



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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- September 13, 2024

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-60
Date: October 4, 2024

Subject:

Alcohol and Cancer Risk

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the Policy Position Statement entitled: [Alcohol and Cancer Risk](#), a report released by the World Cancer Research Fund International (WCRF) International in September 2024.

2. Background

2.1 Alcohol is linked to at least seven different types of cancer.

2.2 There is no safe level of alcohol consumption for cancer prevention, and therefore there is no such thing as harmless use of alcohol.

2.3 Alcohol poses many other health risks as well as negative social and economic impacts. Health risks beyond cancer include alcohol dependency syndrome, liver disease, hypertensive heart disease, hemorrhagic stroke, pancreatitis, traffic- and violence-related injury (including violence against women and children), and suicide, among others.

2.4 WCRF International is a leading authority on the links between cancer and alcohol, as well as diet, nutrition, and physical activity.

3. Key Policy Recommendations

- 3.1 The Policy Position: Alcohol and Cancer Risk outlines five policy measures needed to reduce alcohol harms.
- a. Fiscal and pricing policies: Increasing excise taxes and setting minimum unit pricing to make alcohol less affordable.
 - b. Restricting availability: Limiting where and when alcohol can be sold and regulating alcohol retail outlets.
 - c. Mandatory health warning labels: Clear, visible labels on alcoholic products to inform consumers about health risks and nutrition information.
 - d. Marketing restrictions: Banning or strictly regulating the promotion and sponsorship by alcoholic products and brands.
 - e. Updated national guidance: Ensuring that public health guidelines in every country reflect the evidence on alcohol and cancer risk.

4. Other Alcohol Control Actions

- 4.1 WCRF International's policy position provides additional guidance on the following topic areas:
- a. Language: Since evidence shows there is no safe level of alcohol consumption, terms like "responsible drinking" or "moderate drinking" can mislead consumers. Instead, messages should emphasize that no level of alcohol consumption is safe for cancer prevention.
 - b. Conflicts of interest: The alcohol industry should not be involved in any policy development processes, as it often misrepresents the risks of alcohol consumption and works to circumvent regulations.
 - c. No and low alcohol (NoLo) products: The impact of NoLo products on overall alcohol consumption is unclear. These products should be monitored to ensure they do not encourage increased alcohol use or mislead consumers.

5. Local Program Initiatives

- 5.1 DRHD provides health information about the risks associated with alcohol use, recommendations for reducing usage and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca.
- 5.2 DRHD engages youth and young adults to provide age-appropriate health information, prevention and harm reduction strategies and local treatment service options, in collaboration with local schools and post secondary institutions.

- 5.3 DRHD provides support to parents to help prevent substance use during the teen years and to build and maintain strong parent/child connections.
- 5.4 DRHD provides mental health resources and supports, including information on crises, available at durham.ca.
- 5.5 Local health statistics and information on drugs can be found on the [Durham Health Stats](#) webpage.
- 5.6 Information and local trends on the following topics are available on durham.ca:
 - a. [Young Adults in Durham Region: Healthy living behaviours of young adults ages 18 to 24 in Durham Region](#)
 - b. [Alcohol Use Among Durham Region Students Grades 9-12](#)
 - c. [Trends In: Early substance use – alcohol \(December 2017\)](#)
 - d. [Trends In: Past year alcohol use \(December 2017\)](#)
 - e. [Quick Facts: Percentage of secondary school students reporting substance use before Grade 9, 2016-2017\)](#)
- 5.7 DRHD offers consultation and support to municipalities that are interested in taking action to restrict alcohol retail density and/or restrict alcohol licence approvals in a particular geographic area.

6. Previous Reports

- 6.1 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](#).
- 6.2 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](#).

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 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

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Any level of alcohol consumption is usually associated with a detrimental impact on population health and is a significantly important public health issue.
- 8.2 Implementing evidence-based alcohol control policies is an effective strategy to reduce alcohol consumption, decrease the negative health, social and economic impacts of alcohol, and increase public awareness of its harms.
- 8.3 Policymakers play a crucial role in mitigating the health, social, and economic harms caused by alcohol. Governments must recognize and mitigate the influence of the alcohol industry in policy development and health information dissemination.
- 8.4 For governments, reducing alcohol consumption is an excellent investment. WCRF International's recommended policies are effective and include [World Health Organization's \(WHO\) 'best buy' alcohol policies](#) and [SAFER initiative alcohol control interventions](#).
- 8.5 Combining WCRF International's recommended policies into coherent policy packages will offer higher results and return on investment than implementing single interventions in isolation.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer and the Regional Solicitor and Director of
Legal Services
Report: #2024-INFO-61
Date: October 4, 2024

Subject:

Update on the Provincial Offences in the Office of the Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services

Recommendation:

That this report be received for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the impact of ongoing court closures by the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) on Provincial Offences Act (POA) Courts, including the shortage of judicial resources and the backlog of cases originating from the full POA Court closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report will review the following:

- i. Increase in charge volumes from pre-pandemic to present day.
- ii. Exacerbated lack of judicial resources.
- iii. Implementation of ASE/RLC.
- iv. Actions taken to alleviate backlog.
- v. Update on POA revenues.

2. Background

2.1 In December 2000, the province transferred the operation of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court to the Region. This was due to the Attorney General recognizing that future improvements in service delivery for local justice matters can best be achieved in partnership with local governments. Both the Region and the Province

agreed to work together to improve POA Court Services to provide the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable.

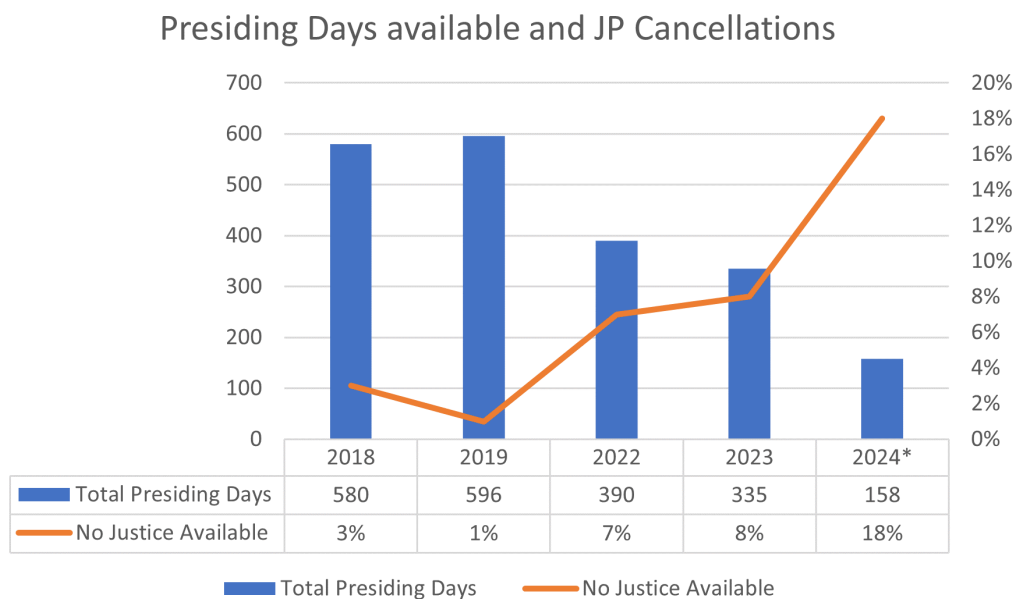
- 2.2 Since the transfer, the Region has made significant enhancements to service delivery, including early resolution courts, pre-trial formal resolution with Prosecution Services, transfer of more serious Part III and Part IX offences, virtual court capabilities, E-tickets, paytickets.ca and French language services. Leading up to the pandemic, the Region's resolution rate, time to schedule an early resolution and time to trial were the best in the province, with only a 30 day turn around for an early resolution meeting and 5 months for a trial.

3. POA Court Operations and Judicial Resources

- 3.1 Durham POA Courts operated four full-time courts until their closure in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.2 When the courts reopened in 2020, the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace Office provided judicial resources for one courtroom with a second courtroom opening in November 2021. To date, Durham Region POA court has not returned to its pre-pandemic four-courtroom operation. There are four (4) judicial vacancies to fill.
- 3.3 POA Courts are now required to be equipped with hybrid technology allowing for fully in-person, fully virtual or hybrid virtual and in-person proceedings in every operational Courtroom. Consequently, in February 2023, two courtrooms were converted to hybrid at an approximate cost of \$110,000.
- 3.4 Durham POA Courts have continually requested that the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace open the two remaining courtrooms. This request was declined, citing the lack of hybrid capabilities in those courtrooms. However, other jurisdictions that have invested in upgrading their POA Courts with hybrid technology have also not been allocated judicial resources, leaving those courtrooms unused.
- 3.5 The Region has committed to upgrade all courtrooms to the hybrid requirements when confirmation is provided that those two courtrooms would be re-opened.
- 3.6 Durham POA Courts have been adept in devising an innovative and interim solution. A third courtroom was converted to hybrid by POA Court staff using pre-existing hardware and technology at minimal expense and was approved for hybrid use in June 2023. However, POA Courts has not been allocated judicial resources for this third approved hybrid courtroom in the 2024 Court master plan. Durham POA courts continues to work towards a low-cost solution for hybrid conversion of the 4th and final courtroom to be completed in a matter of months.
- 3.7 There continues to be a lack of judicial resources in 2023 and 2024 for the Central East Region. For this reason, the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace Office cannot provide or approve additional judicial resources equivalent to our pre-pandemic levels.

- 3.8 In addition to being short two courtrooms, the Region continues to experience administrative adjournments of entire court lists due to a Justice of the Peace not being available for scheduled court days. These matters must be re-scheduled resulting in further delays and backlog.
- 3.9 Due to these administrative adjournments, the operational capacity of POA courts is now approximately 35%-45% of what it was before the pandemic. Table 1 shows a significant decline in the number of scheduled presiding days provided by the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace office since 2018, while unscheduled cancellations by Justices of the Peace have increased.

Table 1



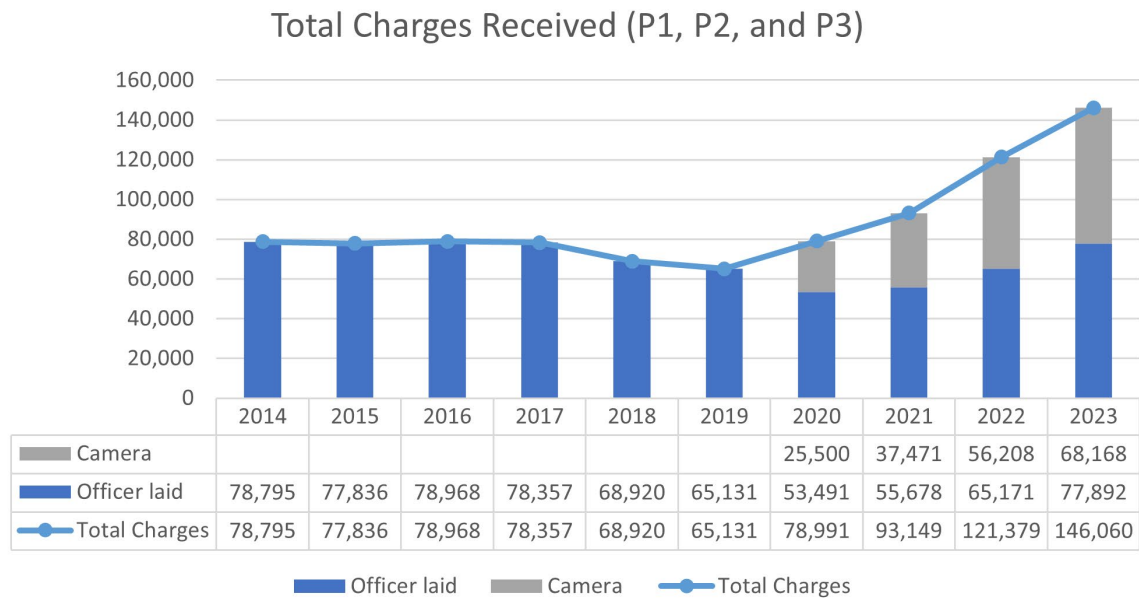
**2024 is prorated up to May 1st. 2020 and 2021 were impacted by Covid-19 court closures and therefore not included.*

- 3.10 In 2019, across four courts, there were 596 presiding days, with only 6 days affected by Justice of the Peace cancellations, representing 1% of the total. By 2023, with just 335 presiding days, 27 days were impacted, accounting for 8% of the total presiding days.
- 3.11 The extrapolated data for 2024 suggests this year will suffer the greatest impact of Justice of the Peace cancellations. 28 days have been impacted of 158 presiding days which accounts for 18% of the total presiding days (up to May 1st 2024).
- 3.12 The lack of judicial resources also impacts services outside of the courtroom such as intake services.

Intake services include but are not limited to:

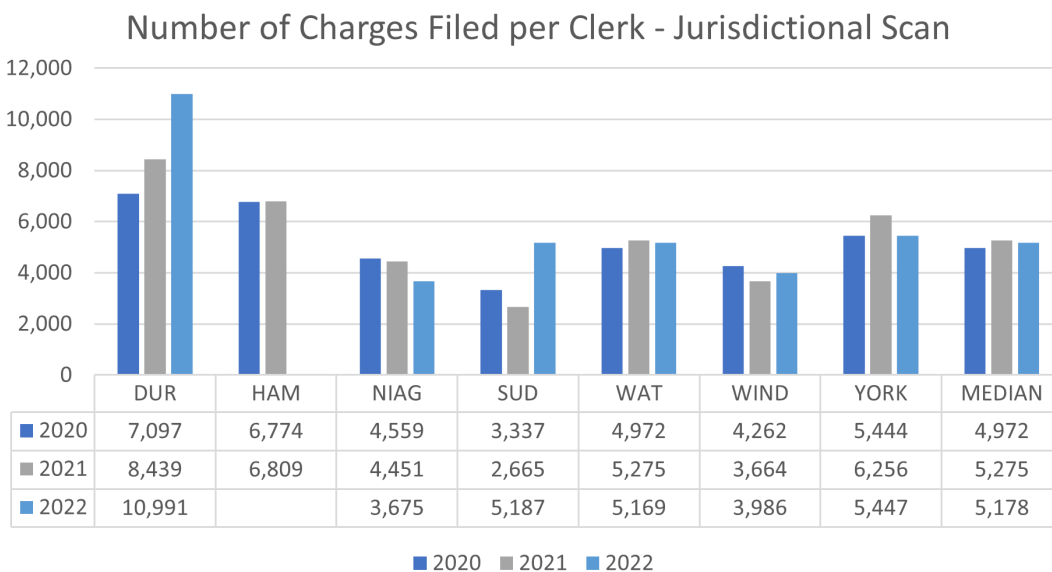
- i. Review defendant's requests for extensions of time to pay.
 - ii. Review reopening requests where the defendant was convicted through no fault of their own.
 - iii. Review and accept part 3 charges and confirm the summons laid by enforcement so prosecution of the matter can proceed.
 - iv. Review applications to strike out Part II convictions where the defendant was convicted through no fault of their own.
- 3.13 When a Justice of the Peace is unavailable, intake services are the first to be disrupted, leading to negative consequences for the public. Delays in processing extension applications or reopening requests can extend to 10 days or more, particularly near or during court closures. This results in prolonged license suspensions and prevents individuals from reinstating their driver's license in a timely manner, often impacting their ability to work.
- 3.14 Delays in reviewing Part 3 charges often lead to cases missing their first appearance date, resulting in a loss of jurisdiction. This forces enforcement agencies to allocate additional resources to re-summon the defendant and restart the process.
- 3.15 The intake backlog leads to an increase in public inquiries to our call center, with individuals seeking updates on their applications. This adds additional pressure on administrative staff, who are already managing an average of 13,000 charges per clerk annually.
- 4. Charge Volumes and Charges Processed: Pre-pandemic to Post Pandemic Comparison**
- 4.1 Durham Region's population and lane kilometers have expanded, leading to increased police enforcement activity. The table below shows charge volume trends since 2014. Despite a significant rise in charges, the number of administrative staff has remained the same, while judicial resources have been reduced to less than half of their traditional levels. Please see Table 2.

Table 2 – Volume of Charges



4.2 The rise in charge volume has greatly strained staff capacity. In 2022, the average Court Administration Clerk processed twice as many charges as those in POA Courts of other jurisdictions. This trend has persisted through 2023 and 2024. See Table 3.

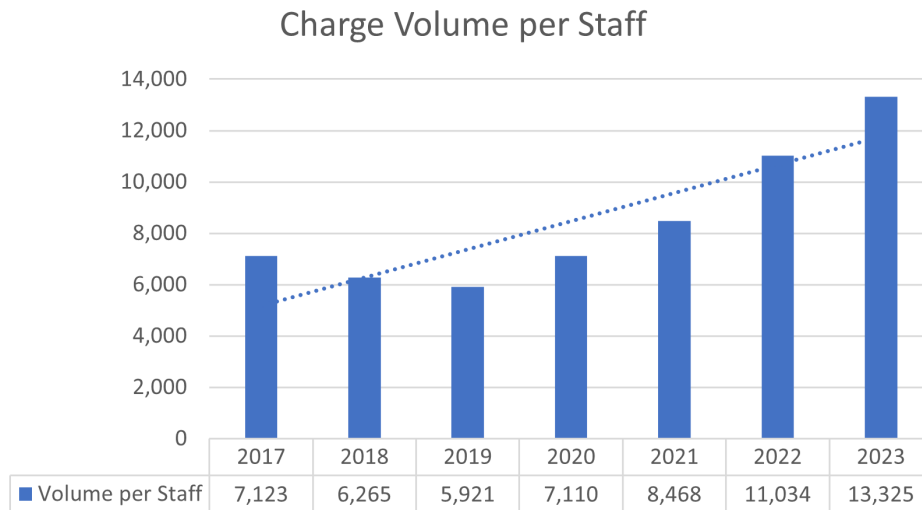
Table 3



4.3 Charges per in Clerk in 2023 were 13,325, which is an increase of 21% from 2022.

4.4 The continued growth of officer laid charges and the introduction of automated speed enforcement and red-light camera has doubled the charge volume compared to historical highs. See Table 4.

Table 4



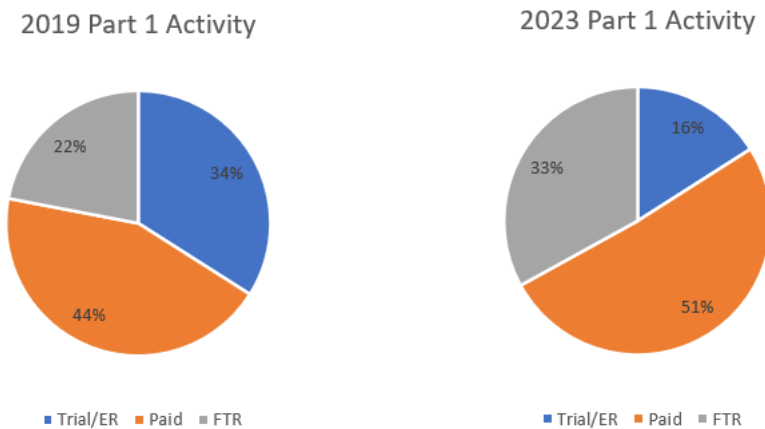
5. Majority of Charges Progress Normally

5.1 Durham POA Courts have faced persistent challenges due to a shortage of judicial resources and limited court staff. Both prior to and in response to the pandemic, POA Courts and Prosecution Services implemented innovative measures to enhance efficiency and maximized the effectiveness of staff to drive resolutions and optimize the limited judicial resources that have been made available.

5.2 These measures enabled Durham’s POA courts to maintain incredible resilience to the impacts set out above. POA courts and Prosecution Services track several statistics related to pre-trial resolution and use of trial time. A comparison of these statistics pre-pandemic and post pandemic has shown that resolution rates remain strong and courtroom utilization remains efficient and effective.

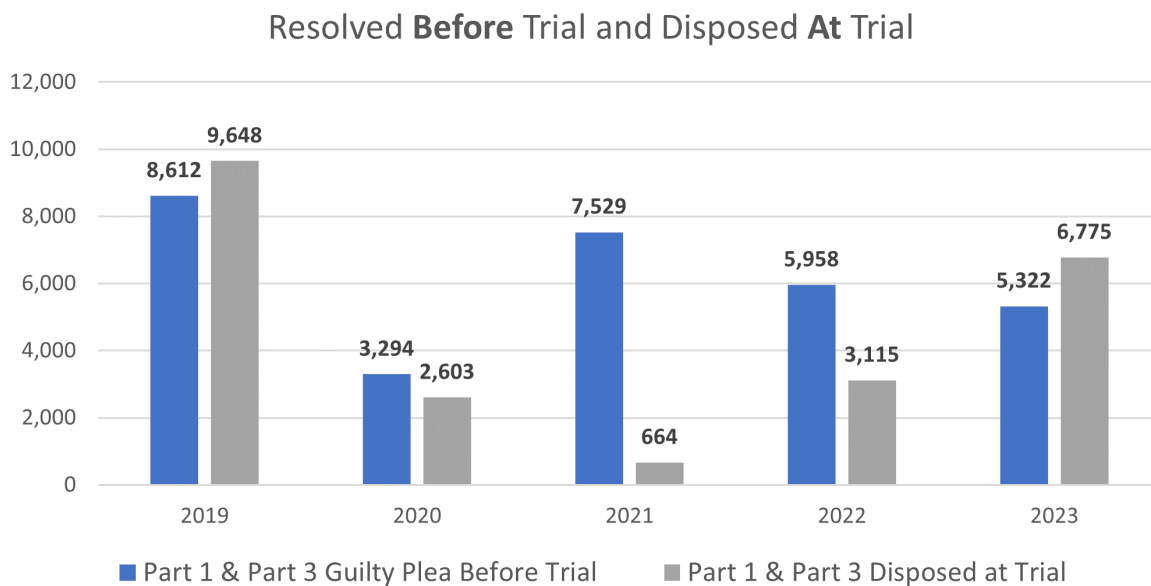
5.3 Part 1 pre-paid fines (PPF), an out-of-court guilty plea option, have shown improvement since 2019. The percentage of pre-paid fines has increased from 44% to 56% between 2019 and the present. Fail to respond (FTR) convictions also resolve a substantial number of cases outside of court, resulting in fewer trials requested. See the below comparison of pre-pandemic vs. post pandemic Part 1 offence resolutions of matters, Table 5.

Table 5



5.4 There continues to be both Part 1 and Part 3 matters resolved either immediately before trial or disposed of at trial. Between 2020 and 2023, with limited or no courtrooms available, trial scheduling was hindered, leading to a significant decline in such resolutions. Please see Table 6.

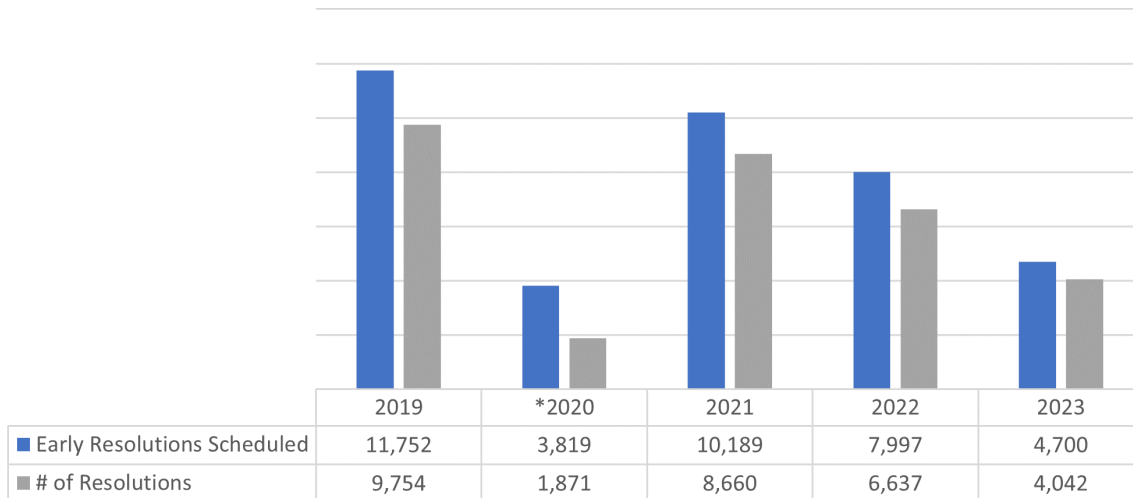
Table 6



5.5 The Region is a designated early resolution (ER) location. Consequently, a defendant has the option of scheduling a meeting with a prosecutor to discuss their Part 1 charge. Prosecution Services successfully reaches a resolution approximately 85% of the time. The remainder are scheduled for trial. The below table illustrates the number of early resolutions scheduled and resolved from 2019 to 2023. POA Prosecutions success rate at resolving scheduled Early Resolutions has continued to improve over this period. Please see Table 7.

Table 7

Early Resolutions Scheduled and Resolutions Reached



**2020 was impacted by the court closures. ERs were not scheduled from March to September 2020.*

5.6 Prosecution Services converted several Part 1 scheduled Early Resolution days into Part 3 trial days to prioritize the most serious cases with high public interest. This has impacted the number of early resolutions scheduled.

6. Administrative Penalty System (APS) – Camera-based Offences

6.1 In September 2020, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and Red Light Camera (RLC) programs were implemented in Durham Region, steadily increasing the number of charges received each year by Durham POA.

6.2 Since 2017, POA Courts has seen two trends in Part I charges. From the period of 2017 to 2019 POA Courts experienced declining charge volumes for Part 1 charges. These are charges laid by outside law enforcement agencies, primarily traffic tickets from Durham Region Police Services. That declining trend resulted in net revenues losses from the POA Courts operations.

6.3 The second trend, which began in 2020, and resumed towards the end of the pandemic in 2022 has shown increasing charge volumes for these same Part 1 charges. These charges are now at or above pre-pandemic levels dating back to 2017. As Durham population and road network continues to grow, POA Courts would expect this trend of growing Police-laid traffic tickets to continue. As a result of that trend and the addition of camera-based charges, POA net revenue has also seen an increase. In 2019, Durham POA gross fine revenue with 4 operational courts was \$6.164 million and the 2023 Durham POA gross fine revenue with only 2 operational courts was \$11.441 million.

- 6.4 To address the capacity challenges in POA Courts, a separate Administrative Penalty System (APS) is being developed to address camera-based offences. These camera-based charges will be case managed and adjudicated by resources wholly within the jurisdiction of the Region. This will provide greater flexibility, improved customer service and the ability to match resources to requirements.
- 6.5 Camera-based offences would be reviewed by a screening officer and adjudicated by a hearings officer; therefore, they would be processed more expeditiously than the current POA system. This would leave more court time in the traditional POA system for police-laid and/or more serious or high-priority charges.
- 6.6 There will still be challenges present in POA until the Region has been restored to the pre-pandemic capacity of a four-courtroom model.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

7.1 Implementing the administrative penalty system aligns with and addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

7.2 Durham Vision Zero – Strategic Road Safety Action Plan:

- The automated speed enforcement and redlight camera initiative was introduced in Durham Region in 2020 in support of Durham Vision Zero, a long-term plan to ensure a safe transportation system that sees no lives lost or serious injuries on Durham roadways. APS will provide a more efficient and effective method of managing these disputes, thereby promoting the further success of Durham Vision Zero.
- Under Provincial legislation, the Ontario Court of Justice is responsible for determining courtroom utilization, and the nature and volume of charges that can be scheduled into each courtroom. Removing red light camera and automated speed enforcement disputes from the provincial courts allows the judicial system to better balance the limited court space available so that trials can be held for other offences.

7.3 Service Excellence:

- An administrative penalty system can process red light camera and automated speed enforcement disputes faster than the provincial offences court, allowing the Region to process disputes within a reasonable period. APS also allows for more online service delivery and will assist in streamlining processes by providing clear information on the conditions to meet for a penalty to be cancelled. This will enhance the customer experience.
- Ontario Regulation 355/ 22 outlines the dispute resolution procedures that must be in place which ensure timely and fair dispute resolution services that will improve the customer experience, contribute to public safety by

building capacity within the court system and support a more efficient resolution of disputes as well as expedited payment of penalties. This demonstrates commitment to continuous quality improvement.

- Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.
- Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

7.4 Community Vitality:

- By enhancing community safety and well-being by deterring unsafe behaviour on roads.

8. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- Goal 5: Service Excellence. Objective: To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery
- 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.
- 5.4 Drive organizational success through innovation, a skilled workforce, and modernized services

9. Conclusion

9.1 In 2025, the Region anticipates bringing forward the administrative penalty system which will allow camera-based charges to move out of POA Courts and into an APS Hearing system.

9.2 The hybrid conversion of two additional courtrooms should be completed in 2024.

9.3 Once the 4th POA Court is upgraded to a hybrid Court, the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace office will be advised that additional judicial resources can now be assigned to Durham POA Court's 4 hybrid courtrooms.

9.4 A group of Regional Solicitors and Court Managers is currently organizing a joint meeting with the judiciary to address the issue of insufficient judicial resources in Durham Region.

9.5 The lack of judicial resources in Durham Region has also been brought to the direct attention of the Minister of the Attorney General by the President of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA), Kelly McDermott. It has also received media attention due to lobbying efforts by the OBA on our behalf.

9.6 Further, the POA Court Manager, Prosecution Manager and Regional Solicitor will be working with and supporting the Regional Chair and Corporate Communications Office to continue to work with the province to address the lack of judicial resource concern. Similar efforts in Government Relations are being undertaken by Municipal POA Court Operators throughout the Central East Region.

10. Previous Reports and Decisions

10.1 2022-A-21 Transfer of Part III and IX Prosecutions from the Province of Ontario, Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) to the Regional Municipality of Durham.

11. Attachments

11.1 Attachment #1: Confidential Memo re: Update on Provincial Offences
Under Separate Cover

Prepared by: Jason Hunt, Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 2086.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

Original signed by

Jason Hunt
Regional Solicitor and Director of Legal
Services

Memorandum



The Regional
Municipality of
Durham

Office of the CAO

Date: October 4, 2024

To: Regional Chair Henry and All Members of Regional Council

From: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer

Copy: Sandra Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives
Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner, Planning, Economic Development and Tourism
Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner, Social Services
Barb Goodwin, Commissioner, Corporate Services
Bill Homes, Commissioner, Transit
Ramesh Jagannathan, Commissioner, Works
Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner, Health
Nancy Taylor, Commissioner, Finance

Subject: Durham Region's 2025 Draft Strategic Plan
(Presentation to COW)

Background

Work is underway to develop Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will act as a compass to advance our work over the next 10 years, for both Council and staff.

In June 2024, a summary of the community engagement efforts and results was shared with Council. This report ([#2024-COW-23](#)) outlined the key issues and aspirations identified through the community engagement phase and informed the development of the draft 2025 Strategic Plan.

Sharing the Draft 2025 Strategic Plan

The draft 2025 Strategic Plan is now available on [Your Durham](#) for review. The draft 2025 Strategic Plan reflects what we heard from community members and is supported by staff expertise.

If you require this information in an accessible format, please call 1-800-372-1102 extension 2009.

A copy of the draft Strategic Plan is appended (Attachment #1) and members of Council are encouraged to review the draft Plan prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 9, 2024.

Opportunities to Review the Draft 2025 Strategic Plan

Committee of the Whole

On October 9, 2024, staff will provide an update on Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan at the Committee of the Whole meeting. The presentation will provide a brief overview of the work completed to-date, introduce the draft Strategic Plan, and share the upcoming opportunities for Council and community to provide feedback.

Council is encouraged to provide their comments on the draft Strategic Plan. Comments can be sent to Sandra Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives at Sandra.Austin@durham.ca by October 27, 2024.

Local Area Municipal Staff Session

On October 16, 2024, staff representatives from the eight local area municipalities have been invited to participate in a session to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide input. There will also be an opportunity to identify and discuss areas of alignment to local municipal strategic plans and strategies.

Your Durham

Between October 9 and 27, 2024, the community will be invited to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide comments through [Your Durham](#), the Region's online engagement platform.

This is an opportunity for partners, businesses, and community members to review the draft Plan and provide comments to staff through the online survey.

Strategic Plan Open Houses

The Region of Durham is hosting three Strategic Plan Open Houses. Regional staff, partners, businesses, and the community are invited to drop-in to "walk through" the draft Plan, ask questions and provide comments to staff.

- Regional Headquarters Open Houses: October 23, 2024
 - Main lobby, outside of Council Chambers
 - Drop-in anytime between:
 - Open House #1: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Open House #2: 6 p.m to 8 p.m.
- North Durham Open House: October 24, 2024
 - Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry
 - Drop-in anytime between:
 - 6 p.m to 8 p.m

Project Timeline

Based on the feedback received through the October engagement opportunities, the draft Strategic Plan will be revised and presented to Council in January 2025 for final review and endorsement.

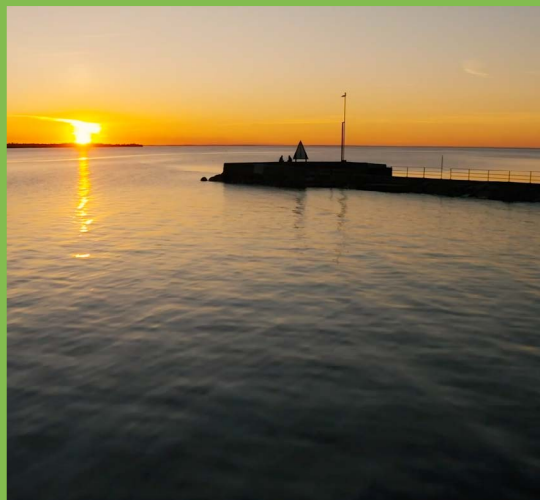
For more information, please visit durham.ca/StratPlan2025.

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Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan

Connect. Grow. Succeed.





About the Strategic Plan

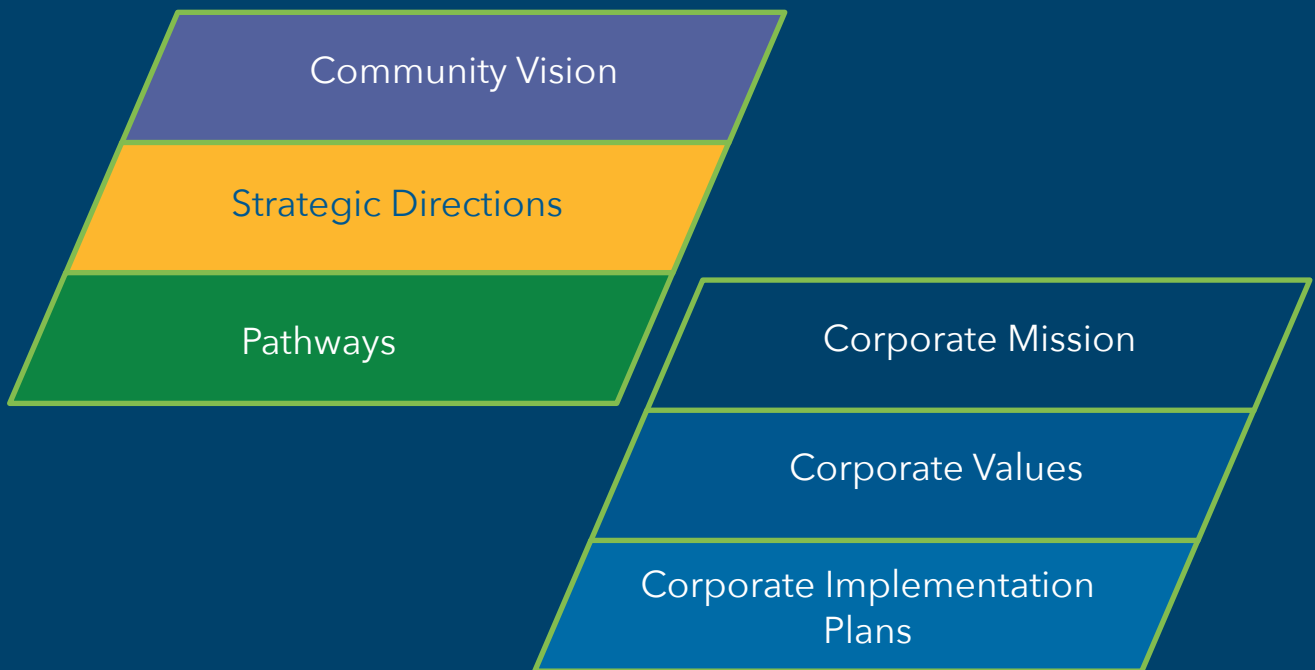
A Community-Informed Plan

Durham Region’s 2025 Strategic Plan is a community plan that will be presented for Regional Council endorsement in January 2025. The draft 2025 Strategic Plan reflects what we heard from community members and is supported by staff expertise.

The draft 2025 Strategic Plan includes complex social issues that often are not the sole responsibility of one organization or group, including the Region of Durham. However, we can play a role within the community to collaborate with others and work together to address these larger community challenges.

The proposed Vision, Strategic Directions, and Pathways are presented together to reflect a community vision for the future of Durham Region over the next 10 years.

The corporate Mission, Values, and Implementation Plans are presented together as the specific commitments the Region of Durham will make to advance the Strategic Directions and Pathways within Durham Region’s 2025 Strategic Plan.





Vision for Durham Region

Connected to you...

In the future, Durham Region is made up of connected, caring, and welcoming communities that respect the natural environment and create prosperity for all.

Strategic Directions

To achieve the community's vision for the future of Durham Region, five proposed Strategic Directions will guide our work and will act as a lens for decision-making.



Connected and Vibrant Neighbourhoods

Together, we will create connected and vibrant neighbourhoods that take a proactive and responsible approach to growth and infrastructure. The physical infrastructure around us will be more connected and safe so that people's days in Durham Region are better. The future of Durham Region will be inclusive and welcoming, with an opportunity for all to find connection and community.

Proposed Pathways:

- C1. Align Regional infrastructure and asset management with projected growth, climate impacts, and community needs
- C2. Enable a full range of housing options, including housing that is affordable and close to transit
- C3. Improve public transit system connectivity, reliability, and competitiveness
- C4. Improve road safety, including the expansion and connection of active transportation networks to provide a range of safe mobility options
- C5. Create accessible, lively, and culturally welcoming public spaces, including opportunities to access nature
- C6. Continue to revitalize and transform downtowns into hubs of economic, social, and cultural connection



Environmental Action and Climate Leadership

We recognize the unique natural environment in Durham Region and will continue to respect greenspaces, waterways, and agricultural lands. Together, we will transition to low-carbon solutions, sustainable living practices, and make the necessary adaptations to withstand the impacts of severe weather.

Proposed Pathways:

- E1. Reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions to meet established targets
- E2. Prepare for and respond to severe weather impacts
- E3. Collaborate with partners on the low-carbon transition to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions across Durham Region
- E4. Lead the transition to sustainable living through waste management, diversion, and the circular economy
- E5. Respect the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, and agricultural lands



Healthy People, Caring Communities

The future of Durham Region will include programs and services that meet the needs of the growing and changing communities across the region. We will continue to promote health and well-being within communities and are committed to caring for the most vulnerable. We will strive to improve the quality of life for all residents in the region.

Proposed Pathways:

- H1. Collaborate with partners to respond to complex social issues that improve community safety and well-being, including mental health and addictions
- H2. Implement preventive strategies to support community health, including food security
- H3. Support the development of healthy children and youth, including access to affordable and quality childcare
- H4. Provide services for seniors and work with community partners to support aging in place
- H5. Integrate and coordinate service delivery for positive life outcomes, including investments in poverty prevention, housing solutions, and homelessness supports
- H6. Collaborate with partners to coordinate settlement supports for newcomers
- H7. Prepare for and respond to local health emergencies in partnership with community



Resilient Local Economies

Durham Region will be a place of opportunity where people can gain new skills, grow, and prosper. We will continue to support current industries and develop exciting new economic sectors. Local business growth and tourism will continue to create a vibrant economy, highlighting the distinct cultural identities across the region.

Proposed Pathways:

- R1. Attract and retain quality employers that strengthen key economic sectors including energy and technology
- R2. Support the growth of new business start-ups and small to medium local businesses
- R3. Develop, attract, retain, and support a skilled and qualified workforce, including youth and newcomers
- R4. Protect and strengthen the local agriculture sector and food supply chains
- R5. Cultivate and promote local arts, culture, quality of place, and tourism



Strong Community Relationships

In Durham Region, people will feel engaged and involved in their communities. Through open collaboration and partnerships, we will work to advance the community vision for the future of Durham Region. Building and strengthening relationships is how we will move forward together.

Proposed Pathways:

- S1. Enhance inclusive opportunities for community engagement and meaningful collaboration
- S2. Build and strengthen respectful relationships with First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban Indigenous communities
- S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, and community partners to deliver coordinated and efficient services
- S4. Advocate to the federal and provincial government and agencies to advance regional priorities
- S5. Improve community access to information, resources, and service navigation
- S6. Serve community needs through thoughtful, responsible, and transparent decision-making



The Regional Municipality of Durham's Contribution

Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan will act as a compass to advance our work over the next 10 years, for both Council and staff. Together, along with partners, businesses and community members, the Region will work to achieve the future we want to create in Durham.

Through the Region's Mission and Values, we will contribute to achieving the community vision. The Region will develop short-term corporate Implementation Plans to outline the specific initiatives that will advance the Strategic Directions and Pathways. The Implementation Plans will be aligned with the annual business planning and budget process.



Proposed Mission Statement:

Working together to serve diverse and growing communities by providing equitable, sustainable, and integrated services that improve people's lives.

Proposed Corporate Values:

Through our actions, we will demonstrate that we are:

Accountable: We are accountable to community members and continue to build trust by demonstrating efficiency, transparency, and data-informed decision-making.

Caring: We are caring, compassionate, and thoughtful. We apply a client-centred and sustainable approach to serving community needs.

Collaborative: We are collaborative and recognize the importance of working across departments and engaging the community to achieve a shared vision for the future.

Inclusive: We are inclusive and ensure that everything we do is accessible, equitable, and fair. We strive to create a welcoming environment for all.

Innovative: We are innovative, flexible and adaptable to meet community needs. We are responsive to change and continuously strive for excellence in all that we do.





The Foundation Supporting Plan Implementation

Underpinning the proposed Strategic Directions is a foundation that will support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

People

Making the Region of Durham a great place to work, attracting and retaining talent.

We will implement a future-focused staffing strategy that supports the health, safety, and wellness of staff and will take actions towards improving diversity, equity, and inclusion outcomes.

Processes

Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

We will improve data analytics and information sharing across the organization to support data-informed decision-making. Internal business processes will be enhanced to improve cross-functional issue monitoring and action. We will continue to modernize our budget and business planning processes.

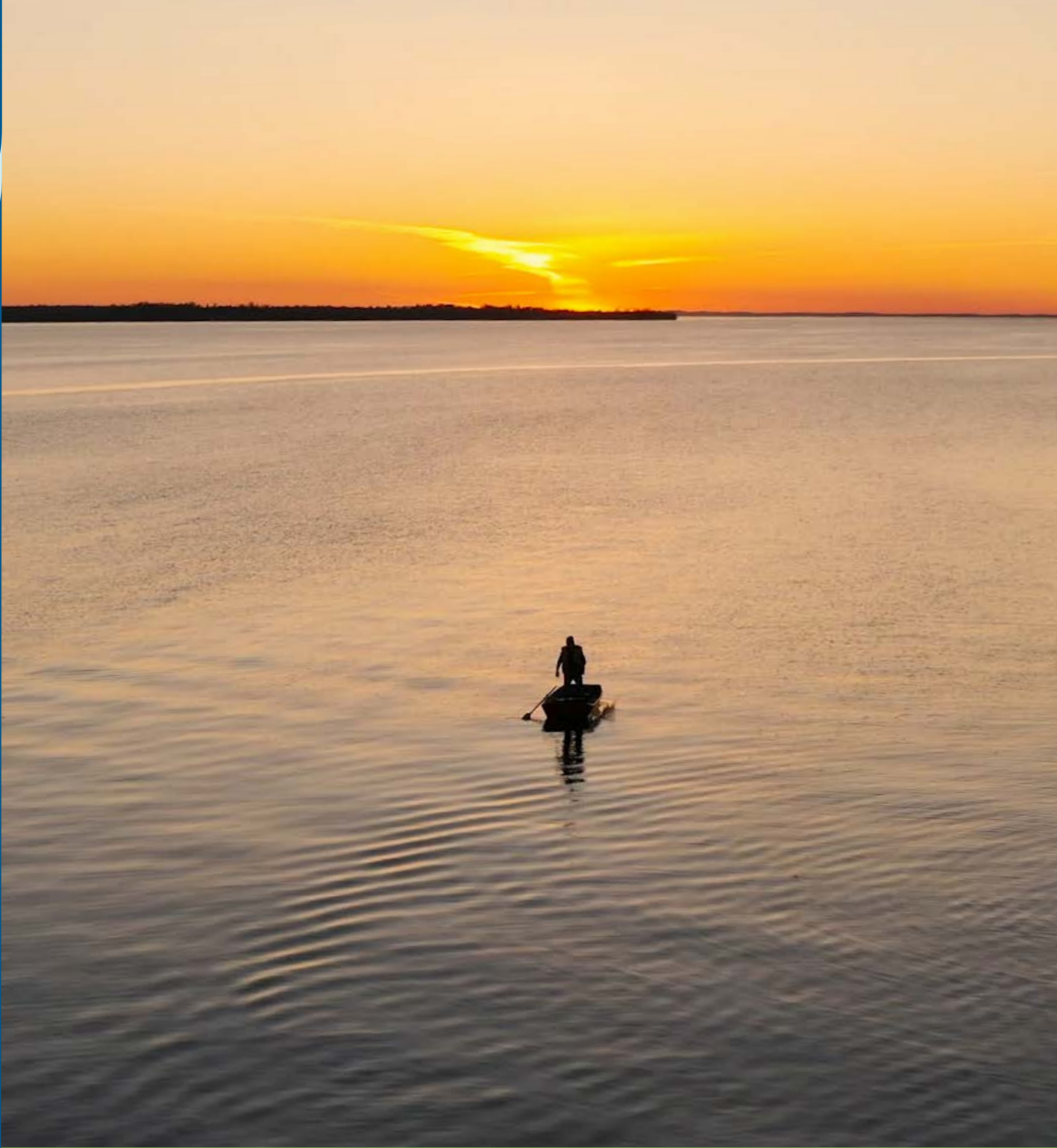
Technology

Keeping pace with technological change to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.

We will modernize our internal systems and use new technology to improve service delivery and efficiency. We will proactively enhance key technology policies, including artificial intelligence and cyber risk management strategies, to ensure they keep pace with changing technological advances.



Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan




Contact Us

For more information on the Plan or to provide your thoughts, please contact Strategic.Planning@durham.ca.

If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact Communications and Engagement at CorporateCommunications@durham.ca or 311, extension 3743.





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The Corporation of
 The Township of Brock
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 705-432-2355

October 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Rideshare Services

Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Council meeting held on September 23, 2024:

C-2024-226

“Whereas, the Township of Brock faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; and

Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Township of Brock Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Brock Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Region of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.”

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Maralee Drake
Deputy Clerk

MD:dh

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation – minister.mto@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org
Robin Jones, President, AMO - amopresident@amo.on.ca
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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.4.

Resolution Number 2024-325

Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #12

Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #26-24 passed by Public Health Sudbury and Districts, regarding recommendations for Government Regulations of nicotine pouches;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

MAYOR



April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches

In July 2023, Health Canada gave approval to Imperial Tobacco Canada to sell Zonnic under the [Natural Health Product Regulations](#) as a Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) product. Consequently, Zonnic is sold under the Health Canada approval without adhering to the restrictions of the Federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#) and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#).

Since this time, nicotine pouches have become widely available to youth. These flavoured pouches can be legally purchased by those under 18 years of age in Ontario. The unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to accessibility, normalization, and potential health hazards. Nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children¹ and youth². Exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of children and youth and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco².

In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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f: 705.522.5182

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t: 705.522.9200
f: 705.677.9611

Sudbury East / Sudbury-Est

1 rue King Street
Box / Boîte 58
St.-Charles ON P0M 2W0
t: 705.222.9201
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Espanola

800 rue Centre Street
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6163 Highway / Route 542
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WHEREAS Health Canada approved nicotine pouches for sale under the Natural Health Product regulations providing no restrictions on advertising or sale to children and youth; and

WHEREAS the unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to their accessibility, the normalization of nicotine use, and potential health hazards; and

WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and

WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to follow immediately the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Québec to exclusively sell nicotine pouches in pharmacies, specifically behind the counter. This decision reduces product availability, restricts their promotion, and limits their display in retail settings.

Until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the Government of Ontario to expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We thank you for your speedy attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health of Canada
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Honourable Ya'ara Saks, Canada's Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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www.cdc.gov/tobacco/sgr/ecigarettes/pdfs/2016_sgr_entire_report_508.pdf.



April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Mark Holland
Minister of Health of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Holland:

Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches

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Since this time, nicotine pouches have become widely available to youth. These flavoured pouches can be legally purchased by those under 18 years of age in Ontario. The unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to accessibility, normalization, and potential health hazards. Nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children¹ and youth². Exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of children and youth and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products².

In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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the Natural Health Product regulations providing no restrictions on advertising or sale to children and youth; and

WHEREAS the unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to their accessibility, the normalization of nicotine use, and potential health hazards; and

WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and

WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and

FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We applaud your pledge to take action to review the approval process for flavoured nicotine sales and advertising. We acknowledge the advisory Health Canada issued in March stating nicotine pouches should be used for nicotine replacement therapy in adults and the emphasis on keeping them out of reach of children and youth.

However, only until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the federal government to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap by restricting the sale of nicotine pouches to those under 18 years of age. We also support Health Canada in their assertion to halt the legal purchasing loophole and ensure that nicotine availability to children and youth never occurs with new and emerging products.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Canadians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2024-323
Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #14 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supporting the Resolution dated March 18, 2024 passed by the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding a request to increase the tile drain loan limit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.



CARRIED



The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St
Toronto, ON
M5S 1B3

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'I' from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
All regional Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.


WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,



Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.5.

Resolution Number 2024-326

Title: Resolution stemming from June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #32

Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #12 passed by the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake, regarding Asset Retirement Obligation PS 3280;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

WHEREAS, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

WHEREAS, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

WHEREAS, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

WHEREAS, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

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Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
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SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
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Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2024-301
Title: Resolution - AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage
Date: July 17, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

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 (5) years;
AND WHEREAS it has become 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 are expected to retire in the next five (5) 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;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of St.-Charles and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

[Redacted Signature]

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MAYOR/

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RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.3.
Resolution Number 2024-324
Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8
Date: August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated March 28, 2024 passed by the County of Hastings, regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, Sean Fraser; the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

 **CARRIED**



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April 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Delivered via email

doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

premier@ontario.ca

RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

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;

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;

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;

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;

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;

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;

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 Hastings County 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.

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

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley
Director of Legislative Services

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Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
 Regular Council Meeting
 Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Resolution

Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
 Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

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City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger
Municipal Clerk

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 HELD
 September 24th, 2024

2024-204
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS on February 27th, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16th, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

AND WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, moving to a combined ROMA/AMO conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 24th day of September, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West,
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clerk@cobourg.ca

September 27, 2024

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS these aftermarket batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations; and

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

WHEREAS as Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the resolution from the from Municipality of Wawa regarding regulations for the importation of safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg does hereby 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; and

FURTHER THAT Council does hereby 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 and that this resolution be shared with the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES

Location

Virtual

Date & Time

September 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee was held on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. This meeting was also livestreamed on <https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region>. Comments and questions from members of the public observing the meeting can be emailed to dnhc@durham.ca.

Please note: We experienced audio issues for the livestream at the beginning of the meeting, where there was no audio until 10:37 into the meeting. These meeting minutes will cover anything that observers may have missed during this time.

Attendance

Members

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) (Chair)
Anthony DiPietro, DRHD (Co-chair)
Caitlyn Paget, DRHD
Philip Dunn, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)
Loc Nguyen, OPG
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University (OTU)
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member
Jane Snyder, Public Member
Susan Ebata, Public Member
Veena Lalman, Public Member
Adam de Grosbois, Alternate Public Member
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member
Bill Rattan, Alternate Public Member
Madisen Wood, Youth Public Member
Madison Kidd, Youth Public Member

Presenters & Staff

Dianne San Juan, DRHD (Secretary)
Helen Tanevski, DRHD
Anjali Pandya, DRHD
Lindsay Parks, OPG
Ali, Esmaeily, OPG
Analiese St.Aubin, OPG
Shernette Muccuth Henry, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL)
Susan Bailie, CNL

Roger Inacio, Region of Durham, IT- Service Delivery

Regrets

Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Public Member
Hardev Bains, Public Member
Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul, Public Member

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone. Dr. Kyle advised that Anthony DiPietro, Director, Health Protection will be chairing this meeting. Dr. Kyle mentioned that observers who have questions concerning presentations should email them to dnhc@durham.ca.

Land Acknowledgement by Anthony DiPietro.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 21, 2024 meeting were adopted as written.

3. Correspondence

3.1 June 23, 2024 - Letter received from Durham resident AJ Kehoe, regarding opposition to nuclear power by Indigenous groups

3.2 July 24, 2024, - Update on the Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) received from Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) announced hearing dates to consider OPG's application for a Licence to Construct. A two-part public hearing will take place virtually in October 2024 and in-person (with a virtual option) in January 2025 at the Ajax Convention Centre. More details on the hearing and the process for participation can be found at [Notice of Public Hearing - OPG - Application for a licence to construct one BWRX-300 reactor for its Darlington New Nuclear Project \(cpsc-ccsn.gc.ca\)](https://www.cpsc-ccsn.gc.ca/notice-of-public-hearing-opg-application-for-a-licence-to-construct-one-bwrx-300-reactor-for-its-darlington-new-nuclear-project)

3.3 August 13, 2024 - Update on the DNNP received from OPG

DNNP License to Construct Hearing Interventions are due November 4, 2024. For more information, visit [Notice of Public Hearing - OPG - Application for a licence to construct one BWRX-300 reactor for its Darlington New Nuclear Project \(cpsc-ccsn.gc.ca\)](https://www.cpsc-ccsn.gc.ca/notice-of-public-hearing-opg-application-for-a-licence-to-construct-one-bwrx-300-reactor-for-its-darlington-new-nuclear-project).

3.4 August 15, 2024 - Notice received from CNSC advising of direct mail to residents regarding public hearing for a proposed nuclear facility

The CNSC advised they are mailing a flyer to communities in Durham Region in early September, 2024. The purpose is to inform residents of the CNSC's upcoming public hearings to consider OPG's application for a licence to construct one BWRX-300 reactor at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

4. Presentations

All meeting presentations will be made available on the [Council and Committee Meetings Calendar](#). PDF files for each presentation can be accessed using the agenda HTML link and a video recording of the meeting can be viewed using the webstreaming link that will be provided approximately two weeks after this meeting date.

4.1 Progress report by OPG concerning the results of the 2023 Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) for Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations (NGSs)

Presented by Lindsay Parks, Environmental Advisor, OPG

Highlights of the presentation

- EMP key objectives
- EMP Sampling Locations in Darlington and Pickering
- Critical groups and sampling locations for Darlington and Pickering discussed
- Radiation dose examples discussed using graphic from CNSC; 1 mSv (millisievert) is the annual public dose limit, 1000 mSv is when you would start to see radiation sickness; dose from a cross-Canada flight is more than dose living next to a nuclear power plant
- Darlington 2023 Public Dose – 0.7µSv represented by Farm Adult; similar to 2022 public dose
- Pickering 2023 Public Dose – 1.5 µSv represented by Urban Resident Adult; similar to 2022 public dose
- Derived release limit (DRL) explained; if emissions are maintained below DRL, annual dose limit will never be reached
- All radiological emissions to air and water were at or below 1% of their DRLs for both stations
- Emissions and EMP data discussed
- In Darlington, increases in tritium to air emissions in 2023 were attributed to tritium removal facility and corrective actions implemented
- In Pickering, tritium to air emissions decreased in 2023 (compared to 2022)
- Darlington: Tritium in water supply plants measured in Oshawa and Bowmanville; measured below OPG's commitment of 100 Bq/L and Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard of 7000 Bq/L
- Pickering: Tritium in water supply plants measured in FJ Horgan and Ajax; measured below OPG's commitment of 100 Bq/L and Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard of 7000 Bq/L
- Non-Radiological Emissions monitoring discussed; final 2023 results not ready yet

- In 2022, there were no ozone-depleting substances releases in excess of 100 kg at Darlington or Pickering and no regulatory non-compliances with sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, hydrazine or ammonia emissions
- Fish impingement & entrainment monitoring report discussed; offsetting programs discussed
- Audits & Inspections; conducted by MECP and OPG's Nuclear Oversight department
- More information and reports are available at opg.com

Questions

- No questions received during the meeting

4.2 Progress report by OPG concerning the results of the 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Program (GWMP) at Darlington and Pickering NGSs

Presented by Ali Esmaeily, Senior Manager Environment, OPG

Highlights of the presentation

- Annual program objectives discussed
- Pickering program overview provided
 - An annual set of water level readings was completed in 2023 to confirm groundwater flow direction; remain unchanged in 2023
 - Tritium is the focus of groundwater quality and site boundary quality discussion; no new sources of tritium in the area, and the legacy concentration of tritium present is undergoing decay;
 - Increase in tritium concentration in groundwater observed in groundwater monitoring wells closest to unit 6 reactor building in late 2020 and 2021; main cause was identified to be a defective valve; repairs were successful and this area will continue to be monitored
 - Site boundary groundwater quality data, as well as data from nearby water supply plants, supports the conclusion that there were no off-site impacts from tritium in groundwater in 2023
- Darlington program overview provided
 - Groundwater flow direction discussed
 - The presence of tritium in groundwater are due to a historical spill that occurred in 2009; these concentrations are decreasing; at the property boundary, concentrations are low and indicate no adverse offsite impacts
- Reports and additional information are available at opg.com

Questions

- No questions received during the meeting

4.3 Cancer in Durham Region - Data Tracker Update

Presented by Anjali Pandya, Epidemiologist, Health Analytics and Research Team, Durham Region Health Department

Highlights of the presentation

- Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker - launched in 2022, available at durham.ca/cancerstats
- Dashboard presents measures of morbidity and mortality, various measures discussed
- Top five most common new cancers and most common cancer deaths discussed
- Cancer incidence rates in Durham Region for selected cancers from 2010 to 2020 discussed;
- All cancer mortality rates in Durham Region by year discussed;
- We are seeing similar trends in common cancers overall and mortality rates have been stable over the last decades for all ages and sex
- Incidence (15-29yrs, 30-49yrs, 50+yrs) and mortality (50+yrs) for certain age groups continues to be higher than Ontario for 2010-2020 combined
- Mortality for bladder, breast, lung, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma continues to be higher and for colorectal and liver continues to be lower than Ontario
- Compared to Ontario, Durham Region had lower incidence of brain/CNS and kidney cancers and higher incidence for multiple myeloma
- Caveats of data discussed
- Cancer prevention measures discussed
- Resources: Public Health Ontario ([Snapshots](#)) and Cancer Care Ontario ([Ontario Cancer Profiles](#)); Durham is part of the Central East LHIN

Questions

- Dr. Kirk Atkinson: In your presentation, you mentioned external factors and that in certain cancers, Durham Region is slightly elevated compared to the Ontario average. External factors can include the time it takes for cancers to develop, reasons why people look to move to Durham Region, etc. What can we do to make the data more definitive?
- Answer: There is a section on the Data Tracker where the public can ask questions. The Data Tracker is intended to replace PDF reports and improve access and make the data more accessible and interactive. At the moment, it doesn't consider context, such as risk factors, behavioural factors, or protective factors. Interpretation of the data is important and we are working on improving this part of the Data Tracker. For example, thyroid cancer is higher, however Durham Region doctors are actively screening for this cancer, therefore are finding more of it. There are methods that can be used to investigate to confirm and make certain data more definitive; more context and more details can be provided and it is in the work plan to attempt to make the tracker more comprehensive.
- Loc Nguyen: Does the Data Tracker program record information like residency time in Ontario and Durham?

- Answer: No, we currently do not have access to this data. A deeper analysis can be done, for example when investigating cancer clusters, as needed.

4.4 Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) Environmental Monitoring

Presented by Shernette Muccuth Henry, Manager, Public Communications, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) and Susan Bailie, Manager, Project Transition, CNL

Highlights of the presentation

- Port Hope Area Initiative: Port Hope and Port Granby Projects status updates discussed
- Strategic priorities for CNL discussed
- Project history and timelines discussed; involves cleanup of historic waste on behalf of the Government of Canada
- Historic low level radioactive waste in soil was spread throughout the town; problem was first identified in mid-1970s
- Port Hope project and timelines discussed; includes low level radiological waste and industrial waste; bulk of the waste is in safe storage; remaining sites will be closed off in 2025 and 2026
- Port Hope long-term waste management facility will go to 2030; contains 1.9 million cubic metres of waste
- Environmental assessment follow-up program discussed
- Annual compliance monitoring reports are available online
- Port Granby project in Phase 3; low-level radioactive waste remediation is complete; site activities and restoration discussed
- Long-term environmental maintenance and monitoring discussed
- Wastewater treatment plant operated to collect and treat leachate from containment site, as well as groundwater
- Decrease in project activity as project moves to long-term phase
- Safety oversight activities discussed, including environmental monitoring studies
- More information available at PHAI.ca

Questions

- No questions received during the meeting

5. Communications

5.1 Community Updates at Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear

Analièse St.Aubin, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Projects, Corporate Affairs, OPG provided community updates for Pickering and Darlington NGS:

Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP)

- DNNP Licence to construct hearings will be held on Oct 2024 (virtually) and Jan 2025 (in-person at Ajax Convention Centre with virtual option); deadline to submit an intervention to the CNSC is November 4, 2024
- OPG has applied to the CNSC to amend the current License to Prepare Site, to allow non-nuclear site preparation work to continue while awaiting a decision on the site construction license

Darlington Refurbishment Project

- 86% complete in its 10 year execution phase

Pickering NGS

- Pickering license amendment hearing took place in June 19-20, 2024 at the Pickering Recreation Complex, to extend operation of units 5-8 to end of December 2026; awaiting decision from CNSC; webcast of hearing is available on the CNSC website

Community engagement activities discussed

- Site tours
- Tuesdays on the trail, at both Pickering and Darlington sites
- September 14, 2024, 10 AM - 4 PM – Community Power Expo, Open House at Darlington Energy Complex

6. Other Business

1) Adam de Grosbois, our Alternate Public Member representing Clarington, has advised of his resignation from the DNHC. We thank him for his participation and wish him all the best.

2) Reminders:

- All meeting presentations will be made available on the Regional Council and Committee Meetings Calendar. This can be navigated to via the “DNHC meetings, agendas, presentations and minutes” tab on our webpage durham.ca/dnhc. A video recording of meetings can also be viewed using the webstreaming link in the Regional calendar. The video and presentation files for this meeting will be made available approximately two weeks after this meeting.

7. Next Meeting

Date & Time

November 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Virtual via Teams

8. Adjournment

2:49 PM