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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2024-INFO-71
Date: November 1, 2024

Subject:

Changes to child care resulting from the 2025 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Funding Model Update

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an overview of upcoming changes to the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding model (2025) and the impact to families, child care operators and educators.

2. Background

2.1 The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement in Ontario, signed in March 2022, aims to make child care more affordable and accessible. Here are the key developments from its inception to now:

- a. Fee Reductions: The agreement set a goal to reduce child care fees to an average of \$10 per day by 2026. Initial reductions began in 2022, with further decreases planned annually.
- b. Funding and Expansion: Ontario received significant federal funding to support the expansion of child care spaces and improve the quality of care. This funding is part of a six-year, \$13.2 billion agreement.
 - From March 2022 to December 31, 2022, all licensed child care operators had the choice to opt-in or opt-out of the CWELCC system. This was known as the 'open enrollment' phase.
 - Starting January 1, 2023, CWELCC expansion is capped through Provincially mandated, annual growth targets.

- New and expanding child care operators are eligible to apply for growth targets and join CWELCC if their location aligns with the Municipal child care expansion plan and fits within the Provincially mandated growth caps/targets.
- c. Support for Operators: Licensed child care operators who opted into the CWELCC system receive financial support to help them reduce fees and maintain quality services.
- Beginning in 2022, funding for CWELCC was provided on a ‘revenue replacement’ model and intended to be temporary. This funding model will be replaced in 2025 with a “cost based’ funding model.
- d. Workforce Initiatives: Efforts have been made to support early childhood educators through wage enhancements and professional development opportunities.
- e. Implementation and Monitoring: The province has been working with Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) to implement and monitor the program, ensuring compliance and effective use of funds.
- 2.2 The CWELCC funding model is undergoing significant updates starting in 2025. These changes aim to enhance affordability, accessibility, and quality of child care across Canada. The key changes and their anticipated impacts on families, child care providers, and the broader community are outlined below.

3. Current and future status

- 3.1 Licensed Child Care is Changing: Changing from a collection of independent businesses who receive provincial/municipal grants to help lower fees for families, to a system of independent businesses who must choose to either operate within the provincial financial framework or choose to operate outside of the funding system.
- 3.2 Starting January 2025, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM’s) for Child Care will have several key responsibilities in the child care system:
- a. Planning and Administration: CMSM’s will continue to play a central role in planning and administering early years and licensed child care services. This includes:
- Developing and implementing local child care service plans that align with provincial policies and priorities.
 - Approving or declining all new applications for CWELCC enrollment or expansion.
 - Ensuring system expansion is in alignment with Provincially mandated expansion caps.

- b. **Funding Distribution:** CMSM's will distribute funding to child care operators under the new cost-based funding model. This involves reviewing financial and operational details of all child care centers and ensuring that funds are allocated based on the true costs of operating child care services.
 - c. **Monitoring and Compliance:** CMSM's will oversee compliance with provincial regulations and standards and monitor child care operators to ensure they meet the requirements of the CWELCC program and other relevant regulations.
 - d. **Support and Capacity Building:** CMSM's will support child care operators by providing guidance and resources to help them adapt to the new funding model and other changes. This includes offering training and professional development opportunities for owners, operators, boards of directors and early childhood educators.
 - e. **Data Collection and Reporting:** CMSM's will collect and report data on child care services to provincial government. This data will be used to inform policy decisions and ensure accountability in the child care system.
- 3.3 These changes aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of child care services, making them more accessible and affordable for families across Ontario.

4. Benefits and Challenges of CWELCC

4.1 Benefits for Families: The CWELCC system and new funding formula benefits families through lower monthly costs for child care:

- a. For example, when CWELCC began in 2022, families paid on average \$16,443 per year (\$63/day) for an infant space. In 2025, the average cost to families will be only \$5,742 per year (\$22/day) and finally down to \$2,610 in 2026 when parent fees reach an average of \$10/day. That represents a savings of almost \$14,000 annually.

4.2 Benefits for operators and educators:

- a. Operators will receive stable, predictable funding that supports the actual cost of operating a child care center in Ontario.
- b. CWELCC funding ensures registered early childhood educators (RECE's) receive a decent wage and annual wage increases. This supports the recruitment and retention of educators and helps to address the critical staffing shortage being experienced in the child care sector. The minimum hourly salary for a RECE will move from \$18/hr in 2022 to \$25.86/hr in 2026.

4.3 Challenged to CWELCC: insufficient supply to meet the increasing demand:

- a. In Durham, there are currently enough licensed child care spaces to serve approximately 10% of all children aged 0-3 in Durham and about 60% of all children aged 4-5 years.
 - b. All CWLECC funded spaces are available to any family who enrolls their children in a CWLECC eligible center: there is no eligibility criteria to receive a funded space.
 - c. The lower fees have drastically increased the demand for child care. Currently families are waiting more than 2 years for a child care space in Durham Region.
 - d. The province is limiting expansion of CWLECC system spaces through annual Growth Caps. Durham was given only 2,029 growth spaces – representing a 12% increase in the number of CWLECC spaces from 2022 to 2026.
 - e. Current operator requests for CWLECC growth spaces exceeds Durham's cap by more than 1500 spaces. An increase to Durham's growth cap could go a long way to reducing child care wait lists.
- 4.4 Challenge due to profit caps, increased accountability, and Government oversight:
- a. Child care operators, notably the for-profit child care operators' groups in Ontario have voiced their concerns over the CWLECC funding model (see 4.5 below).
 - b. The province has stated that participation in the CWLECC system is voluntary and that the updated funding model allows for guaranteed funding, including a profit level that ensures accountability for the use of public funds.
- 4.5 Funding Model: Revenue for child care programs serving children under 6 years of age will be funded primarily through CWLECC:
- a. CWLECC revenue will be calculated using Provincial benchmarks and eligible top-ups.
 - b. Profit/Surplus is capped at a maximum of 7.75% of eligible expenditures.
 - c. Eligible and ineligible expenses are determined by provincial guidelines.
 - d. Only eligible expenditures such as rent, food costs, and salaries will be funded as part of CWLECC. Year-end reconciliations and recoveries will occur where to ensure funding is used for its intended purpose.
- 4.6 Some for-profit operators within the system have indicated that the cap on profit is too low. This may mean some operators choose to leave CWLECC. Should licensees choose to leave CWLECC, we would redistribute the CWLECC spaces to

other operators. This would keep the spaces in Durham but pose an extreme hardship to families who lose a funded space.

5. Advocacy and Next Steps:

- 5.1 Staff within the Social Services Department are taking steps to increase the number of available CWELCC spaces by:
- a. Advocating to the Province for additional CWLECC growth spaces.
 - b. Working with operators to redistribute existing but unused licensed capacity.
 - c. Providing advice and input through Provincial Technical table meetings, the Ministers advisory table, Urban Commissioners meetings, OMSSA Networks and directly through Qs and As to the Ministry of Education.

Note: The Ministry of Education has indicated that a full review with potential province-wide space redistribution will occur in late 2024 or early 2025.

- 5.2 Families can find child care through updated information and program locator map on our [Finding Quality Child Care](#) web page.
- 5.3 Operators are provided with information through virtual and in-person group sessions and one-on-one meetings, working to seamlessly to transition operators into the new funding model.

6. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 6.1 The following report provided information on the initial (temporary) funding model, operator enrollment details and implementation timelines of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system.
- a. [2022-SS-6](#): Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System
 - b. [2024-SS-4](#): Unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System
 - c. [2024-SS-10](#): Unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 2: Community Vitality – To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
 - b. Goal 4: Social Investment – to ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need so that no individual is left behind.

- c. Goal 5: Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The Children’s Services Division continues to work with the province and child care operators to ensure the success of the CWELCC implementation and to expand CWELCC spaces in Durham.
- 8.2 The CSD also continues to provide advice and information to Durham residents and members of council to increase understanding of this new system.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Social Services

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2024-INFO-72
Date: November 1, 2024

Subject:

Carruthers Creek Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station Odour Concerns

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To update Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council and residents on recent community odour concerns in the area of the Carruthers Creek Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station (SSPS), the odour monitoring conducted around the site and potential odour control measures.

2. Background

2.1 The Carruthers Creek SSPS is located in a residential area in the Town of Ajax, south of Bayly Street East and east of Pickering Beach Road. The station handles sewage from developed lands as well as diverted flow from other sections of the municipal sanitary sewage system.

2.2 The Region investigated and trialed alternative approaches to controlling odour and corrosion in the collection system downstream of the Carruthers Creek SSPS forcemain discharge. The investigation concluded that ferrous chloride was the recommended approach to reducing hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) gas concentrations impacting downstream sewers.

2.3 Carruthers Creek SSPS Chemical Upgrades is ongoing and is making modifications to the SSPS to apply ferrous chloride to the wastewater as it is pumped out of the SSPS, and requires improvements to accommodate the chemical storage, application and monitoring equipment. The temporary chemical dosing system using Bioxide has been replaced with a ferrous chloride dosing system in June 2024.

3. Odour Concerns in the Local Area

3.1 Beginning August 14, 2024, Works Department staff received several emails and telephone calls from residents in the area local to Carruthers Creek SSPS. The residents reported foul odour at specific evening hours that seemed to be attributed to the SSPS. Staff responded immediately with a site visit to investigate. They immediately implemented a plan to monitor the local area at specific locations for approximately six weeks to determine if odours were attributed to the SSPS and when they were occurring to better understand and diagnose the issue.

3.2 The Region received complaints from multiple residents during the monitoring period. Complaints were also reported to the Town of Ajax and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Works Department concluded its investigation on October 7 and found that odours were observed and attributed to the Carruthers Creek SSPS.

4. Next Steps

4.1 In response to the observed odours from the SSPS, the Region retained a consultant, CIMA+, to collect odour samples and conduct continuous H₂S monitoring for three weeks outside and inside of the SSPS. This monitoring program began the week of October 16, 2024. The consultant will prepare an odour emission report by the end of 2024. This will be followed by a technical memorandum outlining suitable technologies with recommendations on design and implementation. The consultant will also investigate odour mitigation measures within the SSPS that could reduce odour formation.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Environmental Sustainability – Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails and farmlands.

- b. Enhance community safety and well-being.
- c. Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality service and value.

6. Conclusion


- 6.1 Several concerns have been received by the Works Department from local area residents. The Works Department has responded to each resident and undertaken a monitoring plan, retained a consultant, and will further investigate potential odour control measures within the Carruthers Creek SSPS.
- 6.2 This report will be forwarded to residents, the Town of Ajax, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for information.
- 6.3 For additional information, contact: Mike Hubble, Director, Environmental Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3460.
- 6.4 Prepared by: Tavis Nimmo, Manager, Water Resource Monitoring and Protection, at 905-668-7711, extension 3737.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Update Regarding Imagine Oshawa: Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Oshawa Official Plan

Please be advised that City Council at a meeting held on October 28, 2024 dealt with the above-noted matter and adopted the following recommendation of the Economic and Development Services Committee:

- “1. That, based on Report ED-24-113 dated October 2, 2024, in the event funding in the amount of \$450,000 is approved in the 2025-2026 Mayor’s budget for the Official Plan Review:
 - (a) Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to prepare appropriate Terms of Reference, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, to complete a Growth Management Study as part of the Official Plan Review, including a Land Needs Assessment; and,
 - (b) Staff be authorized to advance a Request for Proposal process in consultation with Corporate and Finance Services staff that is open to the general public and targeted to planning related consultants to retain a consultant to undertake the Growth Management Study component of the Official Plan Review.
- 2. That staff be authorized to forward a copy of Report ED-24-113 dated October 2, 2024 and the related Council resolution to the Region of Durham.”

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2818 or by email to lmoeb@oshawa.ca.



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Attachment

To: Economic and Development Services Committee

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

Report Number: ED-24-113

Date of Report: October 2, 2024

Date of Meeting: October 7, 2024

Subject: Update Regarding Imagine Oshawa: Municipal Comprehensive
Review of the Oshawa Official Plan

Ward: All Wards

File: 12-12-0389

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to:

1. Provide an overview of the feedback received to date on the Municipal Comprehensive Review process to update the Oshawa Official Plan (the “Official Plan Review”), including comments received from the Official Plan Review feedback form.
2. Provide a comprehensive work plan, consultation and engagement plan, and associated budget implications for the Official Plan Review.
3. Seek authorization to prepare a Terms of Reference for a Growth Management Study, including a Land Needs Assessment, as part of the Official Plan Review process.
4. Seek authorization to advance a Request for Proposal process to retain a consultant to undertake a Growth Management Study for the Official Plan Review.

On April 30, 2024, Council considered Report CNCL-24-41 and adopted the following recommendation:

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

2. That staff be authorized to forward a copy of Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 and the related Council resolution to the Region of Durham.”

Attachment 1 is a copy of the current Oshawa Official Plan (the “O.O.P.”). Owing to the size of the document, it is not attached to this Report but can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.oshawa.ca/en/business-development/resources/Documents/Official-Plan.pdf>.

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

Attachment 3 is a copy of the April 2024 discussion paper provided under cover of Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024. The discussion paper provides background information on the O.O.P. and details regarding the Official Plan Review process, including key themes that will be explored to assist with updating the O.O.P. (the “Discussion Paper”). Owing to the size of the document, it is not attached to this Report but can be viewed as Attachment 3 to Report CNCL-24-41 available at the following link: <https://pub-oshawa.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=15664>.

Attachment 4 is a copy of the Official Plan Review feedback form used to solicit public input following the initial kick-off of the Official Plan Review process.

2.0 Recommendation

That the Economic and Development Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That, based on Report ED-24-113 dated October 2, 2024, in the event funding in the amount of \$450,000 is approved in the 2025-2026 Mayor’s budget for the Official Plan Review:
 - (a) Economic and Development Services staff be authorized to prepare appropriate Terms of Reference, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Economic and Development Services Department, to complete a Growth Management Study as part of the Official Plan Review, including a Land Needs Assessment; and,
 - (b) Staff be authorized to advance a Request for Proposal process in consultation with Corporate and Finance Services staff that is open to the general public and targeted to planning related consultants to retain a consultant to undertake the Growth Management Study component of the Official Plan Review.
2. That staff be authorized to forward a copy of Report ED-24-113 dated October 2, 2024 and the related Council resolution to the Region of Durham.

3.0 Input From Other Sources

3.1 Public

Public input is being sought on the Official Plan Review. Staff prepared an initial feedback form (see Attachment 4) that was available online at [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshawa.ca/OPReview), in person at Service Oshawa and at the “Shape Oshawa Open House” event held at the Oshawa Centre on May 1, 2024. The feedback form was intended to collect people’s thoughts about Oshawa, including what people like most about living, working or studying in Oshawa, how the public would like to see Oshawa grow, and what should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review.

Staff received 45 online responses to the feedback form. The majority of respondents were Oshawa residents and many heard about the feedback form through social media and email. Results also show that the preferred method of participating in the Official Plan Review is through feedback forms or virtual meetings.

The following subsections summarize the comments received through the feedback form, as well as general comments received from the public and other stakeholders to date.

3.1.1 Feedback Form Comments

The majority of comments received through the feedback form relate to the following themes:

- Housing diversity and affordability;
- Improving the downtown;
- Access to and improving the City’s parks and open spaces;
- Active transportation;
- Access to amenities;
- Sustainability; and,
- Safety and security.

More specifically, the following is a summary of what people like most about living, working or studying in Oshawa, based on the comments received through the feedback form:

- There is a balance between City and rural living, with access to green space and trails;
- The leisure and recreation opportunities;
- Proximity to retail, restaurants and other services;
- Friendly neighbourhoods and a sense of community;
- Lower cost of housing compared to other municipalities; and,
- The arts and heritage community.

Some changes that respondents think would make the City of Oshawa even better include:

- Improvements to the downtown (e.g. adding more local businesses, etc.);
- Offering more affordable housing options;
- Focusing on active transportation;
- Adding more healthcare amenities (e.g. urgent care centres or family doctors);

- Developing innovative parks and playgrounds, as well as recreational programming for older children and teenagers;
- Building more bungalows for the growing senior population;
- Increasing green space;
- Focusing on Central and South Oshawa (not just North Oshawa);
- Better planning for industrial and commercial uses near Highways 401 and 407 East, to minimize transport trucks on City roads;
- Addressing crime and drug use, as well as managing the unhoused population; and,
- Minimizing government “red tape.”

Residents and visitors would like to see the City grow by:

- Building age-friendly communities;
- Rejuvenating the Simcoe Street South/Bloor Street corridors;
- Increasing active transportation infrastructure;
- Adding more green space and parks;
- Creating more public space;
- Decreasing urban sprawl;
- Offering more affordable housing;
- Considering sustainable approaches to growth;
- Increasing density and making communities more walkable; and,
- Increasing the “missing middle” housing options.

Some words that were used to describe the “ideal” City of Oshawa include:

- Clean
- Inclusive
- Welcoming
- Walkable
- Green
- Accessible
- Safe
- Sustainable
- Community
- Diverse
- Vibrant
- Affordable

Respondents indicated that important elements that support quality of life for Oshawa residents include:

- Affordable housing;
- Access to open space/green space;
- Clean and safe communities;
- Easy access to all amenities;
- Community events and programming;
- Accessible amenities;
- Walkable communities and public transportation;
- High-quality education, healthcare and childcare; and

- Diversity.

Lastly, respondents noted that additional items that should be considered as part of the Official Plan Review include:

- Ensuring realistic densities;
- Increasing more housing diversity (e.g. encourage more bungalows and tiny homes);
- Improving environmental standards for new development;
- Encouraging active transportation;
- Consulting and engaging with Indigenous Communities;
- Improving public transportation;
- Addressing housing affordability;
- Designing healthy and complete communities;
- Increasing the number of parks and recreational facilities; and,
- Ensuring that the future O.O.P. document is clear and easy to read for all members of the public.

All of the comments received to date through the feedback form will be considered as the Official Plan Review process progresses and will be used to inform the development of new and/or updated Official Plan policies.

3.1.2 Other Comments Received

Staff have already received a number of specific requests, including Urban Area boundary expansion requests for certain lands to be brought within the Urban Area and the inclusion of policies specifically related to utilities. All of the specific requests and comments received to date will be considered as the Official Plan Review process progresses.

3.2 Other Departments and Agencies

Feedback is also being sought from other City departments and agencies on the Official Plan Review. The City will be establishing a Technical Advisory Committee (T.A.C.), whose role will be to review technical information and provide input throughout the entire Official Plan Review process. It is anticipated that the T.A.C. will consist of:

- Representatives from the Policy Planning division;
- A representative from the Development Planning division;
- A representative from Parks Planning and Development;
- A representative(s) from Engineering Services;
- A representative(s) from Business and Economic Development Services;
- A representative from Diversity, Equity and Reconciliation;
- A representative from Durham Region's Planning and Economic Development Department;
- Other Durham Regional staff as necessary (e.g. Durham Region Transit representative); and,
- A representative(s) from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority.

The inaugural T.A.C. meeting is planned to be held in the 4th quarter of 2024. The T.A.C. will meet, at a minimum, during each phase of the Official Plan Review, as well as on an as needed basis.

Other agencies and departments who do not form part of the T.A.C., such as various Provincial ministries, school boards and utility companies, will be consulted during the Official Plan Review process as necessary, and in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 (the “Planning Act”).

In addition, the City’s Advisory Committees such as Heritage Oshawa, the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee and the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee will be consulted throughout the Official Plan Review process. Staff presented to all three Advisory Committees in April and May of 2024 to provide an introduction and overview of the Official Plan Review process, and will continue to present and/or circulate Official Plan Review materials to the Advisory Committees, as necessary.

3.3 Indigenous Communities

A key component of the consultation and engagement plan for the Official Plan Review involves the engagement and input from participating Indigenous Communities. Engagement with Indigenous Communities will be conducted in a targeted, integrated manner, to ensure that meaningful and impactful engagement opportunities are undertaken. Section 4.6.1 of this Report provides more detail related to engagement with Indigenous Communities throughout the Official Plan Review process.

4.0 Analysis

4.1 Background

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

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

The current O.O.P. contains population, housing, and employment forecasts that are used to plan and manage growth and guide land use decision-making to 2031. However, an updated planning horizon to 2051 is necessary owing to the City of Oshawa’s growing

population and the Region’s adoption of Envision Durham, which also has a time horizon of 2051. It is estimated that Oshawa’s current population as of early 2024 is approximately 187,000 and the City is anticipated to experience significant growth over the next thirty years.

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

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

4.2 Envision Durham

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

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

In 2019, the Region of Durham launched Envision Durham – the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the D.R.O.P. On May 17, 2023, Durham Regional Council adopted the new D.R.O.P. (see Attachment 2) which includes, among other matters, updated population and job growth projections, density targets and the comprehensive delineation of Regional Corridors. More recently, on September 3, 2024, the Province approved the new D.R.O.P., in part, with several modifications. Accordingly, those parts of the new D.R.O.P. that were approved by the Province are now final and in effect.

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

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

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

Pursuant to the Planning Act, the O.O.P. must be updated to ensure conformity with the newly adopted D.R.O.P.

4.3 Special Meeting of Council Overview

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

A Special Meeting of Council was held on April 30, 2024 in the Council Chamber at Oshawa City Hall, where Council considered Report CNCL-24-41 dated April 24, 2024 which provided background information on the Official Plan Review, including the Discussion Paper (see Attachment 3).

Notification of the Special Meeting of Council was provided in accordance with the City's Public Notice Policy GOV-23-02, including:

- Mail or e-mail to all required public bodies;
- Posted on the City's website and communicated through its social medial accounts; and,
- Sent via e-newsletter.

No comments were received from the public at the Special Meeting of Council.

4.4 Update on the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study

On October 30, 2023, Council considered Report ED-23-192 dated October 11, 2023 and passed Interim Control By-law 133-2023 pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act. The purpose of Interim Control By-law 133-2023 was to prohibit development along certain portions of the Bloor Street and Simcoe Street South corridors while staff developed an intensification policy framework to guide future development in suitable locations and appropriate types of built form. The key objectives of the Bloor-Simcoe Intensification Study ("the Study") were to:

- Review the existing policy framework and contextual conditions of the Study area, as they relate to intensification;
- Review the appropriateness of currently planned land uses and zoning in the Study area and, if appropriate, make recommendations for proposed policy amendments;
- Assess the potential for growth through residential intensification within the Study area;
- Identify opportunities to accommodate the growth;
- Determine general principles and concepts for the development of potential intensification sites, and establish urban design guidelines and/or policies for application within the Study area;

- Assist with community engagement to impart a better understanding of the shift to a more compact built form and the need for a more diverse range and mix of housing options to achieve higher rates of intensification and complete communities; and,
- Identify amendments to the O.O.P. and Zoning By-law, as appropriate.

On December 11, 2023, Council considered Report ED-23-218 and authorized staff to schedule a Public Information Centre for the 1st quarter of 2024, to be held in-person at Oshawa City Hall, for the purpose of obtaining public input on the background research and review for the Study.

On April 29, 2024, Council considered Report ED-24-44 dated April 3, 2023 concerning the results of the public consultation process and the findings of the Study and, among other matters, authorized staff to:

1. Initiate the statutory public process under the Planning Act for Council to consider proposed amendments to the O.O.P. and Zoning By-law, as further amended by Council on April 29, 2024; and,
2. Prepare two Master Block Concept Plans for certain lands along the Bloor Street East corridor.

At its meeting on June 24, 2024, Council referred the draft proposed City-initiated amendments to the O.O.P. and Zoning By-law 60-94 developed based on the findings of the Study to staff for consideration as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the O.O.P. As a result, staff will use the findings of the Study to inform the ongoing Official Plan Review process, especially as it relates to planning for strategic growth in the City.

4.5 Work Plan

The Official Plan Review work plan is divided into four phases:

1. Phase 1: Visioning/Background Research and Review (in progress)
2. Phase 2: Initial Findings/Policy Development (to be initiated)
3. Phase 3: Statutory Phase (to be initiated)
4. Phase 4: Adoption (to be initiated)

The following subsections provide more detail, as well as the anticipated timing of each phase. Staff note that the work plan is subject to change and that action items may get added or removed from each phase as the Official Plan Review progresses.

4.5.1 Phase 1: Visioning/Background Research and Review

Phase 1 consists of a review of:

- Relevant Provincial policies, legislation and plans, including the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, Bill 185 - Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, and Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022;
- Envision Durham, the newly finalized and approved D.R.O.P.;

- Relevant City documents, including the 2024 update to the Parks, Recreation, Library and Culture Facilities Needs Assessment, the 2024-2027 Oshawa Strategic Plan, the 2020 Fire Master Plan, and the Oshawa Economic Development Strategy;
- The following key themes outlined in the Discussion Paper (see Attachment 3): growth management, housing, transportation, cultural heritage resources, agriculture and the rural system, environment, climate change and sustainability and economic development; and,
- All comments received to date and during the remainder of Phase 1 from the public and other stakeholders.

The following is a list of Phase 1 action items, including the estimated (or completed) timing of each action item:

- Hold a Special Meeting of Council (completed on April 30, 2024);
- Prepare an initial feedback form to collect people's thoughts about Oshawa (completed – the feedback form was available until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024);
- Host the inaugural T.A.C. meeting (4th quarter of 2024);
- Review all background information (4th quarter of 2024 and 1st quarter of 2025);
- Prepare a Terms of Reference for the Growth Management Study (4th quarter of 2024);
- In the event that the proposed funding for the Official Plan Review is approved in the 2025-2026 Mayor's budget, release a Request for Proposal to retain a consultant to prepare the Growth Management Study and select a consultant (4th quarter of 2024 and 1st quarter of 2025);
- Develop a vision for the O.O.P. together with goals and objectives for the various policy areas of the O.O.P., where deemed appropriate by staff and T.A.C. representatives (1st quarter of 2025); and,
- Participate in "pop-up" consultation sessions at City events or at City venues, as well as participate in consultation sessions with targeted stakeholders (4th quarter of 2024 and 1st quarter of 2025).

Staff are currently undertaking the advancement of Phase 1 and completing the necessary background research and review. All of the above noted action items associated with Phase 1 are anticipated to be completed by the end of the 1st quarter of 2025.

4.5.2 Phase 2: Initial Findings/Policy Development

Phase 2 consists of policy development, public engagement and preliminary drafting of the Official Plan Amendment.

The following is a list of Phase 2 action items, including the estimated timing of each action item:

- In the event that the proposed funding for the Official Plan Review is approved in the 2025-2026 Mayor's budget, undertake the Growth Management Study, including the Land Needs Assessment (2nd and 3rd quarter of 2025);
- In the event that the proposed funding for the Official Plan Review is approved in the 2025-2026 Mayor's budget, offer public consultation opportunities related to the Growth Management Study (4th quarter of 2025 and 1st quarter of 2026);
- Participate in "pop-up" consultation sessions at City events or at City venues, as well as participate in consultation sessions with targeted stakeholders (3rd and 4th quarter of 2025 and 1st quarter of 2026);
- Hold a T.A.C. meeting (4th quarter of 2025 or 1st quarter of 2026); and,
- Prepare the first draft of the comprehensive Official Plan Amendment for review and comment by internal staff and T.A.C. representatives (throughout 2025 and early 2026).

Phase 2 is anticipated to start in the 1st quarter of 2025 and be completed in early 2026.

4.5.3 Phase 3: Statutory Phase

Phase 3 includes the release of the draft comprehensive Official Plan Amendment for public review and comment, as well as the scheduling of the statutory open house(s) and public meeting required under the Planning Act.

The following is a list of Phase 3 action items, including the estimated timing of each action item:

- Seek authorization to initiate the public process under the Planning Act (2nd quarter of 2026);
- Release a feedback form to seek comments on the draft comprehensive Official Plan Amendment (2nd quarter of 2026);
- Hold the statutory Open House(s) required under the Planning Act, which do not need to be held as an Economic and Development Services Committee or Council meeting, to seek feedback on the draft comprehensive Official Plan Amendment (3rd or 4th quarter of 2026);
- Present to the City's Advisory Committees (3rd or 4th quarter of 2026);
- Hold a T.A.C. meeting (3rd or 4th quarter of 2026);
- Participate in "pop-up" consultation sessions at City events or at City venues, where timing aligns, as well as participate in consultation sessions with targeted stakeholders (3rd or 4th quarter of 2026);

- Hold the statutory public meeting required under the Planning Act (1st quarter of 2027); and
- Review all feedback received and prepare the recommended draft comprehensive Official Plan Amendment (2nd and 3rd quarter of 2027).

Phase 3 is anticipated to start in the 2nd quarter of 2026 and be completed by the 3rd quarter of 2027.

4.5.4 Phase 4: Adoption

Phase 4 involves Council's adoption of the comprehensive Official Plan Amendment.

The following is a list of Phase 4 action items. Staff note that the anticipated timing remains to be determined for each of these action items, as they will be dependent on the completion of the action items undertaken in Phases 1 to 3.

- Seek Council adoption of the recommended Official Plan Amendment;
- Hold a T.A.C. meeting;
- Present to the City's Advisory Committees;
- Undertake any additional consultation and engagement, as necessary;
- Prepare a submission package to the appropriate approval authority;
- Finalize any modifications, if required; and,
- Notify interested parties of final approval.

4.6 Consultation and Engagement Plan

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

The Special Meeting of Council held on April 30, 2024 and the first online feedback form (see Attachment 4) were the first of many opportunities for consultation. Staff intend to seek feedback from the public and all stakeholders throughout the entire Official Plan Review process, as well as report to the Economic and Development Services Committee and Council at key milestones and as required under the Planning Act.

Both in-person and virtual consultation opportunities will be offered in order to provide access to Official Plan Review information and to seek feedback. The following is a list of information sources for the Official Plan Review process as well as various consultation and engagement opportunities that staff have either completed or will be undertaking throughout the Official Plan Review process:

- Dedicated Connect Oshawa webpage to share Official Plan Review information and updates, located at [ConnectOshawa.ca/OPReview](https://connectoshowa.ca/OPReview);
- Dedicated Official Plan Review email at OPReview@oshowa.ca;
- Online feedback forms;

- Pre-recorded virtual presentations;
- Social media posts;
- Open houses at various community centres located throughout the City;
- Pop-up displays and consultation sessions at City events (e.g. booth at the 2024 Bright and Merry Market);
- Pop-up displays and consultation sessions at City venues or other venues (e.g. Oshawa public libraries or the Oshawa Centre);
- Updates sent via City e-newsletters or via email to the Official Plan Review notification list;
- Presentations to the City's Advisory Committees;
- In-person or virtual consultation sessions with targeted stakeholders; and,
- Statutory public meeting located at Oshawa City Hall and offered virtually.

Staff note that the consultation and engagement plan is subject to change and that consultation and engagement opportunities may get added or removed as the Official Plan Review progresses. However, staff will in all instances offer opportunities for public consultation that exceed the requirements of the Planning Act.

4.6.1 Indigenous Communities Engagement

As previously mentioned, a key component of the consultation and engagement plan for the Official Plan Review involves the engagement and input from participating Indigenous Communities.

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

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

Subsequently, staff circulated the Discussion Paper via email and sent a reminder to submit initial comments on the Official Plan Review through the feedback form to all eight Indigenous Communities.

At the time of the preparation of this Report, staff have only received correspondence from Alderville First Nation. Alderville First Nation submitted correspondence on April 5, 2024 providing information on their community and requesting both a File Fee in the amount of

\$300 and a Notice of Request to Consult. The Notice of Request to Consult is a document containing relevant information and material facts in sufficient form and detail to assist Alderville First Nation to understand the matter in order to prepare a meaningful response. Accordingly, staff provided Alderville First Nation with their File Fee, as well as an official Notice of Request to Consult letter.

Staff will continue to circulate necessary materials throughout the entire Official Plan Review process, as well as seek feedback from the eight separate Indigenous Communities previously listed. Staff also hope to further engage with the Indigenous Communities by offering to set up in-person or virtual meetings at the appropriate time, to learn more about each community, their traditional knowledge, and their comments and feedback on the Official Plan Review.

4.7 Terms of Reference for a Growth Management Study

As part of Envision Durham (see Attachment 2), the Region of Durham has identified “2051 Urban Expansion Area” lands that were added to the Regional Urban Boundary and are subject to a specific set of policies to guide their further detailed planning and implementation at the area municipal level. The Region has developed the following two objectives related to the 2051 Urban Expansion Areas:

- “1. Ensure the land need and the most appropriate locations for potential Settlement Area Boundary Expansion.
2. Ensure that future decisions on land use, densities, development standards, impacts, infrastructure, servicing and financing requirements are informed through comprehensive study, consultation and evaluation.”

The D.R.O.P. requires area municipalities to update their official plans to designate land for development up to the time frame of the Plan (2051), including Settlement Area Boundary Expansions to the extent of the Region’s Urban Area Boundary as shown in Map 1 of the D.R.O.P., provided that the amendment is only undertaken as part of a comprehensive review of the area municipal official plan to implement the D.R.O.P. and is supported by an analysis, which addresses how the growth management objectives, population and employment forecasts, housing unit allocation, policies and targets of the D.R.O.P. are being achieved, amongst other matters. Accordingly, an important component of the Official Plan Review will be the preparation of a Growth Management Study, which includes a Land Needs Assessment.

The purpose of a Growth Management Study, including a Land Needs Assessment, is to determine how much available serviced land will be required to accommodate Oshawa’s future population, including both residents and jobs. The Growth Management Study will consider settlement area boundary expansions, employment area conversions, allocating appropriate density targets across the City and implementing development phasing policies.

Staff recommend retaining a consultant to prepare the Growth Management Study. As a result, it is appropriate to prepare a Terms of Reference for the Growth Management Study, which includes a Land Needs Assessment, that would be released through the

Request for Proposal process. Should Council choose to adopt the Recommendation contained in this Report, staff will prepare a Terms of Reference and will work with Corporate and Finance Services staff to prepare and release a Request for Proposal to retain a consultant. The Request for Proposal will be open to the public but also targeted to consulting firms with planning expertise, and will be shared through various electronic means including the City's website.

Once the Request for Proposal submissions are received and reviewed, staff will report back to the appropriate Standing Committee and Council, to seek approval of the recommended proponent.

5.0 Financial Implications

It is estimated that the cost to retain a consultant to undertake a Growth Management Study is in the range of \$300,000 to \$450,000.

In addition, there may be future costs related to Indigenous Community engagement, including additional file fees, administrative expenses, and consultation meetings. Staff note that any future costs related to Indigenous engagement will be funded through the appropriate Department budget.

In order to cover the aforementioned costs, funding in the amount of \$450,000 for the Official Plan Review will be considered in the upcoming 2025-2026 Mayor's budget. The costs to cover the consulting services could be funded from the Growth Related Studies Development Charge Reserve and the Growth Related Non-Development Charge reserve.

The costs associated with advertising the Request for Proposal can be paid for using the appropriate Departmental budget.

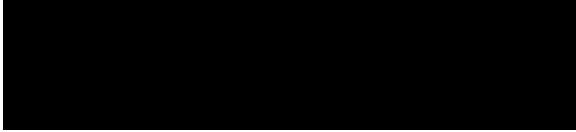
Additional financial implications may include communication or advertising costs, which can be funded from the appropriate Departmental budget. Staff note that any expenses associated with the public consultation and engagement portion of the Official Plan Review, as described in Section 4.6 of this Report, can also be accommodated through the appropriate Departmental budget.

6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This Report responds to the following Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Areas:

- "Lead: Governance and Service Excellence" with the goal to offer community engagement activities that enhance transparency and bring diverse voices and perspectives into decision-making processes;
- "Innovate: Vibrant Culture and Economy" with the goals to attract and promote a vibrant artistic and cultural economy and advance downtown as an urban core;
- "Belong: Inclusive and Healthy Community" with the goals to support and encourage diverse housing options and support sustainable and safe modes of transportation, including active transportation; and

- “Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment” with the goal to provide and maintain recreational outdoor spaces, parks and trails.



Tom Goodeve, M.Sc.Pl., MCIP, RPP, Director,
Planning Services



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

Imagine Oshawa: Oshawa Official Plan Review

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

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

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

Have your say

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

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

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

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us.

Laura Moebs

Principal Planner, Planning Services

905-436-3311 ext. 2818; OPReview@oshowa.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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

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

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

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

- Yes
- No

10. If yes, please provide the following:

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

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Demographic Information

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

11. How old are you?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17 and under | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ |

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

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

Please select all that apply.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

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

Please select all that apply.

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

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If this information is required in an alternate format, please contact the Accessibility Co-ordinator at 905-623-3379 ext. 2131

October 29, 2024

The Honourable Paul Calandra, M.P.P.,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via Email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	October 29, 2024 11:18 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

Re: PDS-043-24 - New Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 and Proposed Ontario Regulation for Additional Residential Units; Overview and Comments

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on October 28, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-076-24:

That Report [PDS-043-24](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Report PDS-043-24 be adopted as the Municipality of Clarington's comments to the Province on matters of transition to the new Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (ERO Posting No. 019-9065);

That Report PDS-043-24 be adopted as the Municipality of Clarington's comments to the Province on proposed Ontario Regulation 299/19 (Additional Residential Units) (ERO Posting No. 019-9210);

That a copy of Report PDS-043-24 and Council's decision be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Durham, conservation authorities, and the other Durham Region area municipalities; and

That all interested parties listed in Report PDS-043-24, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

- c: Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
- Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, Town of Ajax
- Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby
- R. Walton, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog
- Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Brock
- Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
- Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa
- Linda Gasser
- CLOCA
- S. Allin, Principal Planner
- L. Backus, Manager of Community Planning
- D. Lyons, Deputy CAO, Planning and Infrastructure

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 #: 7
 Resolution #: 7
 Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 2024-325 passed by the Municipality of St. Charles, regarding recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Deputy 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.

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	October 28, 2024 8:57 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Recorded vote requested:

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Chair: [REDACTED]

*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
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

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


Motion #: 6

Resolution #: 6

Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West, regarding a call on the federal government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CCBBF agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Charlie Angus, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	October 28, 2024 9:02 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

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



TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Ford:

RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

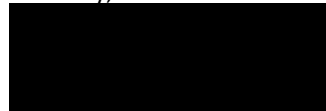
That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

And further, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.


Sincerely,



Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities of Ontario
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	October 28, 2024 9:06 am
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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

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

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

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

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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Council Members

- Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier
Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND WHEREAS Ontario’s small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario’s operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental

infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

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Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

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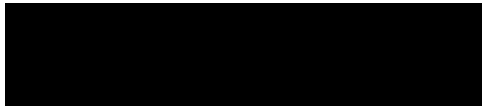
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AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Whitewater Region call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities: AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP John Yakabuski (john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC



October 24 2024

To the staff and councils of the Regional Municipality of Durham and the City of Oshawa:

Please accept this petition to construct the missing sidewalk on the east side of Ritson Road (Durham Regional Road #16) from the southern inlet of Ritson Fields Park to Conlin Rd.

The 391 undersigned are the residents of Oshawa and Regional Wards 1 and 2, as well as the dentists, real estate agents, pharmacists, and small business owners in the commercial plaza at Ritson and Coldstream, the doctors and medical professionals at the Ritson North Medical Centre, and the team members and supporting families who rent time in Ritson Fields Park. Oshawa Ward 2 Councillor Jim Lee and Ward 2 Regional & City Councillor John Neal have also signed and supported this petition. Upon learning of this issue, Councillor Lee moved swiftly to construct the missing portion of sidewalk on the west side of Ritson Road at Coldstream Drive in Ward 2. However, the east side of the road remains conspicuously underserved.

We understand that the City of Oshawa requires original petition copies, but as this endeavour is a joint undertaking between the Region and the City (one to build the platform, the other to build the sidewalk), we have decided to submit the originals to the Region, where we assume the process will begin, and we have submitted copies to the City, who will complete the project.

Please also note that the process of collecting these signatures took some time, during which the named Commissioner of Development Services for Oshawa has since retired from his position. We trust that the staff, councils, and the new Commissioner will take this matter well in hand.

All signing parties were shown the included map of the area, which clearly depicts the sidewalk extending from Ritson Fields Park to Conlin Rd. While we understand that the new development at Luple Avenue may fill in a portion of this sidewalk route, please note that this petition is to construct a sidewalk along the *entire* denoted route. Residents, business owners, and park users are not interested in more sidewalks that abruptly end, and lead to nowhere.

Finally, allow us to clarify that we request this work to be completed independently of the Region's proposal to widen Ritson Road, which is a project that certain of the undersigned oppose. We encourage the Region and the City to work together to meet the Region's own engineering guidelines, which state that all Regional roads are to have a sidewalk on both sides, and to assist Durham Regional Transit in their accessibility efforts by assuring that future bus stops along the route will no longer be carved into snowbanks along the road's gravel shoulder, with no access the non-existent sidewalk. Thank you for your support in completing this important and long overdue project.

Sincerely,


Ryan Henson (Steigton) and the undersigned

Conlin Rd

 **Kedron
Public School**

**1.23 km
of missing
sidewalk**

Coldstream Dr

 **Plaza**

Ritson Rd



Bus stop

Wilson Rd

Riston Fields

 **Sherwood
Public School**



Taunton Rd



Petition to install the missing sidewalk on Ritson Rd N

<p>Petition summary and background</p>	<p>For decades, the City of Oshawa and the Region of Durham have ignored their own engineering design criteria, failing to install a much-needed sidewalk on the east side of Ritson Rd between Ormond Dr and Conlin Rd. The road connects multiple residential buildings and houses to a public school, a commercial plaza, a DRT bus stop, a church, and a large park. Presently, the pedestrian way comprises a dirt path, an elevated path flanked by ditches, and a two foot gravel shoulder along the busy arterial roadway, which borders another long ditch. Development along Ritson Rd has been recently, and is continually being approved by the City without sidewalks in the site plans. Warren Munro, the Commissioner of Development Services at the City of Oshawa, assures residents that a sidewalk will be constructed "in the fullness of time." The missing sidewalk is already decades late. The time to build it is now.</p>
<p>Action petitioned for</p>	<p>We, the undersigned, are concerned Durham Region residents who urge our municipal and regional leaders and staff to act now to install the missing sidewalk on the east side of Ritson Rd between Ormond Dr and Conlin Rd.</p>
<p>Disclaimer</p>	<p>By signing this petition, the residents acknowledge that the petition may become public as part of a Regional or Municipal Council or Committee agenda.</p>
<p>Petition Organizer</p>	<p>Ryan Creighton (Oshawa Ward 1)</p>

Printed Name	Signature	Contact	Municipality of Residence	Date

From: [Cheryl Bandel](#)
To: [Clerks](#)
Subject: FW: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
Date: October 30, 2024 10:45:00 AM
Attachments: [PNG image](#)
[PNG image\[84\]](#)

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 6:29 PM
To: Cheryl Bandel <Cheryl.Bandel@Durham.ca>
Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

You don't often get email from scott@goodroads.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Regional Municipality of Durham Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: cheryl.bandel@durham.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Regional Municipality of Durham would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Durham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

Scott R. Butler
Executive Director

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

9-1-1 MANAGEMENT BOARD

September 24, 2024

A regular meeting of the 9-1-1 Management Board was held in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 10:00 AM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. O'Blenes, Durham Regional Police
S. Boyd, Fire & Emergency Services*
T. Cheseboro, Region of Durham Paramedic Services*
B. Garrod, Durham Regional Council
M. Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement, Durham Region
W. Spindler, Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre*
J. Wichman, Communications/9-1-1 Technical Manager
***denotes members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Adnan Naeem, Solicitor, Legal Department

Absent: P. Cousins, Superintendent, Durham Regional Police

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Legislative Services Division – Corporate Services Department

G. O'Blenes chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Simpson, Seconded by J. Wichman,
(7) That the minutes of the 9-1-1 Management Board meeting held on
May 28, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Introduction of Stephen Boyd, Fire & Emergency Services

G. O'Blenes welcomed Fire Chief, Stephen Boyd to the Board.

5. 9-1-1 Call Statistics

J. Wichman provided the statistics on calls transferred from January to August 2024. He advised that calls may be less than last year due to the android cell phones and the SOS features that were pushed out last summer, causing a global increase of abandoned calls.

6. DRPS Update re: 9-1-1 System

J. Wichman provided an overview of the following issues involving the 9-1-1 system:

- On August 2nd, DRPS Communications started experiencing a loud rhythmic noise on the lines. It was reported that the issue stopped when the calls were transferred but lasted the majority of the day. DRPS started to prepare for an evacuation process to the backup site at Central East Division when the cause of the problem was confirmed to be faulty equipment and rectified so an evacuation was not necessary.
- On August 24th, Communications Supervisors received a call from the Bell 9-1-1 Monitoring Centre indicating that 10 9-1-1 calls were missed. It was determined that the calls came in as abandoned calls and all callers had already been called back without incident and triaged properly. The issue was identified as multiple trunks in a bad/error state and was rectified by Bell.
- On August 28th, call takers noted they were experiencing issues with both 9-1-1 and administrative calls. When calls were answered, the caller sounded garbled. Some calls were minimal and manageable whereas some were not. The issue went on for sometime and was resolved on September 6th. It was determined there was data corruption in the Rogers and Bell Mobility core nodes that connects the wireless networks to the wireline.

J. Wichman responded to questions with regards to whether there were any implications as a result of calls missed and whether there is a direct contact with Bell for immediate response when there are issues.

7. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters.

Other Departments - Comments/Concerns

1. Comments/Concerns – Regional Council

Councillor Garrod thanked staff on behalf of Regional Council for continuing to step up at all times and advised that he would be open for another opportunity to visit the call centre.

2. Comments/Concerns – Durham Police

J. Wichman provided an update with regards to a regional initiative that will most likely start in 2026/2027. He advised that the new initiative will change the way 911 calls are routed in the new NG911 system and will be more geodetic, based on the callers location on the cell phone. He also advised that it will involve the eight area municipalities, as well as police, fire and ambulance.

3. Comments/Concerns – Fire Departments

S. Boyd stated that there has been a consolidation of fire dispatch which has been working well. He also advised that they are moving to a new CAD system and the software will hopefully be upgraded in February 2025.

4. Comments/Concerns – Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre

W. Spindler provided the following update:

- The radio system transitioned to Public Safety Radio Network (PSRN) or Land Mobile Radio Network (LMRN) in June and it was a smooth transition and well received.
- The CACC is currently working on transitioning the telephony system with a date of November 26th. He advised that the training of staff will be happening through all of October and this transition will help manage call volume or work flow a bit better.
- They are currently working on Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) training with staff with a Go Live date set for May 23, 2025.
- There has been numerous staffing enhancements and provided a brief overview of the new hires.
- There is vacant space in their building and they are working with Infrastructure Ontario and MOH Facilities to try to secure that space.

5. Comments/Concerns – Durham Finance

M. Simpson advised that the Region has a new budget timeframe with budget approval now scheduled for December. She requested that the next meeting be moved from November 26th to November 12th at 1PM. It was the consensus of the Board members to move the meeting to November 12th.

M. Simpson also asked J. Wichman to provide an update on the 9-8-8 Initiative.

6. Comments/Concerns – Region of Durham Paramedic Services

T. Cheseboro advised that the MPDS changes will have an impact on calls with respect to delays. He stated that MPDS has a built-in allowance to better prioritize the calls coming in so it gives better decision making ability to defer certain types of calls. He advised that he has had some discussion with the Ministry on the need for a campaign to raise awareness of this change.

Councillor Garrod asked about the timing of this and asked that consideration be given to the three northern municipalities.

8. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

November 12, 2024 at 1 PM at the Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. **Adjournment**

Moved by J. Wichman, Seconded by Councilor Garrod,
(8) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM

G. O'Blenes, Durham Regional Police

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to
Council