



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2024-INFO-51  
Date: August 30, 2024

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**Subject:**

New Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On August 20, 2024, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) issued the new Provincial Planning Statement (new PPS), which takes effect on October 20, 2024 (Attachment #1). Release of the new PPS is the culmination of a review of the former Provincial Policy Statement that began in April 2023. This report provides an overview of key policy changes found within the new PPS.
- 1.2 In addition to issuing the new PPS, the province has requested feedback on specific planning matters in process that should be addressed through a transition regulation under the Planning Act ([ERO 019-9065](#)). The Region's new Official Plan (Envision Durham) was adopted by Council on May 17, 2023, and is based on the directions provided under the former Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan, not the new PPS. The province has yet to approve Envision Durham. However, Regional staff have provided comments on the Minister's Draft Decision and have also met with MMAH staff to help support the Minister's approval of Envision Durham.

1.3 If Envision Durham does not receive Ministerial approval prior to the new PPS coming into effect, it will not be in conformity with in-effect provincial plans and policies. Regional staff have communicated to provincial staff the need to approve Envision Durham before the new PPS comes into effect, as well as the importance of approval prior to the proclamation of Bill 23 for the Region. The proclamation date for Durham is not known at this time but is anticipated before the end of the year. Once Bill 23 has been proclaimed, the Regional Official Plan will become the official plan for the lower-tier municipalities; it is imperative that the area municipalities be working with Envision Durham, as a base to update their respective official plans. Regional staff will forward a copy of this report to MMAH staff as a reminder of the importance of the approval of Envision Durham prior to both the new PPS coming into effect (October 20, 2024) and Bill 23 proclamation for Durham Region.

## 2. Background

2.1 The former Provincial Policy Statement, issued under the Planning Act, is a statement of the government's policies on land use planning. It gives policy direction on issues such as:

- efficient use and management of land and infrastructure;
- provision of housing, including affordable housing;
- protection of the environment and resources, including farmland;
- economic development and job creation;
- appropriate transportation, water, sewer and other infrastructure; and
- protection of people, property and community resources from natural or human-made hazards.

2.2 On April 6, 2023, the province released a proposed new PPS intended to replace the former Provincial Policy Statement and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan). The proposed new PPS would combine the former Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan into a single document, while introducing a number of foundational policy shifts. Regional Council provided comments on this initial proposal through Report [#2023-P-19](#).

2.3 Key Regional comments on the proposed new PPS included requests that the province:

- provide direction on developing population and employment forecasts, based on a common timeframe and methodology;

- maintain requirements for settlement area boundary expansions to be considered only through a municipal comprehensive review;
  - continue to support intensification targets within municipal official plans;
  - uphold agricultural systems planning;
  - discourage residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas and limit lot creation on rural lands; and
  - reassess permissions for light industrial, manufacturing and small-scale warehousing within Strategic Growth Areas.
- 2.4 In response to feedback from the initial consultation period, the province released an updated proposed new PPS on April 10, 2024. This update included requirements to utilize Ontario Population Projections, prepared annually by the Ministry of Finance (MOF), as a base for long-term planning, additional criteria for settlement area boundary expansions, a requirement to use an agricultural systems approach, and removal of policies that would allow lot creation in prime agricultural areas. Regional Council provided comments on this updated proposed new PPS through Report [#2024-COW-18](#).
- 2.5 This report presents the final new PPS as released on August 20, 2024 (no longer open for consultation).

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 An overview of the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement was provided in Report [#2023-INFO-29](#) in April 2023.
- 3.2 Regional comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement were provided in Report [#2023-P-19](#) in June 2023.
- 3.3 Regional comments on the updated Proposed Provincial Planning Statement were provided in Report [#2024-COW-18](#) in May 2024.

### **4. New Provincial Planning Statement**

- 4.1 The new PPS generally upholds the draft policy changes that were proposed in April 2024. Minor additions/clarifications include:
- strengthening policy to require (rather than encourage) municipalities to support intensification and establish intensification targets;
  - strengthening policy to require municipalities to consider the impact of development on the long-term economic viability of employment uses;

- re-introducing the definition of significant for the purposes of cultural heritage resources and archaeology;
  - updating the definition of on-farm diversified uses to include energy generation, transmission and energy (battery) storage systems; and
  - clarifying permissions around creating additional residential units in prime agricultural areas to require that one additional unit be within or attached to the primary unit and additional residential units do not include farm worker housing.
- 4.2 With the repeal of the Growth Plan, municipalities will no longer be required to plan to specific population and employment targets. When creating a new or updating an official plan, municipalities will be required to have enough land designated to meet projected needs for at least a 20-year horizon, but not more than 30-year time horizon, as informed by MOF Population Projections.
- 4.3 The Region previously expressed concerns related to this approach because MOF projections use historical growth rates and do not account for opportunities for significant development potential in Durham, both greenfield and land available for intensification potential within strategic growth areas. As such, MOF projections have been consistently below Growth Plan forecasts and may not be sufficient to meet ambitious provincial housing targets for large and fast-growing municipalities. Furthermore, MOF projections are only published at a regional level, and they do not include employment. Despite the province amending policy to require the use of MOF projections, the need for the Region to have a key role in the forecasting and managing of growth remains the same because of our role in the provision of infrastructure, namely roads, transit, water, and wastewater.
- 4.4 The new PPS has removed the requirement for municipal comprehensive reviews, so municipalities can consider settlement area boundary expansions at any time. There is also no limitation on the ability of landowners from applying for such expansions. The Region previously requested that the province reconsider allowing requests for settlement area boundary expansions to happen outside of a municipal comprehensive review and maintain a standard methodology for the conduct of settlement area boundary expansions. Concern remains with potential invitation of speculation and ad-hoc submissions, lengthy appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), and unnecessary challenges to long term servicing and infrastructure planning.

- 4.5 Various policies within the Greenbelt Plan refer to policies of the former Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan. To account for when the former Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan are revoked, a consequential amendment to the Greenbelt Plan was made on August 15, 2024, so that the policies of the former Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan will continue to apply where the Greenbelt Plan refers to them to maintain existing protections for the Greenbelt. Specific references to the policies in the Greenbelt Plan have not been detailed in the Amendment.
- 4.6 The new PPS now explicitly includes waste management as critical infrastructure, which it did not in its draft form. This addition recognizes the necessity of integrating waste management infrastructure into land use planning and is reflective of the services the Region provides to the community.

## **5. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

- 1.1 - Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmland.
- 1.5 - Expand sustainable and active transportation.
- 2.1 - Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing.
- 2.5 - Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.
- 3.1 - Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business.
- 3.5 - Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.
- 4.1 - Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 In April 2023, the province initiated a housing-focused policy review of the former Provincial Policy Statement. The result of this review was the release of a new PPS on August 20, 2024. The new PPS comes into effect on October 20, 2024, at which time the former Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan will be revoked.
- 6.2 Regional Council has provided feedback to the province at each stage of consultations on the new PPS. While the province has responded to feedback, including not proceeding with proposed policies for lot creation within prime



agricultural areas and strengthening intensification policies and employment area land use compatibility policies; concern remains with the removal of Growth Plan population and employment forecasts and relaxed requirements for settlement area boundary expansions.

- 6.3 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the MMAH as a reminder of the importance of the approval of Envision Durham, in a form that is as close as possible to what was adopted by Durham Regional Council on May 17, 2023.
- 6.4 Regional staff will keep Committee and Council apprised of any relevant transition provisions related to the new PPS.

## **7. Attachments**

Attachment #1: [Provincial Planning Statement, 2024](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2024-INFO-52  
Date: August 30, 2024

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**Subject:**

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the second Quarter of 2024.

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority between April 1 and June 30, 2024 (Q2).

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

2.1 Reports on planning activity and how the delegated planning approval authority is used by the Commissioner is presented at the end of every quarter.

**3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments**

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial

Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP). If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

3.2 In the second quarter of 2024, the Planning Division received five area municipal official plan amendment applications. Four applications are non-exempt from Regional approval and one application is exempt from Regional approval, as follows:

- In the Municipality of Clarington, application **COPA 2024-01** proposes an amendment to permit a phased development consisting of nine high-rise mixed-use buildings ranging in heights from 30 to 40 storeys. A total of 3,938 dwelling units and 2,700m<sup>2</sup> of retail and commercial space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related subdivision application S-C-2024-01 and zoning applications ZBA 2024-02 and ZBA 2023-017. This application is non-exempt from Regional approval.
- In the Municipality of Clarington, application **COPA 2024-02** proposes an amendment to the Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) policies to allow for two additional dwelling units within a house that are fully or partially serviced by municipal services within the Urban Settlement boundaries of Courtice, Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Hamlet boundaries or Newtonville and Orono. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application ZBA 2024-04. This application is non-exempt from Regional approval.
- In the Township of Uxbridge, application **OPA 72** proposes an amendment to permit the expansion of the Aggregate Extraction Area #30 for the existing LaFarge Goodwood aggregate pit. The pit extension will be approximately 17.9 hectares with 15.4 hectares proposed for extraction. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related regional official plan amendment ROPA 2024-001 and zoning application ZBA 2024-02. This application is non-exempt from Regional approval.
- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 24-002P** proposes a multi-phased redevelopment consisting of six buildings containing 13 towers with a total of 5,239 dwelling units and 7,149m<sup>2</sup> of commercial and retail space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application A 02/24. This application is non-exempt from Regional approval.

- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A1** proposes a site-specific amendment to permit a height increase for a maximum height of 33-storeys. The amendment will facilitate the development of four mixed-use buildings, containing 1,500 dwelling units and 2,740m<sup>2</sup> commercial/office space. The buildings will also include indoor and outdoor amenity space areas, and surface and underground parking. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application Z 3/24. This application is exempt from Regional approval.

#### **4. Commissioner's Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications**

4.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the second quarter of 2024, the Planning Division received one subdivision and no condominium applications.

- In the Township of Uxbridge, application S-U-2024-01 proposes to create 236 units, comprised of 154 single detached lots, 82 townhouses over 176 Lots/Blocks. The subject site is located north of Brock Street West, with frontage on the west side of Centre Road.

#### **5. Commissioner's Approval of Part-Lot Control Exemption By-laws**

5.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the second quarter of 2024, the Planning Division received one Part-Lot Control application:

- In the Township of Scugog, application PLC-2024-05 proposes to permit the removal of part-lot control for the creation of two lots on Lot 34, facilitating the creation of two dwelling units in existing registered plan of subdivision 40M-2764. (File: S-S-2018-03)

#### **6. Region's Review of Planning Applications**

6.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the ROP, other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and responds to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and

- Select minor variance applications.

6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments on Land Division applications circulated to the Region by the area municipalities.

6.3 Attachment 1 provides a summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

## **7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan**

7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

7.2 As of June 30, 2024, there were 12 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the second quarter of 2024, no new ROPA applications were received.

## **8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)**

8.1 Four Land Division applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3B).

8.2 Four non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3A).

## **9. Reserved Street Names**

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services, primarily from a public safety standpoint, to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. The Region does not assess whether the proposed street names may, or may not be, in good taste. Street names that are viewed as not being in conflict or duplicative with existing street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the second quarter of 2024, the Region received 17 new street name requests (Refer to Attachment 4).

## **10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications**

10.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's

Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality and the applicable conservation authority. The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development also approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits (1 hectare or more in size). During the second quarter of 2024, one new Good Forestry Practice permit application was received.

## **11. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

## **12. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #3B: Land Division Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development

**Regional Review of Planning Applications –  
Summary April 1 to June 30, 2024**

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**Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments**

Received	5
Commented	4

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**Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)**

Received	8
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	5
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0

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**Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)**

Received	1
Provided Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	0

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**Non-Delegated Part Lot Control**

Received	1
Commented	1
Approved	0

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**Zoning By-laws Amendments**

Received	10
Commented	8

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**Consents**

Received	47
Commented	41

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**Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications**

Received	1
Issued	1

**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed, or  
before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (as of June 30, 2024)**

<b>OPA file</b>	<b>Council/ standing committee correspondence</b>	<b>Applicant/ Location</b>	<b>Proposed amendment</b>
<b>1. 2000-003</b>	<b>2000-273</b>	<b>Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)</b>	<b>To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan).</b>  <b>Status:</b> ROPA #171 maintained the Clements Road connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re-examine the connection.
<b>2. 2005-009</b>	<b>SC-2005-66</b>	<b>Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 &amp; 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)</b>	<b>To delete a Type C Arterial Road.</b>  <b>Status:</b> ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Road extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.
<b>3. 2005-011</b>	<b>SC-2005-68</b>	<b>Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)</b>	<b>To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort/ conference centre in the Prime Agricultural designation (formerly Permanent Agricultural Reserve).</b>  <b>Status:</b> Awaiting further technical studies from the Applicant.



OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
4. 2016-003		<p><b>Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)</b></p>	<p><b>To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor’s yard and office in the Major Open Space designation.</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Application appealed on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. The appeals were dismissed at the OLT hearing held on April 4, 2022. The applicant has since submitted a leave to appeal the OLT decision with the Ontario Divisional Court. The May 20, 2022, was adjourned. A motion to dismiss the appeal is to be scheduled by the Ontario Divisional Court.</p>
5. 2021-002		<p><b>Sunrise International Investments Inc. Lot 4, Concession 5 City of Pickering (3695 Sideline 4)</b></p>	<p><b>To permit the redevelopment of the existing 12-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, golf dome for indoor driving range, and a maintenance structure.</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Awaiting a revised application from the Applicant. Application is on hold until it is received.</p>

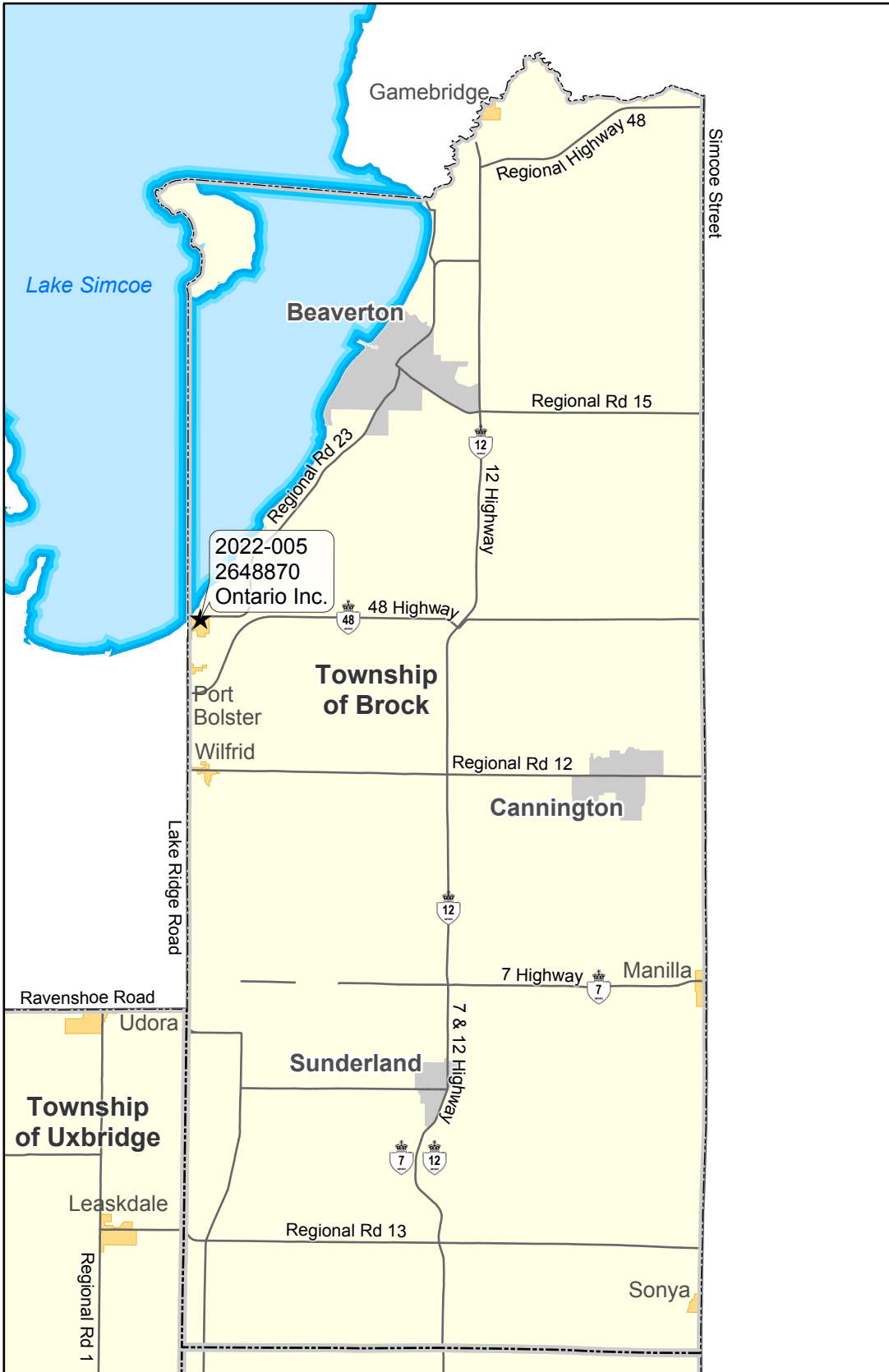
OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
6. 2021-003		Region of Durham. Various sites in proximity to existing and planned GO Rail stations.	<p><b>To implement Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations as a component of the Region's municipal comprehensive review.</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Regionally adopted ROPA 186 was submitted to MMAH for approval in January 2022.</p>
7. 2021-005		Bridgebrook Corp. Lot 33, Con 6, Township of Uxbridge (7370 Centre Road)	<p><b>To redesignate the subject lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas to allow a plan of subdivision.</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> The OLT decision was received on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As a result, the ROP is amended by deleting Special Study Areas 5 and 6 and introducing Specific Policy Area D thereby allowing residential development on the subject lands should servicing capacity become available.</p>
8. 2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	<p><b>To develop a golf course expansion</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Public meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
9. 2022-002		Norman Clements Township of Uxbridge Lot 15, Concession 4 (10899 Concession Road 4)	<p><b>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</b></p> <p><b>Status:</b> Statutory Public Meeting was held June 7, 2022. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>

OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
10.2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	<p>To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey “villas” for a total of 46 rental units.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
11.2023-002		Thornlea Holsteins Ltd. Municipality of Clarington Part Lot 1, Concession 5 (4854 Concession Road 5)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Decision meeting held on April 4, 2024. Appeal period ended on May 15, 2024. No appeals were received.</p>
12.2024-001		Lafarge Canada Inc. Township of Uxbridge Part Lot 20, Concession 3 (4900 Concession Road 4 Uxbridge)	<p>To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 17.9 ha. The proposed extraction area within the expansion area will be approximately 15.4 ha and will include extraction above and below the water table.</p> <p><b>Status:</b> Public Meeting held on June 4, 2024. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>



# Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

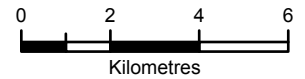
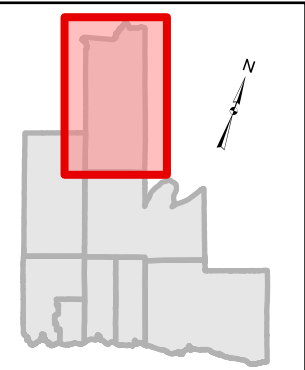
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### ROPA Locations

- ☆ New Application
- ★ Under Consideration
- ⊗ Refused/Withdrawn
- ⊙ Appealed to OLT
- ⊛ Approved
- Regional Official Plan Urban Area
- Hamlet
- ⬜ Municipal Boundary
- Ⓜ Provincial Highway
- Ⓜ Regional Highway
- Ⓜ Regional Road
- Local Road

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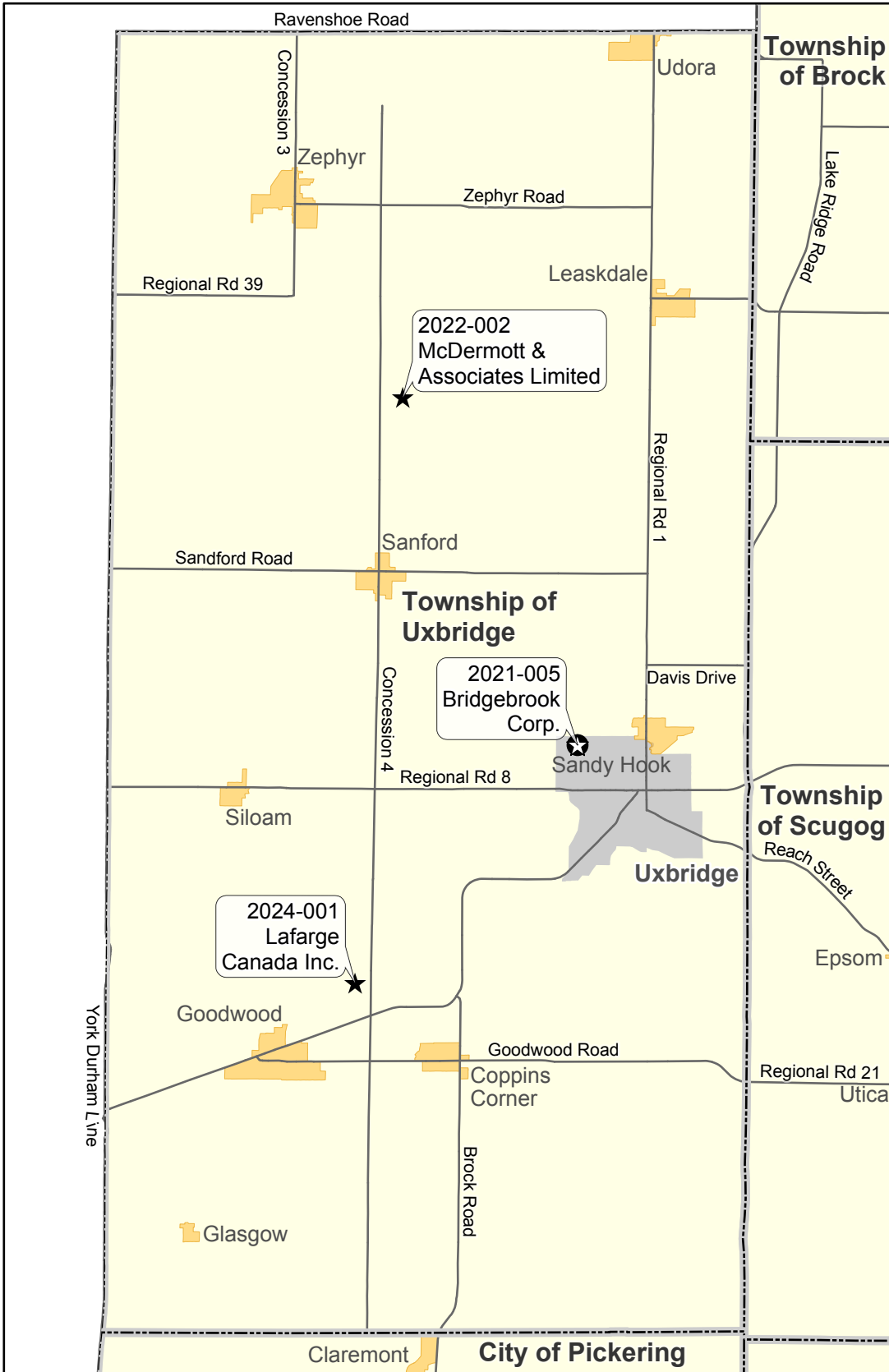
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# Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Uxbridge

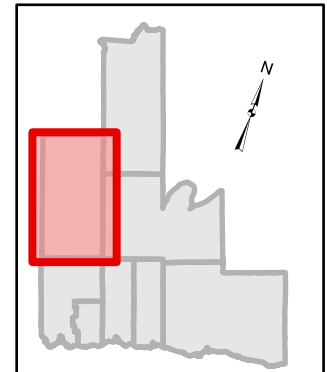
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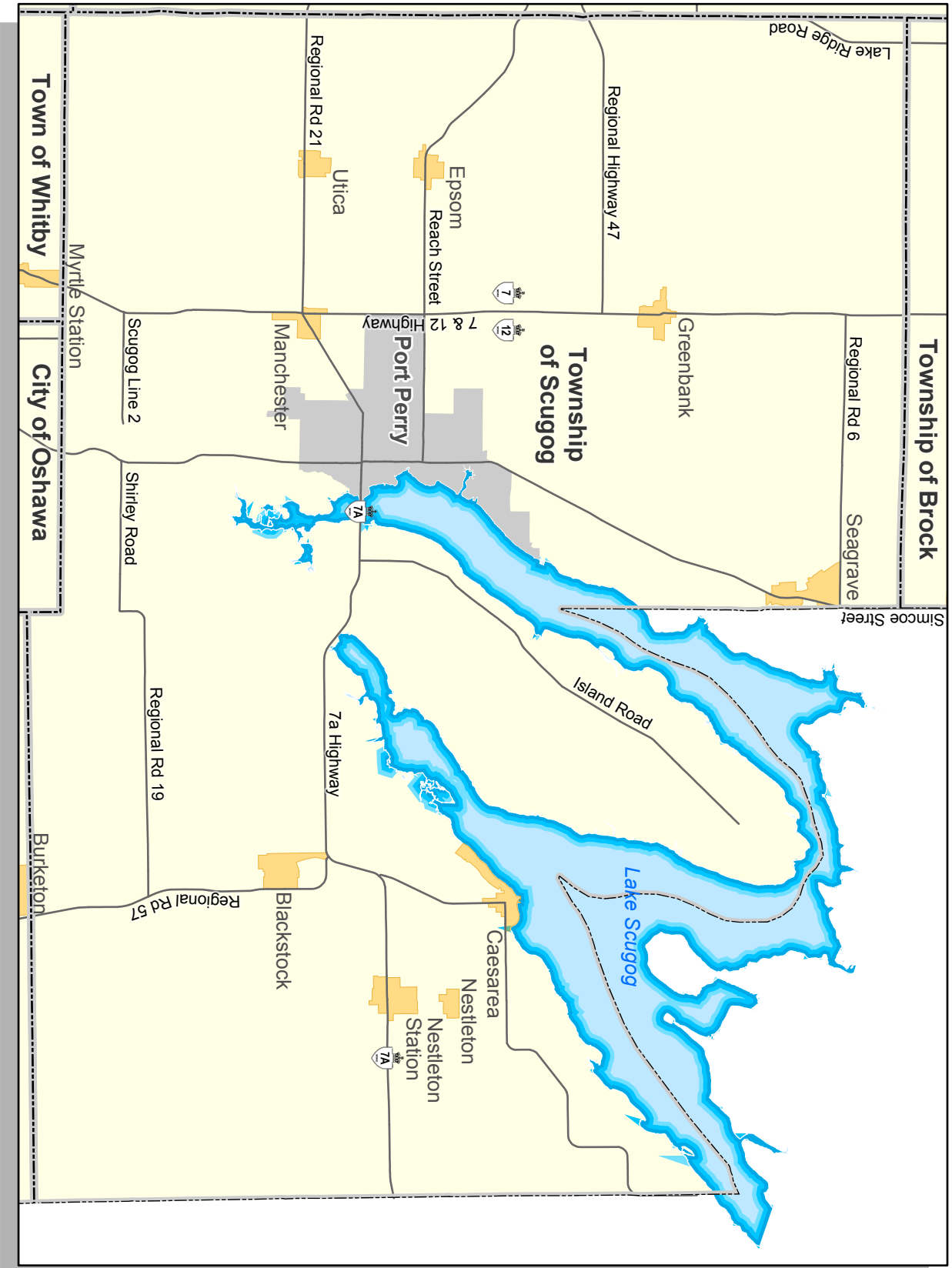
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# Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

## Township of Scugog

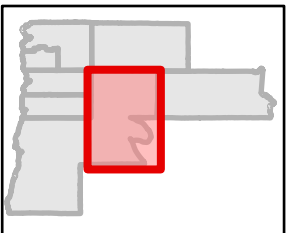
As of June 30, 2024 there are no active ROPA applications in the Township of Scugog



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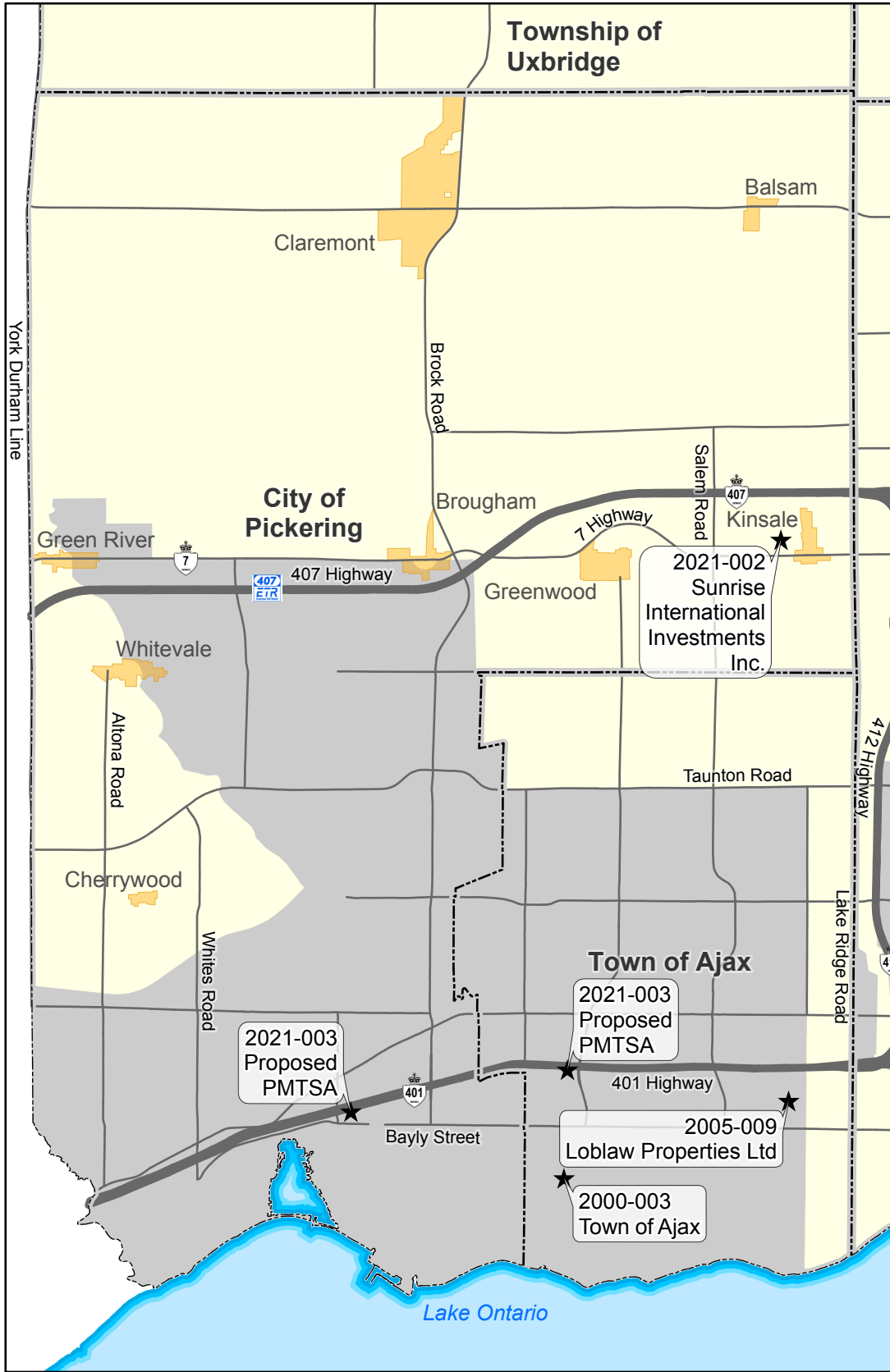
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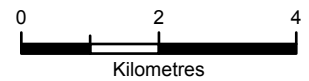
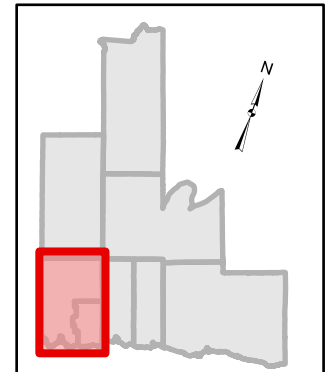
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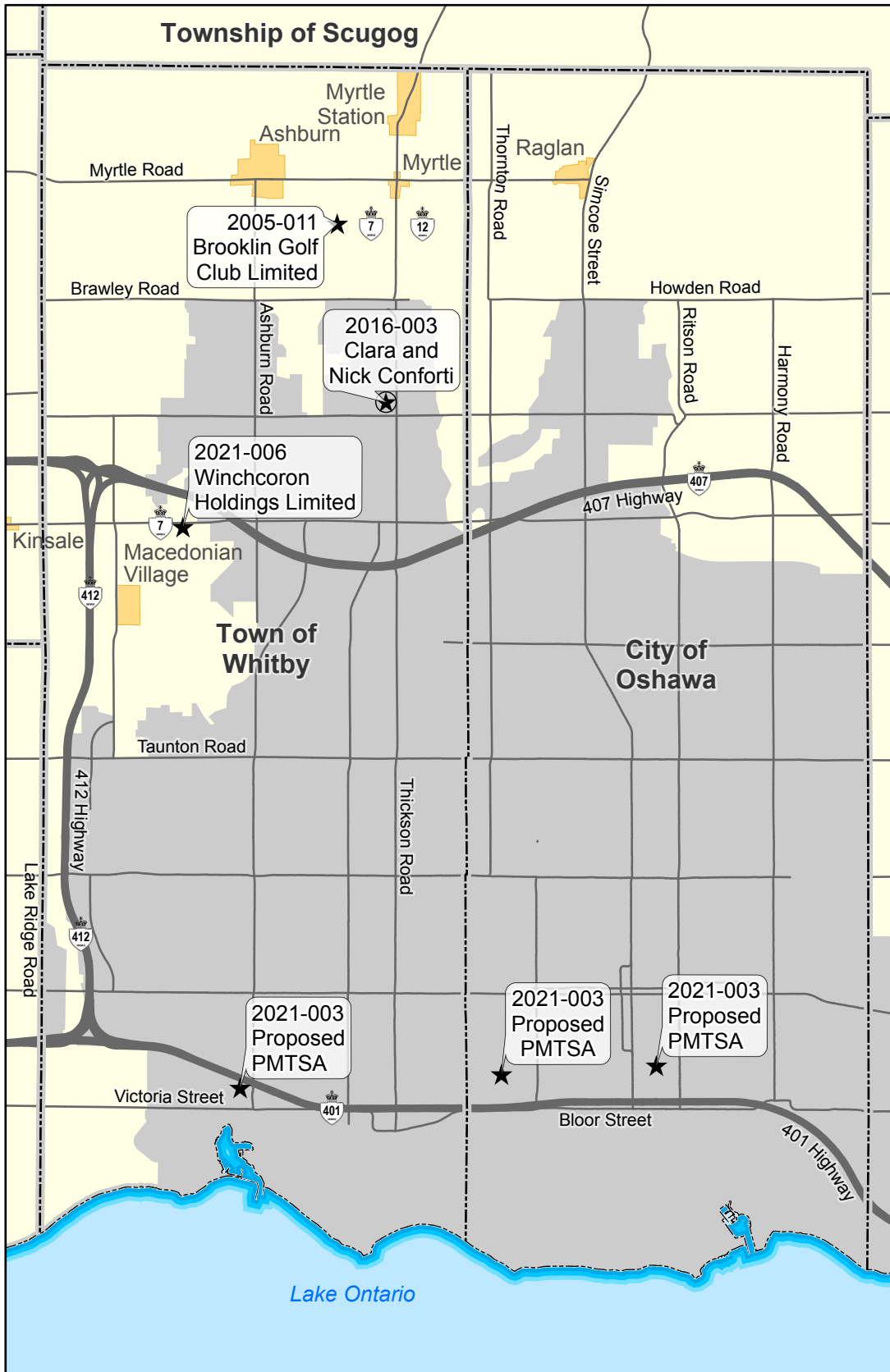
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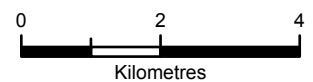
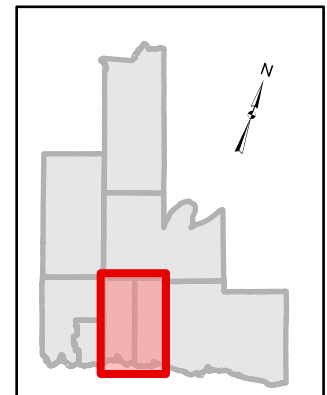
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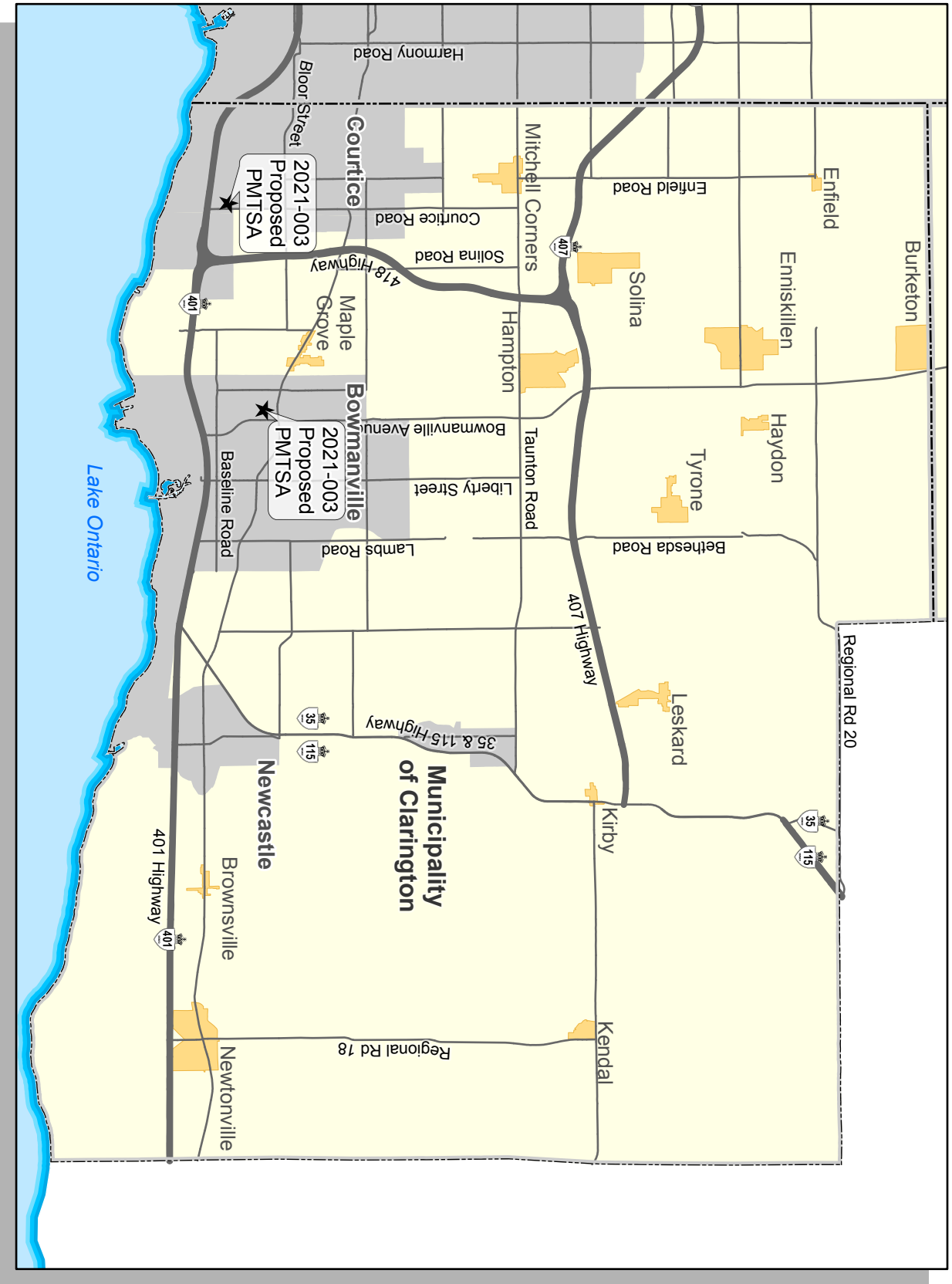




# Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

## Municipality of Clarington

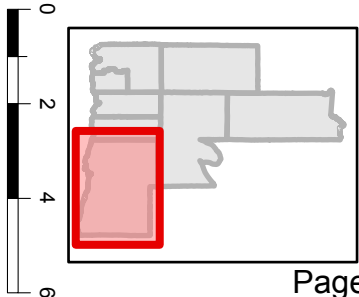
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the  
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of June 30, 2024)**

<b>Regional File No./OLT Case No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
OPA 66 OLT-22-002958 &OLT-22-002959	Bridgebrook Corp.	Township of Uxbridge	To redesignate the lands at 7370 Centre Road from Future Residential Area to Residential.	Applicant appealed to the Township of Uxbridge's failure to make a decision on March 16, 2022. This application is related to ROPA 2021-005. The OLT decision was received on April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024. As a result, the ROP is amended by deleting Special Study Areas 5 and 6 and introducing Specific Policy Area D thereby allowing residential development on the subject lands should servicing capacity become available.
COPA 2020-003 OLT-22-004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low-density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use.  Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	Case Management Conference conducted April 23, 2023.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 20-004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22-004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference was scheduled for July 28, 2023. The matter has been adjourned with no new date set. All the parties have indicated that their appeals will be site specific, and the City is working with the parties on next steps on how to proceed with the scoped appeals.
COPA 2022-0003, OLT-23-000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	OLT hearing date was scheduled for August 12, 2024.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 2020-W/03 OLT 24-000115	Town of Whitby	Town of Whitby	The Amendment updates the Secondary Plan for the Downtown Whitby Area. It provides a vision and detailed objectives, updated development policies and land use designations for the Secondary Plan Area. The Secondary Plan will guide future growth and development in the Downtown Whitby area.	Acknowledgement letter from the OLT was received on January 31, 2024.  Second Case management conference conducted on June 28, 2024.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Ontario  
Land Tribunal (as of June 30, 2024)**

<b>Regional File No./OLT Case No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
LD 041/2023 OLT-23-001036	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Township of Uxbridge	The purpose of this application is to sever a 835.60 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 835.64 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling is to be demolished.	Application was appealed to the OLT on August 3, 2023.  Hearing date was scheduled for January 11, 2024.  Decision and Order approving the proposed severance was issued on April 23, 2024.
LD 086/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 2,020 m <sup>2</sup> agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 118.03-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.  First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024. Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.
LD 087/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 3.33-hectare agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 114.7-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.  First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024. Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 088/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 72.5-hectare agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 42.2-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.  First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024. Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.

### Summary of Reserved Street Names (As of June 30, 2024)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in second Quarter of 2024	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorriman</li> </ul>	319
Brock	0		35
Clarington	0		651
Oshawa	0		459
Pickering	0		668
Scugog	0		212
Uxbridge	0		150
Whitby	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alessia</li> <li>Chloe Court</li> <li>Doctor Hyles</li> <li>Francesco</li> <li>Gathering Place</li> <li>Isabelle</li> <li>Julian</li> <li>Mateo</li> <li>Maximus</li> <li>Milla</li> <li>Nelda</li> <li>Nico</li> <li>Rocky</li> <li>Stateview</li> <li>Taura</li> <li>Taurasi</li> </ul>	453
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>2,947</b>

\* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.

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Michael Moore  
Chris Olmstead  
Connie Tabbert  
Joey Trimm

## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**Re: Resolution - Ineligible Sources Recycling - Town of South Bruce Peninsula**

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers

At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the request from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources.**

Carried - Resolution #2024-5151

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

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April 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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[andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org](mailto:andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)

Mr. Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
345 8<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Owen Sound, Ontario  
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[Rick.Byers@pc.ola.org](mailto:Rick.Byers@pc.ola.org)

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

### **R-111-2024**

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

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

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

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

**And that** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario municipalities;

**And further that** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Brianna Collins, P.Eng.  
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



Date & Time Received:	August 22, 2024 1:19 pm
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# Certified True Copy

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

**Re: Resolution - Mental Health and Addictions - City of  
Pembroke**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the request from the City of Pembroke calling upon the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction and residential drug treatment facility serving Renfrew County.**

Carried - Resolution #2024-5150

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
Clerk

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April 8, 2024

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Honourable Doug Ford

Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke passed the following resolution at its meeting of April 2, 2024:

Resolution #011 (April 2, 2024)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Brian Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Troy Purcell

Whereas the well-being of our community members is of paramount importance, and addressing mental health and substance use disorder is crucial for the overall health and safety of all our residents; and  
Whereas the County of Renfrew, like many other regions, faces significant challenges related to mental health and addiction, with individuals and families grappling with the devastating impact of these conditions; and  
Whereas timely access to specialized treatment and residential rehabilitation services and transitional housing is essential for those struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders; and  
Whereas we need to address the urgent need for additional treatment beds, especially for adults requiring intensive supports, and to improve access to care in rural, Northern, and Indigenous communities; and  
Whereas the number of drug-related deaths in the County of Renfrew, as a whole, is on the rise underscoring the critical importance of accessible treatment options for those at risk of negative impacts including overdose and death; and

Whereas the establishment of a mental health, drug addiction treatment and residential rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew would provide the following benefits:

1. Local Accessibility: Residents would have access to specialized services without the burden of traveling long distances, ensuring timely intervention and continuity of care.
2. Holistic Approach: The facility could offer integrated care, addressing both mental health and substance use disorders concurrently, thereby improving outcomes for clients.
3. Community Support: By providing a safe and supportive environment, the facility would contribute to reducing stigma and fostering community understanding of mental health and addiction.
4. Collaboration with Existing Services: The facility could collaborate with existing community organizations, healthcare and social service



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providers, and law enforcement agencies to create a comprehensive network of support (i.e. County of Renfrew MESA program).  
Now Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke:

1. Urgently requests the Province of Ontario to allocate funding specifically for the establishment of a mental health, addiction, and residential drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew.
2. Advocates for a facility that offers evidence-based, trauma-informed care, addressing both addiction and concurrent mental health issues.
3. Commits to working collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities, all community stakeholders, and provincial authorities to ensure the successful implementation of this vital facility.

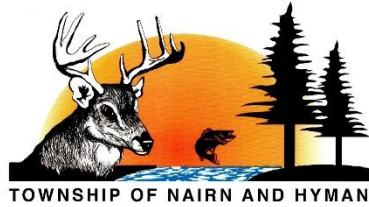
Furthermore, the City of Pembroke Council encourages all residents to support this resolution and join the collective effort to enhance mental health and addiction services in our region.

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health; the Honourable John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus; Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus; Peter Emon, Warden, for the County of Renfrew; and all neighbouring County of Renfrew lower-tier municipalities.  
Carried

Sincerely,

David Unrau  
Chief Administrative Officer

/nr



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August 21, 2024

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

**RE: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA)**

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two Councils at a Joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024.

Our two Townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.

In addition to the participation of our municipalities in this Emergency Council Meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concern across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** 2024-EM1-2

**DATE:** August 19, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Councillor McVey

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Cote

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

**WHEREAS** this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

**WHEREAS** the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS** the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

**WHEREAS** there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

**WHEREAS** the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

**WHEREAS** according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

**THAT** the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at [belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca](mailto:belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca) or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk Treasurer  
Township of Nairn and Hyman

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Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines  
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
Canadian Environmental Law Association  
MP Carol Hughes  
MPP Michael Mantha  
Association of Ontario Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities



August 26, 2024

**Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage**

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

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

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

Yours truly,



Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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# TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

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**Date:** **August 26, 2024** **Item(s) no.:** 10 (rel. a)

**Subject:** Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

**Moved by:** Jamie Laurin

**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and

WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; 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 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

**MOTION APPROVED**

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

  
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Clerk



CANTON DE  
**RUSSELL**  
RÉSOLUTION CERTIFIÉE

**Date:** 26 août 2024 **Article no.:** 10 (réf. a)

**Objet:** Résolution visant à soutenir les mises à jour provinciales de l'AMCTO concernant la loi sur les élections municipales

**Proposé par :** Jamie Laurin

**Appuyé par:** Lisa Deacon

Attendu que les règles électorales doivent être claires, qu'elles doivent aider les candidats et les électeurs à participer aux élections et les administrateurs électoraux à organiser les élections; et

Attendu que la législation doit trouver un juste équilibre entre la fourniture de règles et de cadres clairs pour garantir l'intégrité du processus électoral; et

Attendu que la législation doit également réduire le fardeau administratif et opérationnel pour le personnel municipal en veillant à ce que les administrateurs électoraux locaux puissent organiser les élections d'une manière qui réponde aux circonstances uniques de leurs communautés locales; et

Attendu que la Loi de 1996 sur les élections municipales (LEM) aura 30 ans au moment des prochaines élections municipales et scolaires en 2026; et

Attendu que la LEM établit les règles pour les élections locales, que la Loi de 1990 sur l'évaluation foncière et la Loi de 1990 sur l'éducation contiennent également des dispositions ayant une incidence sur les élections locales, ce qui augmente le nombre d'endroits où les électeurs, les candidats et les administrateurs doivent chercher les règles qui régissent le processus démocratique local en Ontario; et

Attendu qu'avec des règles réparties dans trois textes législatifs, et que la Loi sur l'éducation contient un ensemble de clauses disparates, il y a des problèmes d'interprétation, des incohérences et des lacunes à combler; et

Attendu que la loi peut poser des difficultés aux électeurs, aux candidats, aux donateurs et aux annonceurs tiers qui doivent la lire, l'interpréter, s'y conformer et aux administrateurs électoraux qui doivent l'appliquer; et

Attendu que si les élections locales sont gérées aussi efficacement que possible dans le cadre législatif actuel, une modernisation et une amélioration continue sont nécessaires pour garantir que la loi réponde aux besoins d'aujourd'hui et aux défis de demain; et

Attendu que pour conserver la confiance du public et améliorer les garanties, la loi devrait être révisée en tenant compte du paysage en constante évolution qui a une incidence sur l'administration des élections, y compris la protection de la vie privée, les menaces d'ingérence étrangère, la propagation accrue de la désinformation et l'utilisation accrue de technologies telles que l'intelligence artificielle et l'utilisation d'identités numériques; et

Attendu que « Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario » (AMCTO) a examiné la loi et a formulé plusieurs recommandations, notamment la modernisation de la législation, l'harmonisation des règles et la rationalisation et la simplification de l'administration; et

Attendu que AMCTO a formulé des recommandations de modifications avant les élections de 2026 et des recommandations de modifications à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; par conséquent

Il est résolu que le canton de Russell demande à la province de mettre à jour la LEM avec les modifications prioritaires décrites par AMCTO avant l'été 2025 et de commencer à examiner et à réécrire la LEM avec des recommandations à plus long terme avant les élections de 2030; et qu'il soit en outre

Résolu que cette résolution soit transmise à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario pour obtenir leur appui et que chaque appui soit ensuite transmis au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au ministre de l'Éducation, au ministre de la Prestation des services publics et commerciaux, au ministre des Finances, au premier ministre de l'Ontario, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell et à AMCTO.

### **MOTION ADOPTÉE**

Je, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, greffière de la corporation du canton de Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le conseil de la municipalité de Russell le 26<sup>e</sup> jour d'août 2024.



A rectangular area of the document is redacted with a grey box, obscuring the signature of the clerk. The signature is written in blue ink and appears to be 'Joanne Camiré Laflamme'. The redaction is positioned above the title 'Greffière'.

Greffière