day (Jun 27)

htinyurl.com/yc8tc2c6

- Government of Canada supports development of mental health resources to help communities plan for and respond to emergencies (Jun 27)

tinyurl.com/2rue7v3b

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisoning – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Jun 28)

tinyurl.com/32cta94z

- Statement from the Minister of Mental health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Jun 28)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/4kaaxw5r

- Ontario Consulting on Expanding Role of Nurse Practitioners (Jun 27)

Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

tinyurl.com/6frn26vv

- Ontario Expanding Pathways for Newcomers Working in Health Care (Jul 4)

Ministry of Transportation

tinyurl.com/y9ez8cfc

- Ontario Making Electric Vehicle Chargers More Accessible (Jul 3)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/jz3nr4kf

- Regulations and Statutes in Force as of July 1, 2024 (Jun 28)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

tinyurl.com/2hzmdahx

- Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective (Jul 2)

tinyurl.com/mryfte8p

- The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective (Jul 2)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/36jy8rf3

- Pierre Tremblay appointed as President of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (Jun 26)

Federation of Medical Women of Canada

tinyurl.com/4zf9mujs

- Maternal RSV Task Force Emphasizes the Immediate Opportunity to Protect All Infants in Canada from RSV Disease (Jul 2)

Ombudsman Ontario

tinyurl.com/bp7euk6m

- Ombudsman handles near-record number of cases, focuses on rights (Jun 26)

World Health Organization


tinyurl.com/5wn6upck

- Nearly 1.8 billion adults at risk of disease from not doing enough physical activity (Jun 26)

tinyurl.com/jmnk58zh

- WHO releases first-ever clinical treatment guideline for tobacco cessation in adults (Jul 2)



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July 4, 2024

Association
of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
VIA EMAIL:
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RE: Township of Lake of Bays Resolutions regarding Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-209: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.11 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

TG/v
Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith
Association of Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario
All Area Municipalities



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July 4, 2024

RE: 6.13 Township of Alnwick Haldimand resolution regarding MFIPPA Modernization

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-210:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

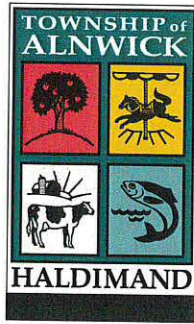
CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



May 13, 2024

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and
Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
AMCTO Advocacy Team
(advocacy@amcto.com)

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: MFIPPA Modernization

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Special Council Meeting on January 25th, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RES:20240125-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Greg Booth;

"Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years; and

Whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving; and

Whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government; and

Whereas MFFIPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public; and

Whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated; increases trust in public institutions through strengthening

accountability, transparency and responsiveness; and addresses the needs of the digital era; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act";

Be it resolved that the Ministry of Public Business and Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to AMCTO's Advocacy Team, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

We respectfully submit the resolution supporting the review and reform of MFIPPA.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
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ymelburn@ahtwp.ca

Cc: Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
All Ontario Municipalities



SMITHS FALLS
RISE AT THE FALLS

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July 4, 2024

Jennifer Tracey, Senior Director
Strategic Communications & Guest Experience

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 17th, 2024 Council meeting:

Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with nonnative (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection’s campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, local M.P.P., AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 210

Date: June 20 2024

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

WHEREAS Ontario’s small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario’s large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby support Township of Pelee’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma; and finally

THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound- Muskoka; MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED


DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

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July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh hereby support the Township of Pelee and Georgian Bay’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

And that small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;


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Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,


Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb
Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
2. Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
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Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (roma@roma.on.ca)



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Township Of Pelee

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May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 77

Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

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AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 13 May 2024

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024

C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

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WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh supports the County of Renfrew and the Township of Pelee's resolution to:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

And that a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable K inga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,

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Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb

Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities, Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
2. County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
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THE CORPORATION OF THE
Township Of Pelee

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May 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 78

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives;



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and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee support the County of Renfrew's resolution to:



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Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

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Office of the
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

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If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
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AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



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July 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	July 09, 2024 8:34 am
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Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens
Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,



Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

CC. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
Ontario Municipalities



East Ferris

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Corporate Services Department
Legislative Services Division

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
July 9th, 2024

2024-153

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

Date & Time Received:	July 10, 2024 2:03 pm
Original To:	CIP
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Notes/Comments:	

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Anthony Rota and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-153 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 9th day of July, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

T: 705-752-2740

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25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON. P0H 1K0



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
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At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,


J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



CTC Source Protection Region

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July 3, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs
The Honourable Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

(Sent Via e-mail)

Re: Recommended Discontinuation of Private Well Testing Program and Closure of Public Health Laboratories

Dear Minister Thompson and Minister Flack,

The Credit Valley – Toronto and Region – Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee (CTCSPC) recently received a letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee, concerning the recommended elimination of free well water testing by Public Health Ontario.

The 2023 Auditor General Report "Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario" dated December 2023, provides a recommendation (under Section 4.2.1) that Public Health Ontario, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, update and implement a plan to streamline public health laboratory operations. Public Health Ontario has recommended the gradual discontinuation of private drinking water testing as part of its January 2023 laboratory modernization plan.

The CTCSPC is concerned about how the proposed changes in well water testing access could affect residents in the CTC Source Protection Region and across Ontario. There are over 100,000 residents in our region and 1.6 million Ontarians (Ontario Auditor General, 2014) who rely on private wells for their drinking water. These private drinking water supplies lack the legislative protection afforded to municipal drinking water supplies through the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

In consideration of these concerns, at its March 20, 2024 meeting, the CTCSPC requested that a letter supporting Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee’s February 26, 2024 letter be sent to you. Please allow this letter to serve as notice the CTCSPC supports and shares the concerns raised by the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee as outlined in their attached correspondence.

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to in-person meetings at Caledon Municipal Office or Region of Peel as needed.
Payment is by honorarium per meeting. Please email Gayle Burse and me at the end of each month, listing the meetings attended and any additional hours worked with an explanation for my approval.

I look forward to working with you on this important milestone for the Town of Caledon.

Sincerely,



Nathan Hyde

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Town of Ajax, Township of Amaranth, Town of Aurora, City of Brampton, Municipality of Clarington, Dufferin County, Town of Caledon, Durham Region, Township of East Garafraxa, Town of Erin, Region of Halton, Town of Halton Hills, Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Milton, City of Mississauga, Town of Mono, Town of Oakville, Town of Orangeville, City of Oshawa, Region of Peel, City of Pickering, City of Richmond Hill, Township of Scugog, Simcoe County, City of Toronto, Township of Uxbridge, City of Vaughan, Wellington County, Town of Whitby, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Region of York, Durham Region Health Department, Halton Public Health Unit, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, York Region Public Health

Attachments (1)

Attachment 1: Letter from Chair of Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee to Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (dated February 26, 2024)

February 26th, 2023

Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Via e-mail: lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Minister Thompson,

In the 2023 Auditor General's Value-for-Money Audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) released in December 2023, recommendation number 5 states that PHO, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MOH), are to update and implement a laboratory modernization plan within 12 months to streamline the laboratory's operations.

https://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf

This stemmed from a 2017 proposal by PHO, collaboratively with the MOH at the request of the Deputy Minister to close six of the 11 public health laboratory sites (Hamilton, Kingston, Orillia, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins) and gradually discontinue private drinking water testing. The justification:

- Mitigating rising costs of maintaining facilities
- Establishing a more efficient operating model that reduces the rerouting of samples to other PHO laboratory sites

About 50% of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Region population is serviced by private wells. The proposed removal of PHO's free private drinking water testing is of concern to our Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Committee, particularly when Source Protection Regions have been directed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Source Protection Branch, to deliver education and outreach to private well owners under the new Best Practices initiative.

In our region, we have been working with service and community organizations such as the Lions, Optimists and Lakeshore Residents Associations to co-host very successful Best Practices 'Water Wise' events that encourage private well owners to sample their drinking water using the free microbial testing provided by the province. By distributing water sample bottles ahead of the event and delivering the samples to Huron Perth Public Health for lab analysis, most of

the barriers to water sampling are removed. At these events 25% to 50% of a communities well water will be sampled in one day or night.

Well owners understand the importance of testing their well water; it is the inconvenience of doing so that is the barrier. One of the goals of the 'Water Wise' events is to encourage well owners to get in the habit of testing their water regularly as part of Best Practices for protecting their drinking water. The hope is that the community groups and service clubs that Source Protection staff work with will make Water Wise water sampling events part of their regular activities.

Private drinking water systems in Ontario do not have the legislated safeguards that are required for municipal/communal/public systems under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*. Only municipal water supply systems fall under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Source Water Protection program. Health Canada's guidance on waterborne pathogens references three studies that determine that private systems are vulnerable and there is evidence that demonstrates they are more likely to contribute to gastrointestinal illness than public drinking water systems.

If the free water testing phase out recommendation is approved, well owners would have to use a commercial lab for a fee, which disincentivizes testing. When water is not monitored regularly, there is no way to know the true quality of the water, which puts people at increased risk of becoming ill. With private systems being stand-alone systems, any associated illnesses are isolated sporadic events and do not come to public attention like those seen during the Walkerton outbreak.

The private drinking water test data maintained by PHO has been used by researchers to publish evidence that helps support public health policy. Source Protection Committees can access data associated with their area, as was presented at our March 2023 meeting. The data can be used to inform well owners of regional water quality concerns and associated health risks. If PHO stops testing, this data and affiliated research will no longer be available.

In the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part 2, Justice O'Connor concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples connected directly to the *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in Walkerton Ontario in May 2000. Twenty-four years later, there is a proposal to privatize water testing once again.

At the January 31st meeting of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee the following resolution was unanimously approved:

MOTION #SPC: 2024-02-04

Moved by Philip Keightley

Seconded by Mary Ellen Foran

“THAT the Source Protection Committee direct a letter to Minister Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario, and

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

Carried.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



Matthew Pearson

Chair

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee

Cc Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipalities of Adelaide Metcalfe, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Bluewater, Central Huron, Goderich, Howick, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Mapleton, Middlesex Centre, Minto, Morris-Turnberry, North Middlesex, North Perth, Perth South, South Bruce, South Huron, Warwick, West Perth, Wellington North
Townships of Huron-Kinloss and North Huron

Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

Source Protection Regions: Cataraqui; Central Lake Ontario, Toronto, Credit Valley; Essex; Hamilton Halton; Grey Sauble, Saugeen, Northern Bruce Peninsula; Lake Erie; Lakehead; Mattagami; Mississippi-Rideau; Niagara; North Bay; Quinte; Raisin South Nation; Sault Ste. Marie; South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe; Sudbury; Thames -Sydenham and Region; Trent Conservation Coalition

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July 8, 2024

Angela Coleman, General Manager
 Conservation Ontario
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Sent via email:
acoleman@conservationontario.ca

RE: PROPOSED 2025 – 2026 TRCA MEETING SCHEDULE

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed the [Proposed 2025-2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule](#) at its meeting on June 21, 2024, adopting Resolution A#106/24 as follows:

THAT the Proposed 2025 - 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT any subsequent amendments to the approved March 2025 – February 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule be done in consultation between the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair and/or Vice-Chair;

AND FURTHER THAT the schedule be distributed to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, municipalities within TRCA’s jurisdiction, and Conservation Ontario.

A copy of the report on the Proposed 2025 - 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Joanne Hyde, Clerk and Manager, Policy at joanne.hyde@trca.ca or (437) 880-2328.

Sincerely,



Joanne Hyde
 Clerk and Manager, Policy

Encl. Report on the Proposed 2025 – 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule
 Attachment 1: Proposed TRCA 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

cc. John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA
Kathryn Lockyer, Director, Legislative and Property Services, TRCA, kathryn.lockyer@trca.ca
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Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, minister.mnrf@ontario.ca
City of Toronto, clerk@toronto.ca
Regional Municipality of Durham, clerks@durham.ca
Town of Ajax, clerks@ajax.ca
City of Pickering, clerks@pickering.ca
Township of Uxbridge, cleroux@town.uxbridge.on.ca
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City of Brampton, cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca
City of Mississauga, city.clerk@mississauga.ca
Town of Caledon, legislative.services@caledon.ca
Regional Municipality of York, regionalclerk@york.ca
City of Markham, customerservice@markham.ca
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City of Vaughan, clerks@vaughan.ca
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Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Clerk@adjtos.ca
Town of Mono, ClerksOffice@townofmono.com

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday June 21, 2024 Meeting

FROM: John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

RE: PROPOSED 2025 – 2026 TRCA MEETING SCHEDULE

KEY ISSUE

Approval of the proposed March 2025 – February 2026 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the proposed 2025 - 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT any subsequent amendments to the approved March 2025 – February 2026 TRCA Meeting Schedule be done in consultation between the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair and/or Vice-Chair;

AND FURTHER THAT the schedule be distributed to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, municipalities within TRCA’s jurisdiction, and Conservation Ontario.

BACKGROUND

Section C.2 of TRCA's Board of Directors Administrative By-Law ("By-Law") requires that TRCA’s Board of Directors approve an annual schedule for regular meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

RATIONALE

The proposed March 2025 – February 2026 meeting schedule is provided to TRCA’s municipal partners, through their Clerks Office, well in advance of municipalities developing their own Council and Committee meeting schedules. The proposed meeting schedule takes into consideration the following:

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- Avoid conflicts, as much as possible, with municipal council, board, and committee meeting dates, which usually fall on days other than Friday;
- Avoid Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference (May 28th to June 1st);
- Avoid statutory holidays and March Break;
- Provide enough notice to all municipal clerks offices as an attempt to avoid Fridays for other meetings; and
- Allow for summer and winter hiatus to better accommodate planned summer vacations and the December holiday season, in accordance with TRCA's Board of Directors and Executive Committee Terms of Reference, and in line with the practice in many municipalities.

Should any conflicts with municipal meeting dates arise following the release of meeting calendars for municipalities within TRCA's jurisdiction, the Clerk's Office will revise the 2025-2026 meeting schedule.

Annual Meetings

At the Annual Meeting held on January 25, 2002, Resolution #A6/02 was approved in part as follows:

THAT the dates of future Annual Meetings be changed to accommodate the budget meeting schedule for our member municipalities, such that the Annual Meeting held following a municipal election be in January while the Annual Meetings in the interim two years between elections be moved to February.

In accordance with RES.#A6/02, the 2025 Annual Meeting for TRCA's Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for Friday January 24, 2025, and Friday February 26, 2026, with the 2025 Annual Meeting having been previously approved by RES.#A182/23 on November 17, 2023.

Regional Board Meetings, which are not mandatory, have been scheduled for the following dates:

Meeting #1/25:

- Region of Peel, Township of Adjala/Torosontio and Town of Mono: Monday March 31, 2025 (9AM - 10:00AM)
- Region of Durham: Monday March 31, 2025 (10:30AM - 11:30AM)
- Region of York: Monday March 31, 2025 (1:30PM - 2:30PM)

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- City of Toronto: Monday March 31, 2025 (3PM – 4PM)

Meeting #2/25:

- Region of Peel, Township of Adjala/Torosontio and Town of Mono: Monday October 27, 2025 (9AM - 10:00AM)
- Region of Durham: Monday October 27, 2025 (10:30AM - 11:30AM)
- Region of York: Monday October 27, 2025 (1:30PM - 2:30PM)
- City of Toronto: Monday October 27, 2025 (3PM – 4PM)

Delegated Authority for Summer and Winter Hiatus

During periods of hiatus, the Administrative By-Law provides for delegated authority for the continuity of business.

Hybrid Meetings and Participation by Electronic Means

Due to voting considerations, TRCA is scheduled to have the Annual General Meeting in January 2025 as a mandatory in-person meeting with hybrid regular meetings to follow subject to Board direction.

For members who participate in-person, meetings will be held at TRCA's Head Office. All meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. Board members are required to schedule to be in attendance at all meetings, from the start of the meeting until at least 1:30 p.m., in order to ensure quorum is maintained and continuity of TRCA operations is preserved.

Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

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

Pillar 4 Service Excellence:

4.4 Transparent decision making and accountable results

FINANCIAL DETAILS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Once the schedule is approved, a copy will be circulated to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, municipalities within TRCA's jurisdiction, and Conservation Ontario

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Report prepared by: Joanne Hyde, Clerk and Manager, Policy

Email: joanne.hyde@trca.ca

For Information contact: Joanne Hyde, (437) 880-2328

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Date: April 21, 2024

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Attachment 1: Proposed 2025-2026 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Schedule of Meetings

**ATTACHMENT 1: PROPOSED TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY 2025 - 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 25						
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May 25						
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***Annual General Meeting (AGM)
(mandatory in-person)**

BoD = Board of Directors
EXEC = Executive Committee

Statutory Holiday Festive Closure March Break Regional Board Meeting

9AM-10AM PEEL
 10:30AM-11:30AM DURHAM
 1:30PM-2:30PM YORK
 3:00PM - 4:00PM TORONTO

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:10 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair attended the meeting at 7:30 PM
G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair left the meeting at 8:09 PM
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student attended the meeting at 7:14 PM
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
M. Nasir, Ajax
L. Nguyen, Youth Member
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa
B. Widner, Whitby

***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: B. Basztyk, Brock
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
Councillor Shahid

Staff

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

In the absence of J. Cuthbertson, Chair, G. Carpentier, First Vice-Chair assumed the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by B. Widner,
That the agenda for the June 20, 2024, Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Widner, Seconded by D. Stathopolous,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. **Presentations**

A) Leveling the Playing Field for Energy Choices in Ontario, Gaby Kalapos, Clean Air Partnership

Gaby Kalapos, Clean Air Partnership, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding examples of fossil fuel subsidies and municipal opportunities to address fossil fuel subsidies.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Municipalities and Climate Change
- Energy Decision Matrix
 - Examples of Energy Decision Matrix Use
- The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Fossil Fuel Situation
- The OEB Enbridge Fossil Fuel Consequences
- The Need to Move a Big Ship – Ontario’s Energy System Offerings
- Show Me the Money
- Municipalities with Resolutions to Support OEB Decision to Lower Energy Bills
- Ontario Energy Board – Fossil Fuel Subsidy
 - Mechanical System Costs (ex. low rise)
- Options for Municipalities to Level the Playing Field
- Franchise Agreements in Canada
- Model Franchise Agreement Amendment Request
- Pipeline Taxes
- Costs of Pipelines in the Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Licensing Fees
- Mitigating Impact on Fossil Fuel Ratepayers
- Model Franchise Agreement Review Primer
 - Link
 - Sample Resolution
- Questions and Discussions

G. Kalapos responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether allowing municipalities to charge utility companies for access to right-of-ways (ROWS) or property taxes would increase the cost to consumers as the utility

companies are not paying the fees or property taxes themselves; and the municipal opportunities to address fossil fuel subsidies.

6. Items for Discussion

A) Regional Official Plan Update (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that Regional Council adopted the Regional Official Plan (OP) in May of 2023, and since that point all required documents were submitted to the province. She advised that the Region received a draft decision on May 6, 2024, from the province with 77 modifications to the OP that included many updates that staff had requested but also some major modifications that the province added to the OP. She further advised that the Region's preliminary response will be considered by Regional Council on June 26, 2024, which will also be shared with the Committee.

B) Spring Pollinator Project Update (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that all 8 compost giveaway days have been completed for the year and that they were very well received. She noted that one piece of feedback she received was that many residents weren't aware of the events due to paper media not being utilized.

A. Luqman advised that due to a lack of participation from the committee at the actual compost giveaway events, the Spring pollinator project may not be able to happen next year as these events need to be led by Committee members and not by Regional staff.

Discussion ensued regarding what would happen with the remaining seeds that were not given out.

C) Fall Durham Climate Forum Update (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that the Fall Durham Climate Forum will run in partnership with the Region's Sustainability Office and the Brilliant Energy Institute at Ontario Tech University. She advised that it will be a two-part event, one weekday event geared towards professionals, and one weekend event that will be geared towards families and will have activities for children.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Committee can be involved in the forum and the following ideas were raised:

- Leading a tree or native plant planting activity;
- Handing out pollinator seeds;
- Giving away seedlings to the first 50 visitors;
- Having a booth set up to give away items and provide general education on the DECAC;

- Hosting an art from garbage activity/competition where students would create an art piece from garbage/recycled materials; and
- Hosting a photography component (competition or exhibit) of climate focused photography (storm pictures, sunsets etc.).

Moved by M. Nasir, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That a Durham Climate Forum Subcommittee be formed, and that M. Nasir, P. Cohen, J. Cuthbertson, and K. Murray be appointed to the subcommittee.

CARRIED

At this time, J. Cuthbertson, Chair, attended the meeting and assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

7. For Information

A) Energy efficiency updates to Ontario Building Code – Bill 199, EV-Ready Homes Act (Electric Vehicle Charging), 2024

A copy of the energy efficiency updates to the Ontario Building Code – Bill 199, EV-Ready Homes Act (Electric Vehicle Charging) was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the energy efficiency updates to the Ontario Building Code – Bill 199 and whether the updates would be beneficial or consequential for homeowners.

Moved by P. Cohen, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development for approval and subsequent approval by Regional Council:

Whereas to achieve GHG reduction targets in Durham Region a significant increase in the uptake of electric vehicles will be required;

Whereas to increase uptake there is an urgent need to ensure that new homes built in the Region are EV-ready with 200-amp electrical service, as well as electrical conduit, and outlet box in the garage;

Whereas the costs to make new homes EV ready are understood to be significantly less than the costs to retrofit homes;

Therefore be it resolved that the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) supports the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code outlined in Bill 199 and recommends to the Planning and Economic Development Committee that this motion be forwarded to Regional Council for their consideration and expression of support.

CARRIED

- B) Trees for Life Hero Forests Program – Campaign Information & FAQ
A copy of the Trees for Life Hero Forests Program – Campaign Information & FAQ was received.
- C) Ontario Supporting Local Actions to Protect the Great Lakes – News Release
A copy of the Ontario Supporting Local Actions to Protect the Great Lakes – News Release was received.
- D) Commissioner’s Report #2024-P-13: Regional comments on ERO Posting #019-8707 to amend the lands covered by Ontario Regulation 102/72 (Federal Airport Lands MZO) in the City of Pickering
A copy of Report #2024-P-13 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.
- E) Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan – Council Resolution
A copy of the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan – Council Resolution was received.
- F) Information Report #2024-INFO-34: Water and Wastewater Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management Strategy Overview
A copy of Report #2024-INFO-34 of the Commissioner of Works was received.
- G) Information Report #2024-INFO-35: York Region Sewage Works Project Progress Update
A copy of Report #2024-INFO-35 of the Commissioner of Works was received.
- H) Information Report #2024-INFO-37: Quarterly Report - Commissioner’s Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the first Quarter of 2024
A copy of Report #2024-INFO-37 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.
- I) City of Pickering Official Plan Review – Council Resolution
A copy of the City of Pickering Official Plan Review – Council Resolution was received.

J) Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting

A copy of the May 14, 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by B. Widner, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That Information Items 7. A) to 7. J) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

There was no other business considered.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

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

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk