



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence.

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There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2024-INFO-74
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

Updated 2024 – 2028 Planned Federal Investments for Homelessness: Reaching Home Allocations

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) federal funding investment allocations within the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Program.

2. Background

2.1 On December 1, 2023, Regional Council was informed through 2023-INFO-104, that the Region's Reaching Home allocations would be decreasing throughout the period of 2024-2028.

2.2 The federal Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy is intended to support the National Housing Strategy and integrate tools and approaches, such as a Coordinated Access System, which are used effectively in Durham to support people in need.

2.3 Reaching Home supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50 per cent by fiscal year 2027 to 2028.

2.4 Funding is primarily delivered through the Community Entity (CE) model. The Community Entity, normally an incorporated organization (i.e., community's

municipal government or an established not-for-profit organization), implements the community plan and is responsible for the selection, approval and management of projects in the local area. The Region of Durham is the designated Community Entity, or fund administrator for the Reaching Home program, locally.

- 2.5 Given the negative impacts to the community from a reduced Reaching Home allocation, the Region advocated to the federal government for the restoration and enhancement of our Reaching Home allocation.
- a. The Chair sent a letter to Minister Fraser on behalf of Regional Council outlining the impacts of a reduced allocation and seeking the restoration and enhancement of the Region's allocation.
 - b. The Chair connected with local MPs on the issue to make them aware of the impacts to residents and ask for their support.
 - c. The Region's federal pre-budget submission requested a reinstatement and enhancement of historical Reaching Home allocations.
 - d. Alignment was sought through sector advocacy on Reaching Home allocations through the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
 - e. Regional Chairs met with Minister Fraser in October 2024 and raised the issue of homelessness supports including the need for an increased Reaching Home base allocation

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 [2023-INFO-103](#): 2024 – 2028 Planned Federal Investments for Homelessness: Reaching Home Allocations

4. Updated Allocations

- 4.1 On November 12, 2024, the Region received notification that our Reaching Home agreement will be increasing with an additional investment from the federal government of \$12,982,522 over the period from 2024-2028.
- 4.2 The incremental funding allocations were noted as follows:

Year	Previous Allocation	Incremental Allocation	Revised Allocation
2024-2025	\$4,666,872	\$1,255,272	\$5,922,144
2025-2026	\$4,666,872	\$1,255,272	\$5,922,144
2026-2027	\$940,221	\$5,235,989	\$6,170,210
2027-2028	\$940,221	\$5,235,989	\$6,170,210

- 4.3 In 2024, funding through the Reaching Home program has been allocated to local agencies providing housing stability programs (e.g., housing maintenance support, eviction prevention, etc.), supports services, and other emergency shelter

operations. All of these funded services have consistently seen increasing pressures and demand for supports.

- 4.4 With the new, increased, allocation amounts noted above, the Region (as the Community Entity) will see an increase in funding for homelessness and supporting a Coordinated Access System.

5. Homelessness in Durham

- 5.1 The homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on people and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario. Homelessness imposes unnecessary costs on our institutions, community agencies, economy, health system and government.
- 5.2 Homelessness is growing in our community. Durham's data shows a 67 per cent increase in people experiencing unsheltered homelessness over the past year. Staff meet regularly with counterparts across the GTHA to coordinate resources, share best practices and approaches to service delivery, and collaborate advocacy efforts for additional funding and policy changes.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 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.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Investments in homelessness supports and prevention will continue to place pressure on the municipal tax base, as communities experience unprecedented demands on existing services. Addressing homelessness cannot be done by any one order of government and investments from all levels are needed to reduce homelessness.
- 7.2 Staff will continue to meet regularly with counterparts across the GTHA to coordinate resources, share best practices and approaches to service delivery, and collaborate advocacy efforts for additional funding and policy changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-75
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

Precision Agriculture Field Day

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Precision Agriculture Field Day held on May 28, 2024.

2. Background

2.1 Durham Region is home to 3,360 local agri-food businesses, including 1,200 farms. Approximately 27,105 people are employed by Durham's local agri-food value chain, yet labour shortages continue to limit our agri-food growth capacity.

2.2 The second annual Precision Agriculture Field Day was hosted by the Region of Durham's Economic Development and Tourism Division (Invest Durham) in partnership with Durham Farm Connections (DFC) and was sponsored by the Durham Workforce Authority (DWA).

2.3 The event invited 100 high school students studying environmental science, information-communication-technology, green industries, civics, and more, to a Durham Region farm to learn about how technology is used on farms, how farming

technology and the environment integrate on the farm, and about the career opportunities in agriculture related to their respective areas of study.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 [#2022-EDT-10](#) – Growing Agri-Food Durham – A Five-Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry. This event directly supports the following actions in the [plan](#):

- a. Goal 6: Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food industry.

Action (a): Educate youth in the region about diverse career opportunities available in agriculture through videos, presentations, resource sharing and agricultural programming.

- b. Goal 8: Partner with organizations and agricultural organizations to deliver and expand agricultural literacy in the Region.

Action (d): Have an active role in educating non-farm communities about agriculture in partnership with DFC.

4. Precision Agriculture Field Day Event Details

4.1 DFC was a key partner in the delivery of this event. DFC provides agriculture education opportunities for the farm and non-farm communities in Durham Region to ensure the viability of the agri-food sector. The event was sponsored by Durham Workforce Authority.

4.2 Prior to the event, five videos were circulated to the teachers and students as pre-materials to help students learn about the agri-technology and precision agriculture techniques they would be seeing at the field day. Four videos, sponsored by the East Central Soil and Crop Improvement Association, were created prior to the 2023 Precision Agriculture Field Day event, and one new video was created prior to this year's event to showcase soybean harvest. All the videos can be used as a future educational resource and are available for public viewing on the [Durham Farm Connections - YouTube](#) channel.

4.3 There were four stations/demonstrations at the event, each led by agriculture industry professionals and leaders in agri-technology:

- a. No-till soybean planting and soil health. The students learned about the technology and mechanics of the tractor and soybean planter, including GPS mapping, auto-steer, planter sensors, fertilizer placement, and input/resource efficiencies. Students learned how the soil and agriculture work hand in hand, including how agricultural practices improve the function of soil micro-organisms, as well as improving overall soil structure. Students watched how equipment and technology is used to monitor and track soil health. This demonstration was provided by the Barrie Family and Felix Weber from Ag Business and Crop.
 - b. Precision fertilizer and spray application, and GPS simulator: Students watched a self-propelled nutrient and spray applicator machine pass over the growing corn crop. Discussion included the computer programming, soil/crop analysis and environmental considerations that are made for each nutrient that is applied on a crop. The interactive GPS simulator allowed the students to experience first-hand what it's like to operate a GPS guided machine. This demonstration was provided by Ed Hanson from Equipment Ontario and Dave Cooper from Kubota Canada.
 - c. Drone flight demonstration: Students watched how drones can be applied to agriculture through a flight demonstration. Discussion included drone technology for spreading cover crop seeds, mapping fields with optics technology and working in the field without physically interacting with the soil and crop. The demonstration was provided by Wonderfull Inc. and Brian Hall, an independent crop consultant.
 - d. Apple orchard equipment and technology: Students learned about the different types of equipment and technologies used for tasks in apple farming and orchard management, from planting to harvest. This included GPS guided orchard planting, variable spaying, optics for crop benchmarking, and pruning equipment to name a few. This demonstration was provided by Kirk Kemp from Algoma Orchards.
- 4.4 Career opportunities in agriculture was a key theme for the field day. Students learned about the variety of opportunities to work in agriculture, including computer programming, soil science, equipment mechanics, customer relations, among many others. The field day featured a lunch time speaker, Paula West from AgCareers.com, to share her journey into working in agriculture and her perspective on the wide variety of rewarding careers in agriculture.
- 4.5 Students and teachers participating in the field day completed evaluations which identified that most students hadn't considered a career in agriculture prior to attending. The field day demonstrations were a highlight for the students and the

teachers appreciated the interactive learning opportunities that were delivered. Student comments on the highlights of the day included:

- a. Interesting to see the evolution of technology used in farming and how it is so important for food production.
- b. Interesting to see the process of testing the soil health and how it related to chemistry and biology.
- c. Learned a lot about the different types of jobs needed to make farming happen.
- d. It's cool to see the equipment that is used and how it relates back to the environment.
- e. Benefits from being precise with farming inputs and this is where technology, programming and equipment helps the farm and the environment.

4.6 The Precision Agriculture Field Day was very well received by attendees. Many noted they appreciated learning more about agriculture and the opportunities that exist beyond farming.

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. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity
 - 3.5 Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries: Agriculture and agri-food industries are key drivers of our regional economy.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The Precision Agriculture Field Day provided an opportunity to showcase some of Durham's most advanced farmers, farming operations and precision agriculture specialists while encouraging the growth of the future agriculture workforce in Durham Region.

6.2 A similar event will be hosted again in the future to continue to promote and educate about the opportunities for careers and advanced technology in Durham agriculture.

6.3 We are grateful to have the support of the agriculture community to deliver this event. It would not be possible without them volunteering their time, equipment, and expertise. This event was delivered with the support of 20 volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-76
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

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

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has the delegated authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority between July 1 and September 30, 2024 (Q3). As reported in the November 15, 2024 Council Information Package, these Regional planning responsibilities will end on January 1, 2025.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

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

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

- 3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP). If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.
- 3.2 In the third quarter of 2024, the Planning Division received 15 area municipal official plan amendment applications. All 15 applications are exempt from Regional approval, as follows:
- In the City of Oshawa, application **12-12-4741** is a City initiated amendment to various proposed City-initiated amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning by-law 60-94.
 - In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA-2024-W/07** proposes an amendment to permit an automobile dealership. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application Z-07-2024.
 - In the Municipality of Clarington, application **COPA 2024-04** proposes an amendment to permit a 12-storey mixed use residential building and 3-storey townhouse units. The proposed development would provide 275 residential units and commercial space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application ZBA 2024-10.
 - In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-02** proposes an amendment to permit a 11-storey mixed-use residential building. The proposed development would provide 167 residential units and commercial space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application ZBA 2024-02.
 - In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A2** proposes an amendment to permit a maximum density of 692 units per hectare for lands designated High Density Residential. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z6/24.

- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A4** is a Town-initiated amendment to permit up to four dwelling units per lot on lands within land use designations with specific provisions and restrictions that support residential uses. The amendment will allow 'as-of-right' zoning permissions for up to four residential units on a lot wherever the zoning permits detached, semi-detached, or street townhouse dwellings.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-01** proposes specific amendment to Planned Commercial Strip and Mixed-Use Commercial/Residential designation to permit the development of a 10-storey mixed use building. The development would have a density of 822 units per hectare (386 units) and 2,478 square metres of commercial floor space with 202 residential parking spaces and 110 commercial parking spaces. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with the related zoning application ZBA-2024-01.
- In the Township of Uxbridge, application **OPA 73** is a Township initiated application for the Downtown Strategic Plan and Action Plan Implementation. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application ZBA-2024-006.
- In the Municipality of Clarington **COPA 2024-05** proposes an amendment to permit a standard Condominium. The development consists of one four-storey apartment building, one three-storey stacked townhouses, and two three-storey townhouses for a total of 73 residential units.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA-24-A5** proposes an amendment to permit the development of six towers with heights up to 60 storeys with a total of 3,727 residential units and 270,891 square metres of gross floor area.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-03** proposes an amendment to permit a mixed-use development. The proposed development includes one mixed use podium and three residential towers, with a total of 1308 residential units, 517 square metres of retail space, and 836 square metres of medical clinic space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z-2024-04.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-04** proposes an amendment to permit a 25-storey mixed-use development. The development consists of 408 residential units, 157 square metres of retail space, and 3,178 square metres of office space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z-2024-05.
- In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2024-W/08** proposes an amendment to facilitate a four-storey mixed use building and a four-storey residential building. The proposed development includes 216 units and 473 square metres of

commercial space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z-11-24.

- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A6** proposes an amendment to permit a subdivision, consisting of single detached dwellings, medium density residential block, and four-part lot blocks. The proposed subdivision would have a density of 19.60 units per acre with a total of 117 residential units. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z9/24 and subdivision application S-A-2024-01.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-05** proposes an amendment to permit the development of one 10-storey mid rise building. The development proposes 337 units per net hectare with 74 apartment dwelling units. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z-2024-07.

4. Commissioner's Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications

4.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the third quarter of 2024, the Planning Division did not receive any subdivision or condominium applications.

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

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

- In the Township of Scugog, application PLC-2024-07 proposes to permit the removal of part-lot control on Lots 5, 8, 43, 44, 45 & 46 and Blocks 77, 78, 79. To facilitate the creation of 24 dwelling units within the existing registered plan of subdivision (File: S-S-2018-03) Plan Number 40M-2764.

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

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

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

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- Select minor variance applications.
- 6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments on Land Division applications circulated to the Region by the area municipalities.
- 6.3 Attachment 1 provides a summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.
- 7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan**
- 7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.
- 7.2 As of September 30, 2024, there are ten ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the third quarter of 2024, no new ROPA applications were received and two ROPA applications under consideration were dispensed with during this quarter.
- 8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)**
- 8.1 Five non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3A).
- 8.2 There are no Land Division applications currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3B). The OLT issued its Decision for LD 086-088/2024 (OLT-24-000134) on July 8, 2024.
- 9. Reserved Street Names**
- 9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services, primarily from a public safety standpoint, to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. The Region does not assess whether the proposed street names may, or may not be, in good taste. Street names that are viewed as not being in conflict or duplicative with existing street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the third quarter of 2024, the Region received 9 new street name requests (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

10.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality and the applicable conservation authority. The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development also approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits (1 hectare or more in size). During the third quarter of 2024, five new Good Forestry Practice permit application was received.

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

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

12. Attachments

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

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

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

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

Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

**Regional Review of Planning Applications –
Summary July 1 to September 30, 2024**

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	15
Commented	4

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	8
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	9
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	5

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	0
Provided Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	0

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	1
Commented	1
Approved	0

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	31
Commented	10

Consents

Received	36
Commented	17

Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	5
Issued	3

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

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

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

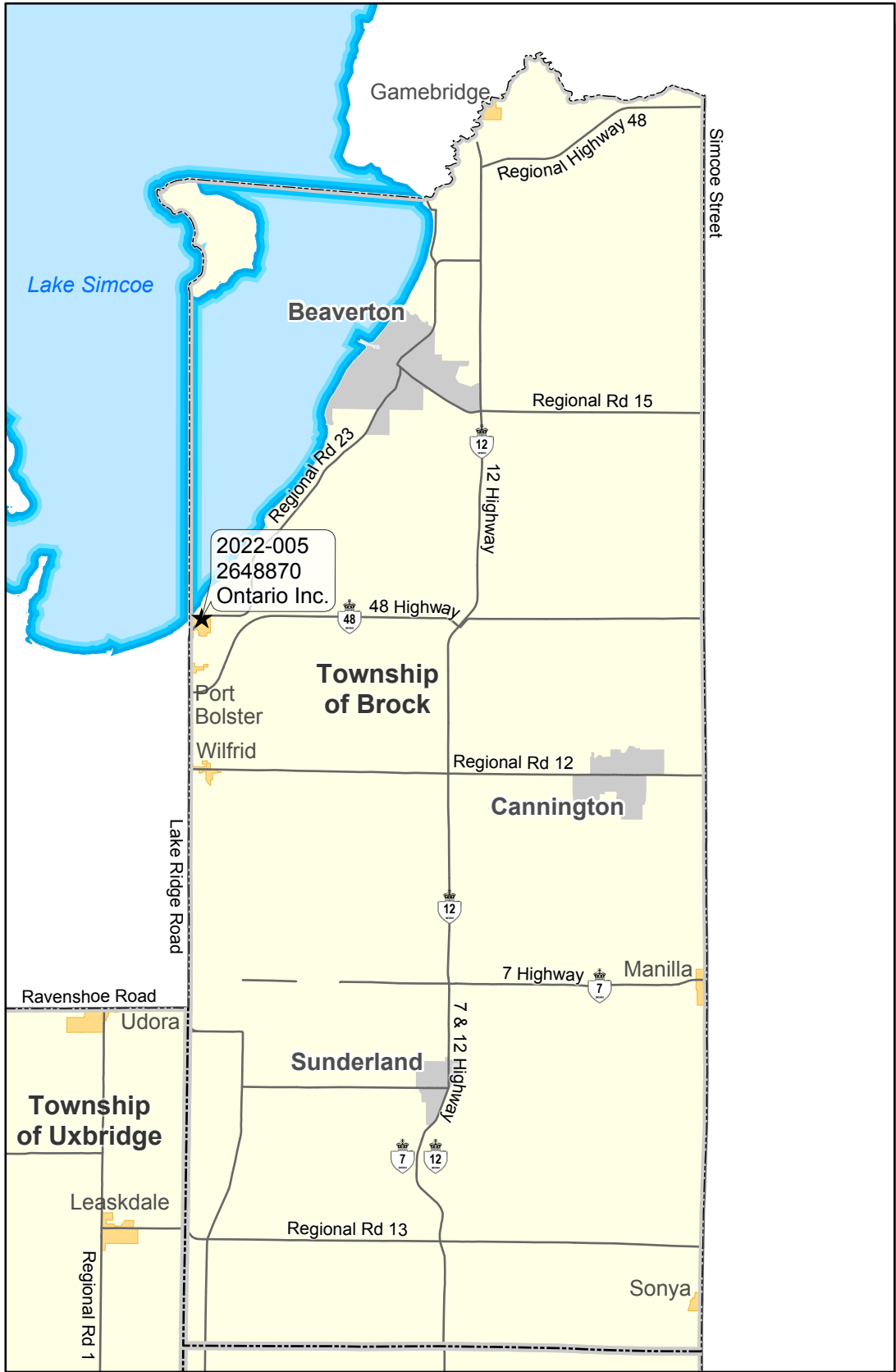
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6. 2021-003		Region of Durham. Various sites in proximity to existing and planned GO Rail stations.	<p>To implement Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations as a component of the Region's municipal comprehensive review.</p> <p>Status: Regionally adopted ROPA 186 was submitted to MMAH for approval in January 2022. Although a decision on ROPA 186 was never received, on September 3, 2024, MMAH approved the new Regional Official Plan, in part with modifications. The new ROP incorporates the Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations.</p>
7. 2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	<p>To develop a golf course expansion</p> <p>Status: Public meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>

OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
8. 2022-002		Norman Clements Township of Uxbridge Lot 15, Concession 4 (10899 Concession Road 4)	<p>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</p> <p>Status: Statutory Public Meeting was held June 7, 2022.</p> <p>The Region's file on this matter has been closed. The Region's new Official Plan as approved on September 3, 2024, has incorporated this amendment into the new Official Plan.</p>
9. 2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	<p>To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey "villas" for a total of 46 rental units.</p> <p>Status: Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
10.2024-001		Lafarge Canada Inc. Township of Uxbridge Part Lot 20, Concession 3 (4900 Concession Road 4 Uxbridge)	<p>To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 17.9 ha. The proposed extraction area within the expansion area will be approximately 15.4 ha and will include extraction above and below the water table.</p> <p>Status: Public Meeting held on June 4, 2024. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>



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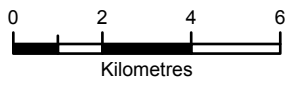
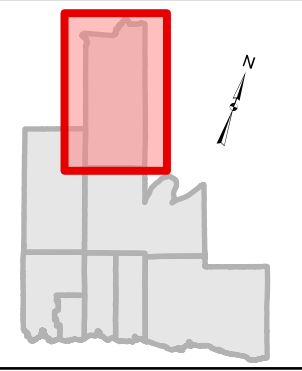
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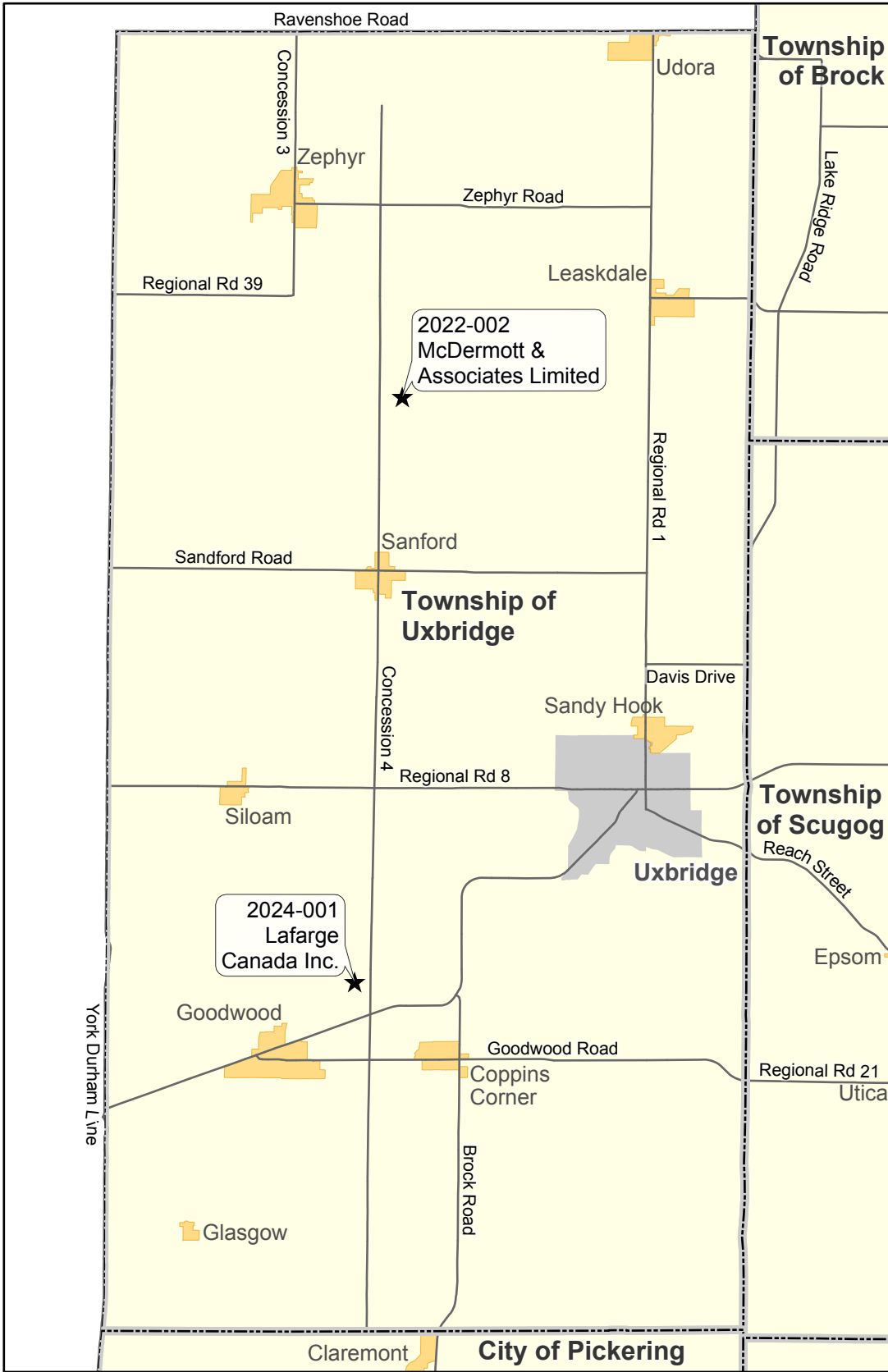
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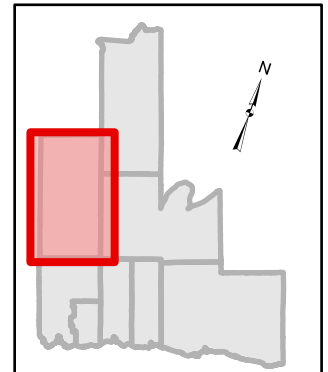
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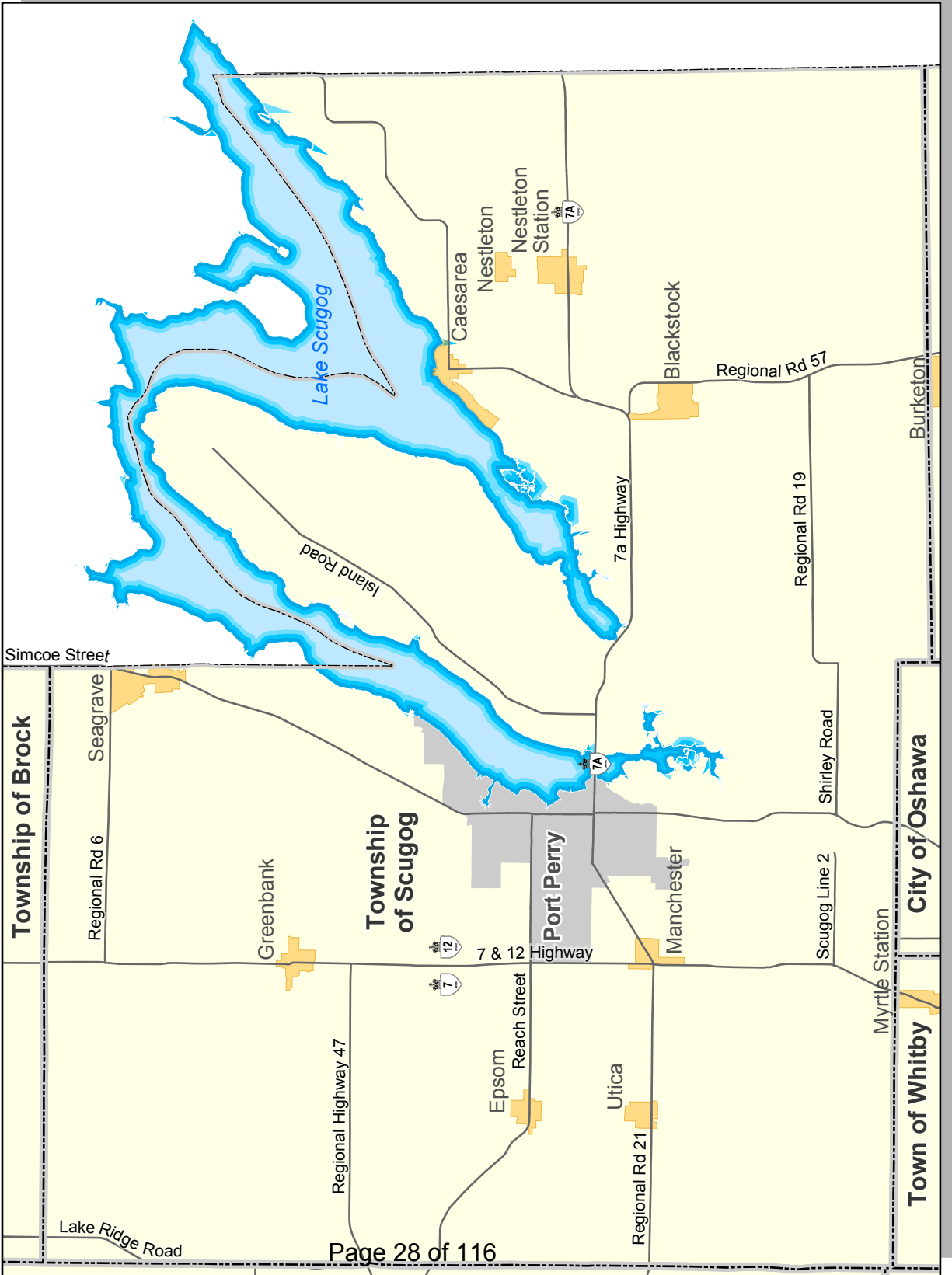




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Township of Scugog

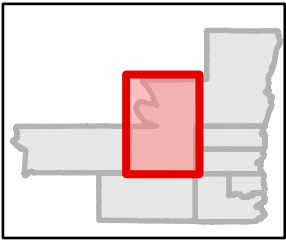
As of September 30, 2024 there are no active ROPA applications in the Township of Scugog



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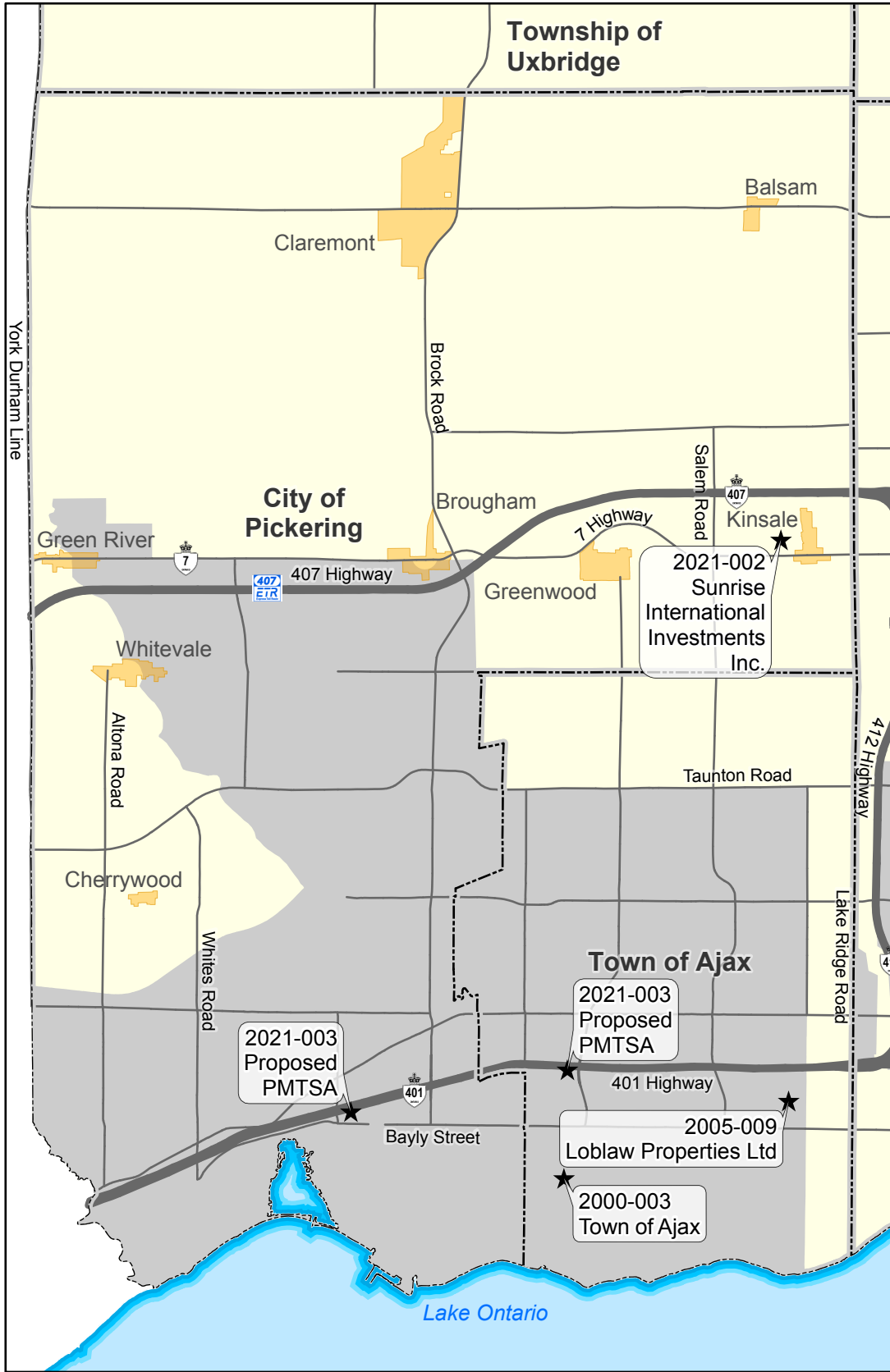
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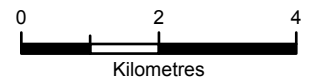
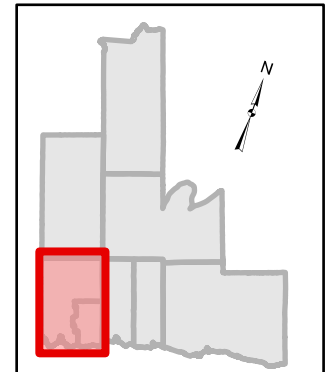
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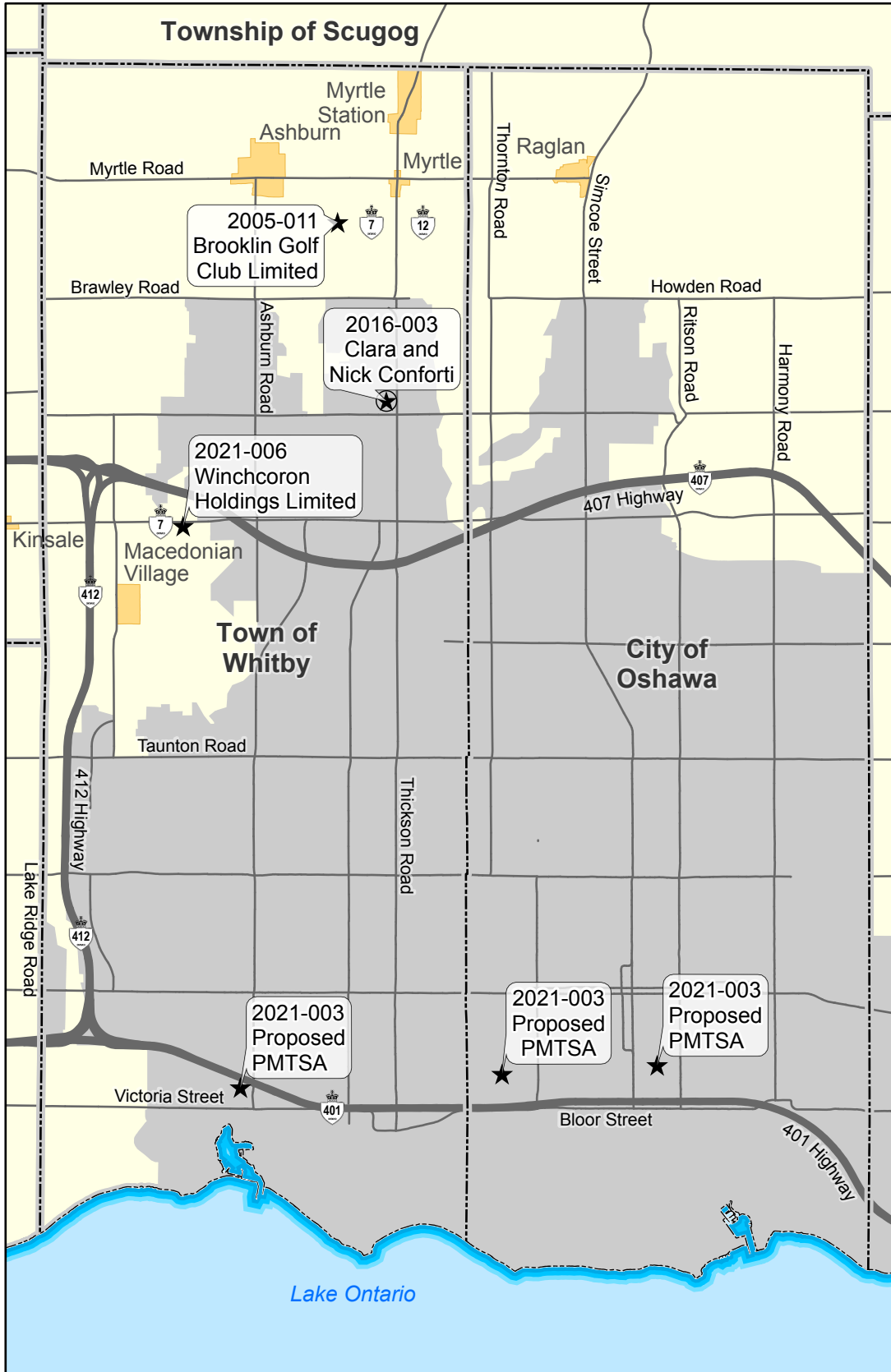
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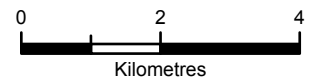
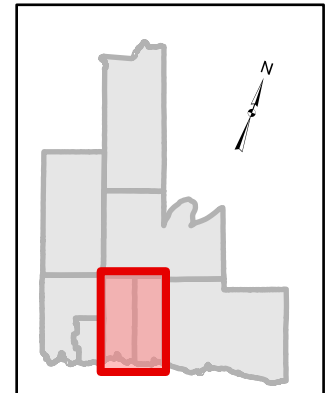
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Municipality of Clarington

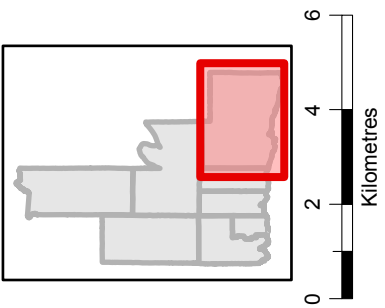
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of September 30, 2024)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
COPA 2020-003 OLT-22-004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low-density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use. Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	Case Management Conference conducted April 23, 2023.
OPA 20-004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22-004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference was scheduled for July 28, 2023. The matter has been adjourned with no new date set. All the parties have indicated that their appeals will be site specific, and the City is working with the parties on next steps on how to proceed with the scoped appeals.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
COPA 2022-0003, OLT-23-000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	A Merit Hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2024.
OPA 2020-W/03 OLT 24-000115	Town of Whitby	Town of Whitby	The Amendment updates the Secondary Plan for the Downtown Whitby Area. It provides a vision and detailed objectives, updated development policies and land use designations for the Secondary Plan Area. The Secondary Plan will guide future growth and development in the Downtown Whitby area.	Acknowledgement letter from the OLT was received on January 31, 2024. Second Case management conference conducted on June 28, 2024. Merit Hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 2025.
Brookhill Secondary Plan	Municipality of Clarington	Municipality of Clarington	The Amendment updates the Secondary Plan for the Brookhill Secondary Plan Area. The Secondary Plan will guide future growth and development in the Brookhill Neighbourhood.	The OLT is in the process of scheduling a Case Management Conference.

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

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 086/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 2,020 m ² agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 118.03-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	<p>Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.</p> <p>First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024.</p> <p>OLT Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.</p> <p>The OLT issued its Decision on July 8, 2024.</p>
LD 087/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 3.33-hectare agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 114.7-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	<p>Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.</p> <p>First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024.</p> <p>OLT Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.</p> <p>The OLT issued its Decision on July 8, 2024.</p>

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 088/2023 OLT-24-000134	Mitch Morawetz	Municipality of Clarington	The purpose of the application is to sever a vacant 72.5-hectare agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 42.2-hectare agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and a shed.	<p>Application was appealed to the OLT on December 31, 2023.</p> <p>First Merit Hearing was conducted on April 12, 2024.</p> <p>OLT Settlement Hearing approving the application was conducted on June 13, 2024.</p> <p>The OLT issued its Decision on July 8, 2024.</p>

Summary of Reserved Street Names (As of September 30, 2024)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in second Quarter of 2024	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		320
Brock	0		35
Clarington	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Quinney • Alfred Gray • Sam Brereton • Frank Hoar 	659
Oshawa	0		459
Pickering	0		525
Scugog	0		212
Uxbridge	0		150
Whitby	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot • Plateau • Compass Hill • Roseleen • Echo 	457
Total	9		2,817

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

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-77
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

Durham Tourism Rural Recreational Cycle Loops Project

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief overview of the Durham Tourism Rural Recreational Cycle Loops project which included the recent launch of 13 [rural on-road cycling loops](#).

2. Background

2.1 Durham Tourism works with industry stakeholders and local organizations to support the growth of Durham's tourist attractions, arts, recreation, and cultural assets, and markets Durham Region as a four-season tourist destination.

2.2 An action in the [Durham Tourism Strategic Action Plan 2024-2028](#), that supports tourism in specifically the rural areas of Durham, is tourism wayfinding and rural recreational cycling route creation and promotion.

2.3 The purpose of this project was to develop and implement primarily rural on-road recreational cycling loops that offer cyclists a superior recreational cycling experience with connections to tourism destinations along the way. These new loops will strengthen Durham's position as a cycling destination and will attract more

local and domestic visitors. These visitors will in turn support the Region's vibrant independently owned tourism industry businesses, creating and sustaining jobs in the rural economy.

- 2.4 The loops are in the municipalities of Brock, Scugog, Uxbridge, and Clarington. They were drafted in consultation with Regional staff from Departments of Planning and Economic Development and Works, as well as area municipalities, and local cycling organizations and associations. Safety was considered throughout the process. The level of difficulty and terrain are described on the website so cyclists can plan for rides best suited to them.
- 2.5 In locations where these recreational loops intersect or coincide with the Regional Cycling Plan's Primary Cycling Network, opportunities will be explored to coordinate signage. Wayfinding signage for the rural recreational loops will consider the Region's proposed Cycling Wayfinding and Signage Strategy.

3. Project Objectives and Target Outcomes

- 3.1 The following were identified objectives of the project:
 - a. Create a network of safe rural recreational cycling loops that maximize the enjoyment experienced by recreational cyclists.
 - b. Design on-road rural cycling loops that go past or pass near local tourism-related businesses and amenities.
 - c. Encourage residents and attract visitors to explore experiential recreational cycling loops geared to all skill levels (leisure, intermediate and advanced).
 - d. Provide cyclists with the options to plan their ride through various leading GPS platforms, include 'Ride with GPS' and 'Strava'.
 - e. Promote tourism businesses that are certified with Ontario By Bike as bicycle-friendly, offering all of the necessary amenities for cyclists, as well as work to attract increased Ontario By Bike participation from tourism industry operators, historical locations, and businesses.
 - f. Implement tourism wayfinding signage in conjunction with the recreational cycling loops by the end of 2025 within the townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge.
- 3.2 The following are target outcomes of the initiative:
 - a. Increased economic prosperity to rural tourism businesses.
 - b. Further development of partnerships with local and provincial cycling organizations.

- c. Improved wayfinding to local tourism attractions and amenities.
- d. Provide safe, accessible, and excellent experiences to riders of varying skill levels.
- e. Reduce emissions through the promotion of a sustainable and active tourism activities.
- f. Improved health and well-being for both residents and visitors.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability
 - Goal 1.5 – Expand sustainable and active transportation.
- b. Goal 2: Community Vitality
 - Goal 2.2 – Enhance community safety and well-being.
- c. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity
 - Goal 3.2 – Leverage Durham’s prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth.
 - Goal 3.3 – Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods effectively.
- d. Goal 5: Service Excellence
 - Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The rural recreational cycle loops project delivers experiential experiences for on-road cycle tourists, and will increase visitation, support business growth, foster active living and community engagement and will introduce improved tourism wayfinding in 2025.

5.2 Rural tourism cycling loops present tremendous potential to improve the overall quality of place of the Region, improving desirability by talented workforce demographics, and can bring resident and visitor spending to rural tourism industry operators that are equipped to welcome cyclists.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-78
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

2024 Annual Report of the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the release of the annual report from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada (CPHO) regarding the state of public health in Canada entitled: [Realizing the Future of Vaccination for Public Health](#).

2. Background

2.1 The CPHO is responsible for providing an annual report to the Minister of Health for tabling in Parliament as required under Section 12(1) of the [Public Health Agency of Canada Act](#).

2.2 The annual report provides an update on the state of public health in Canada and encourages discussion on priority public health issues.

2.3 The 2024 CPHO annual report was released on October 25, 2024.

2.4 This year, the CPHO focuses on the topic of vaccinations and provides a vision and solutions to mitigate current issues, such as gaps in vaccine funding, uptake, access, and evidence in Canada.

2.5 New data, resources and features to help measure the state of public health in Canada are available on the [Health of People in Canada dashboard](#).

3. CPHO Annual Report Highlights

3.1 The 2024 CPHO annual report is organized into four sections:

- a. Section 1, entitled *Policy and Program Interventions: Equitable and Community-Driven Initiatives that Facilitate Access to Vaccination*, presents solutions to improve vaccine access by designing supportive resource, healthcare, and information environments.
 - Resource environments should remove barriers to vaccination (e.g., by making vaccination as convenient as possible especially for people who would typically face barriers).
 - Healthcare environments should offer a positive vaccination experience. This can be achieved by having trusted healthcare providers administering vaccines, promoting culturally safe and person-centred care, and combining vaccination with other services.
 - Information environments should promote vaccine awareness, education, and trust with timely, accurate, and culturally appropriate information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the safety and effectiveness of vaccines.
- b. Section 2, entitled *Evidence, Knowledge, and Information: Inclusive and Interoperable Vaccination Evidence Systems to Understand Population Health Needs*, presents solutions such as:
 - Enhancing public health surveillance systems for vaccination by improving the availability of stratified data, prioritizing data sovereignty, and facilitating linkages between data systems.
 - Using interdisciplinary research to better understand issues of vaccine coverage, uptake, and acceptance, especially among priority population groups.
 - Prioritizing evidence-informed decision making by connecting research to vaccination policy and practice, for example with technical advisory groups.
 - Including community knowledge (e.g., lived experience, culture, and traditions) in vaccination evidence systems (i.e., data and research).
- c. Section 3, entitled *Medical and Digital Health Technology: Purposeful and Adaptive Vaccine Technology for Equity*, presents equity-promoting solutions, such as:

- Addressing equity gaps with new vaccines or with improvements to existing vaccine products to better serve people disproportionately affected by disease.
 - Leveraging digital health technologies for efficient vaccine uptake and distribution (e.g., reminder systems, clinical decision support alerts, electronic consent forms, and general promotional messaging to combat mis- and dis-information).
 - Incentivizing needs-based vaccine research and innovation according to global epidemiological trends and community needs, especially in under-resourced communities.
 - Embedding community engagement into the vaccine development process, especially in the design and conduct of clinical vaccine trials.
- d. Section 4, entitled *Strengthened Foundations of the Public Health System to Support Vaccination*, presents practical solutions for the public health system, which include:
- Equipping public health and healthcare workers with the tools and resources to support vaccination.
 - Optimizing public health funding with economic analyses of vaccination programs.
 - Coordinating knowledge, communication, and participation in vaccination policy decision-making (e.g., through groups like the National Advisory Committee on Immunization) to align activities, share feedback, and reduce duplicative work about vaccination across jurisdictions.
- 3.2 The CPHO highlights three actions to improve the vaccination landscape for public health.
- a. Guide sustainable investments in vaccination by:
- Evaluating current and future vaccinations to assess and improve public health performance.
 - Investing in information technology, program evaluation, and workforce capacity.
 - Providing sufficient funding to tailor vaccination approaches to meet the needs of priority populations and establishing targets to close equity gaps.

- b. Strengthen vaccination data and evidence systems to be responsive, inclusive, and connected by:
 - Accelerating the advancement of evidence and data systems that are timely, comprehensive, relevant, interoperable, accessible, and respects data sovereignty.
 - Monitoring the impact of vaccines at the population level.
 - Incentivizing research to close information gaps, like sociocultural contexts that influence trust in institutions and vaccines.
 - Prioritizing equity-informed and community-driven methods to better understand vaccine access, acceptance, knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs.
 - Prioritizing Indigenous data sovereignty.
- c. Embed and expand collaboration mechanisms for the vaccination system by:
 - Developing processes for knowledge exchange.
 - Working across jurisdictions.
 - Committing to self-determination for Indigenous Peoples in vaccination governance systems.
 - Implementing community perspectives into vaccine program decision-making.
 - Supporting international governance structures involving vaccines that contribute to global health security.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priority 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.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The CPHO's annual report is an opportunity for boards of health and relevant stakeholders across Canada to reflect on the current state of public health and establish priorities for the year ahead.
- 5.2 This year, the CPHO's vision is for everyone in Canada to experience the benefits of vaccination to its fullest extent across the lifespan.
- 5.3 Moving forward after the COVID-19 pandemic, the CPHO is committed to fostering a stronger and more resilient vaccination system that adapts to the population's needs. This includes ongoing work on health equity and expanding health information systems to assess threats and monitor population health.
- 5.4 The CPHO will release a companion resource that calls for coordinated science and research to put this report's recommendations into action. The companion report is not yet available but will be titled: *Generating Knowledge to Realize the Future of Vaccination for Public Health*.
- 5.5 Locally, the Durham Region Health Department continues to implement its Immunization program. Information regarding local immunization services is available at durham.ca/immunize and durham.ca/covidvaccines.
- 5.6 Immunization clinics are held for residents who do not have OHIP coverage or have decreased access to a healthcare provider. Additionally, COVID-19 vaccines are provided to residents who have decreased access through a pharmacy or healthcare provider.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-79
Date: November 22, 2024

Subject:

The 2024 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on [A Time for Urgent Action: The 2024 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty](#), released on October 29, 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2018, the Government of Canada committed to reduce poverty through [Opportunity for All – Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy](#). This foundation established Canada's Official Poverty Line, set targets to reduce poverty by 20 per cent by 2020 and 50 per cent by 2030, and introduced the [Poverty Reduction Act](#).
- 2.2 Although Canada met its 2020 poverty reduction target, data from the last couple of years show increasing poverty rates. The poverty rate rose from 6.4 per cent in 2020 to 7.4 per cent in 2021, and 9.9 per cent in 2022. This represents an extra 1.4 million people living in poverty in Canada in 2022 compared to 2020. If this trend continues, the federal government will not meet its 2030 target.
- 2.3 The National Advisory Council on Poverty (NACP) was created in 2019 to monitor and report on Canada's progress towards achieving its poverty reduction goals.
- 2.4 NACP's 2024 report was informed by conversations with organizations that work in poverty reduction, as well as individuals with lived experience.

3. NACP Report Findings

3.1 During NACP's engagement, they heard:

- a. As costs for goods and services rise, more people living in Canada are falling into poverty because they can no longer afford the things they need. Those living in poverty for a longer period time are finding it harder to access vital resources and have seen a deterioration in the supports they receive.
- b. People need access to resources to have and maintain a basic standard of living. These vital needs include housing, transportation, food, health, and mental health services. Other intangible but important needs were described, such as a sense of identity, inclusion, and dignity.
- c. Some people working full-time jobs, and others working multiple jobs are living in poverty. There is a need for higher minimum wages.
- d. Government supports at all levels often fall below Canada's Official Poverty Line. People relying on government benefits are living and staying in poverty. Higher social assistance rates are needed.
- e. More people are accessing shelters, living in encampments, or sleeping on the street. People feel unsafe in shelters, and there are insufficient alternate options, which is why tent encampments are widespread.
- f. People find it challenging and complex to access benefits and services through government and non-profit organizations. Systems are disconnected and difficult to navigate, and those who need supports are often unaware of what is available to them or how to access benefits. Further, some people are more likely to face challenges accessing benefits and services due to systemic inequity and racism.
- g. In 2023, racialized people were more likely to live in poverty (13 per cent), compared to non-racialized people (8.7 percent). Further, colonization has impacted Indigenous people, Black people, and people from other racialized groups, which has damaged trust between communities and government.
- h. Non-profit organizations are doing important and innovative work; however, they rarely get enough funding for basic operational costs. Additionally, funding is not stable or long-term. Funding issues limit impact. As poverty rises, non-profit organizations are struggling to keep up with the rising demands on their services.
- i. After the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic situation, many people describe themselves as living in survival mode. People are more likely to be thinking about their own families and communities, and the connection between people and the community overall is weakened. People spoke about how this leads to increased loneliness, isolation, and mental health problems.

Left unchallenged, these societal conditions can undermine people's interest in helping those made most marginal.

4. NACP's Six Recommendations

4.1 The NACP included the following six recommendations in its report which are based on ongoing dialogue, updated poverty statistics, observations of current measures and collective expertise:

a. That the federal government work towards **zero-poverty** by:

- Introducing a basic income floor, indexed to the cost of living, that would provide adequate resources for people to meet basic needs, thrive, and make choices with dignity.
- Increasing income security by incrementally reforming current benefits to increase benefit amounts.

b. That the federal government address **housing challenges** by:

- Working with all levels of government to develop a plan to decrease core housing need for people spending 30 to 50 per cent of their income on housing. This includes expanding non-market housing and the development of affordable not-for-profit housing.
- Introducing and managing federal rental subsidies, including a percent to account for energy and utility costs.

c. Increase **food security** by:

- Establishing regulations of nutritious food prices, in alignment with the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goal 2](#).
- Implementing the [National School Food Program](#) in a way that is low-barrier, stigma-free, equitable, inclusive, and nutritious.

d. Improve **access to benefits and services** by:

- Exploring ways to expand auto-filling and auto-enrollment for government benefits and supports.
- Funding system navigation improvements.

e. **Support the non-profit sector** by:

- Providing stable and long-term operational funding, while allowing for flexibility and autonomy in how organizations are managed.

- Providing funding for fair and equitable wages and working conditions for people employed in the non-profit sector.
 - Reducing the administrative burden associated with funding processes.
 - Supporting organizations that promote innovation in response to their clients' needs.
- f. **Build strong and equitable communities** by:
- Respecting treaty rights and supporting Indigenous leaders to reduce poverty in their own communities, in their own way. This includes urgently implementing the [Calls to Action](#) from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the [Calls for Justice](#) from Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
 - Developing a plan to address poverty inequity, with a goal of reducing poverty rates among priority populations to at least meet or be lower than the average national poverty rate by 2030.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 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

6. Conclusion

6.1 Locally, the Regional Municipality of Durham is working on a Poverty Response Program (PRP). The PRP will outline actions to support poverty reduction. It is being developed by Durham Region Social Services Department and Durham Region Health Department (DRHD), in collaboration with Davis Pier Consulting. The PRP will be informed by and developed with the community, service providers, community partners and individuals with lived experience. The PRP aims to better understand poverty in Durham Region and create actionable solutions.

6.2 There will be engagement opportunities to help inform the PRP and these will be shared publicly when available.

- 6.3 DRHD is monitoring Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Staying updated on the national strategy will ensure DRHD is informed on national poverty trends and any changes to federal-level programming, policies and resources.
- 6.4 DRHD's Health Neighbourhoods initiative provides a picture of how health varies by where residents live. In 2015, seven Priority Neighbourhoods were identified that require focus to build on health and well-being. These Priority Neighbourhoods have the lowest income levels in the region.
- 6.5 DRHD works to improve health outcomes for those living with low income by modifying programs and services to address the needs of this population. DRHD also collaborates with Regional and community partners to help improve outcomes for those living with low income.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 22, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – November 17, 2024

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
November 17, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/2h45ufe5

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2024-2025 School Year (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/2an6mtdb

- Radon Testing and Mitigation (Nov 6)

tinyurl.com/4kjjw5svm

- Durham Region Health Department home visiting programs (Nov 7)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/2xccjrj

- Government of Canada increases reach of Canada Student Loan forgiveness for nurses and doctors in underserved rural and remote communities (Nov 12)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/4c5c7xjb

- Canada releases draft regulations to cap pollution, drive innovation, and create jobs in the oil and gas industry (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/kazheycu

- Minister Guilbeault heading to the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP29 to push for collective climate action (Nov 8)

tinyurl.com/575jtx4x

- Environment and Climate Change Canada responds to reports table by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Nov 7)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/vyxp9aw9

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Pain Awareness Week (Nov 4)

tinyurl.com/3wep27zd

- Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada – Update on Avian Influenza and Risk to Canadians (Nov 13)

tinyurl.com/3yxsty3d

- Government of Canada establishes a Committee of Experts to make recommendations on National Pharmacare (Nov 14)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/yfdd8s3a

- Message from the Minister of Health – Diabetes Awareness Month and World Diabetes Day (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/jvty9akw

- Government of Canada announces \$7.5M to Kids Help Phone (Nov 14)

Public Safety Canada

tinyurl.com/3fhdn4jm

- Eight Meeting of the North American Drug Dialogue (Nov 14)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

tinyurl.com/bdec9rdm

- Ontario Marks Woman Abuse Prevention Month (Nov 1)

tinyurl.com/zectd9hu

- Ontario Celebrates Opening of New Children’s Treatment Centre in Ajax (Nov 15)

Ministry of Energy and Electrification

tinyurl.com/23927edf

- Ontario Expanding Ability to Process Cancer Fighting Medical Isotopes (Nov 8)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Home Care Association

tinyurl.com/3s5xavfu

- Canadian Home Care Association Urges Greater Transparency in Home Care Spending (Nov 13)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/4wa9rafk

- Canada’s health care spending expected to grow faster than the economy (Nov 7)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/2ae92783

- Government of Canada appoints new President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Nov 14)

tinyurl.com/54zm5855

- Government of Canada invests in research on avian influenza A (H5N1) (Nov 14)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/4fvmc644

- Canada’s Vision Health Partners Applaud Parliament’s Passage of Bill C-284, the National Strategy for Eye Care Act (Nov 8)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/4xrwdcv5

- CNO releases 2024 Nursing Statistics Report (Nov 7)

Heart and Stroke Foundation

tinyurl.com/bde27r7r

- Heart & Stroke strongly urges expanded scope of \$1 billion foundation in Big Tobacco settlement (Nov 14)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

tinyurl.com/ydr6wmv6

- Time is running out for federal government to achieve bulk of emissions reductions (Nov 7)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/ye26hukn

- OPG Announces New President and Chief Executive Officer (Nov 14)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board Canada

tinyurl.com/5n842pec

- PMPRB report reviews new drugs and their potential impact on future drug spending in Canada (Nov 5)

Statistics Canada

tinyurl.com/3xcefzex

- Canadian Statistics Advisory Council Report – Navigating Social and Technological Change in the National Statistical System (Nov 7)

Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat

tinyurl.com/3ep85m5k

- Government of Canada is strengthening research and innovation across Canada (Nov 14)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/3xfk4n8d

- WHO study lists to endemic pathogens for which new vaccines are urgently needed (Nov 5)

tinyurl.com/4427wvbk

- WHO demands urgent integration of health in climate negotiations ahead of COP29 (Nov 7)

tinyurl.com/a5yfcs88

- Urgent action needed as global diabetes cases increase four-fold over past decades (Nov 13)

tinyurl.com/mr4zmync

- Measles cases surge worldwide, infecting 10.3 million people in 2023 (Nov 14)



Memorandum

Date: November 19, 2024
To: Regional Council
From: Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Subject: Information Memo to Council - Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

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Elaine Baxter-Trahair

1. Purpose

1.1 At the October 9, 2024, meeting of Committee of the Whole, a motion regarding Enhancing Shelter Supports for Women and Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence was brought forward by Councillor Shahid and seconded by Councillor Roy. Following this, staff were directed to provide a memo to Council, summarizing the current Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) work underway at the Region of Durham.

2. Intimate Partner Violence Programs and Initiatives

2.1 At the Region, the CAO's Office, Health and Social Services Departments are working to address IPV, including Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Human Trafficking, across multiple areas of focus, including:

- Providing Supports and Services
- Community Awareness and Partnerships
- Strategy Development

2.2 Providing Supports and Services

Partner Assault Response Program (PAR)

- PAR is a group/counselling program for individuals who have perpetrated IPV (intervention and prevention based). This program is funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General and provides a 12-session group education/counselling program for individuals (male and female) who have been mandated by the court to attend a PAR program or counselling as directed by a Probation and Parole officer.

- Family Services Division (FSD) served 421 people in the PAR program fiscal year 2022/2023 (346 male; 75 female) and 482 people in 2023-2024 (395 male; 87 female). Interpretation services are provided for group and individual program delivery and DEI principles are incorporated into the curriculum.
- FSD provided 655 partner contacts in 2022/2023 fiscal year; and 568 to date in 2023/2024 providing safety planning, support, referrals to community resources, and information about the offender's progress throughout the duration of the program.

GBV Counselling Services

- These services are available to individuals and families. They can include safety planning, trauma counselling, crisis counselling, family/couple counselling, and sexual violence counselling.
- FSD received 510 counselling requests specific to Gender Based Violence in 2023 (these requests are prioritized for service).
- Note: This number is provided by the client information system, but it does not provide an accurate representation of the number of total GBV/IPV counselling requests, as disclosure can come later (i.e., in counselling, family counselling, anger management etc.)

GBV Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse (MSAC) Counselling Services

- These services are funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General for clients identifying as male. It follows a self-referral process for up to 8 sessions of counselling for impacts related to current or historical sexual abuse/assault.
- In 2023 14 clients were referred to FSD for MSAC services.

Older Adult Safety Advisor (OASA)

- In collaboration with DRPS, the OASA provides support and services to ensure the safety and well-being of older adults. In this work, supporting adults experiencing abuse is a priority.
- From January 2024 to the end of September 2024, there have been 2,786 interactions related to abuse perpetrated against an older adult. This is more than double the number of total interactions in 2023 (1,106).

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Positive Alternatives Diversion Program (PADP)

- This program is a partnership with FSD and Durham Region Police Service (DRPS). DRPS provides parenting support and education to eligible offenders who have used excessive or inappropriate discipline with the goal of maintaining the family unit. This program uses community-based approaches for prevention, intervention and easing emotional distress.

Human Trafficking Response Team

- Two Income Employment and Homelessness Supports Division (IEHSD) community-based case coordinators are dedicated to supporting human trafficking survivors. These case coordinators complete Ontario Works Applications, manage Ontario Works files, provide intensive case coordination support by providing survivors with advocacy, accompaniment and connection to medical, legal, mental health, and housing supports.

Additional Support Services

- Support services often focus on developing safety planning, supporting referrals and supports to assist the individual in accessing counselling and other supports to address trauma and other GBV, IPV and human trafficking impacts. Additional supportive work taking place includes:
 - **Debrief groups** to support Social Services staff providing service at-risk populations including Human Trafficking clients.
 - **Adult Protective Services Program** receives referrals for individuals with developmental disabilities who are experiencing abuse.
 - **Violence Against Women (VAW) Shelter Liaison** partners with VAW shelters to support women and children in shelter who are receiving Ontario Works Assistance. This is done by managing their file and supporting clients moving from shelter into a home by issuing available benefits and supports. The Shelter Liaison also provides supports to clients residing in a VAW shelter who are not in receipt of Ontario Works Assistance.

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- **The Safety Network Durham Team IESD case coordinators and FSD counsellors** attend the Safety Network Durham on Mondays and Thursdays to support women and families who are leaving IPV. They provide financial literacy training and administer Ontario Works Assistance as well as provide safety planning, emotional and counselling support, education, information, advocacy, and referrals.
- **The IEHSD IPV Steering Committee** regularly reviews internal policies to ensure Ontario Works is administered in accordance to IEHSD Family Violence Protocol, ensuring client safety is always prioritized.
- **The Health Department delivers the following programs** to support clients who disclose they have been, or are currently victims of, GBV/IPV: Food 4 Thought groups (specific GBV/IPV principles); Stepping Stones, EarlyON and other community programs; Healthy Babies Healthy Children home visiting program; and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy groups (for clients with perinatal mood disorders)
- **Administer Ontario Works Assistance** to human trafficking survivors residing at Safe Hope Home.
- **Nourish and Develop Foundation (North Durham)** – FSD partners with Nourish and Develop Foundation to deliver counselling to victims of GBV living in north Durham.

2.3 Community Awareness and Partnerships

Community Engagement: Inaugural Awareness Walk

- Durham Region collaborated with eight Violence Against Women (VAW) response agencies; including Bethesda House, Herizon House, Luke’s Place, Safety Network Durham, The Denise House, Victim Services Durham Region, Women’s Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham, and YWCA Durham; to organize the inaugural Community Awareness Walk to End IPV.
- This event took place at Durham Region Headquarters in Whitby on Saturday, September 21, 2024, engaging over 150 participants.

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The Guide to Community Resources for Seniors and Older Adults

- Developed and distributed The Guide to Community Resources for Seniors and Older Adults across Durham Region in partnership with The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, Durham Region Transit, the Social Services Department, and over 20 community organizations. The guide aims to enhance social connections and community engagement among older adults by raising awareness of resources and supports available in the community.
- The guide includes services and programs categorized under the mental health, housing, legal and safety sections, addressing the unique challenges older adults face concerning elder abuse generally and GBV specifically.
- Printed copies of the Guide were made available at approximately 130 locations throughout Durham Region, including public libraries, community facilities, health centers, seniors' residences, and community partners. To date, over 6,500 older adults have received hard copies of the guide, and an accessible online version is available at durham.ca/agefriendly.

Human Trafficking Advocacy and Awareness

- The Region of Durham is mobilizing a number of Human Trafficking (HT) Advocacy and community awareness initiatives, including:
- Human Trafficking Awareness Training: In March 2024 IEHSD provided this training to 48 individuals from 6 community partner agencies.
- Liaise with municipalities across the province who aim to duplicate the success of Durham Region's Human Trafficking Response.
- Attend International Human Trafficking Conferences, highlighting Durham Region's Human Trafficking response as an International Best Practice.
- IEHSD Community Partner Committee: A frontline sub-committee of the Human Trafficking Coalition that will create awareness and build on best practices among all participating Community Agencies.

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- Note: The Durham VAW shelters indicated they are in a 'staffing crisis' at the last Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (VPCC) meeting. It was shared that some VAW shelters in Ontario have no overnight staff, that ED's are taking shifts and that resident numbers are being adjusted due to these shortages.
- Although the VAW sites are funded directly by the province and not part of the homelessness system, this could certainly exacerbate the shortage of beds we are already encountering.

Provincial Funding Applications

- The Region is leading two and partnering on seven GBV funding proposals to support prevention and intervention of GBV. The two Regionally led proposals aim to:
 1. Provide counselling to individuals with developmental disabilities who have experienced GBV as a victim or perpetrator.
 2. Develop, implement, and evaluate a community-based public education and awareness campaign on GBV throughout Durham Region.

Community Partnerships

- The Region of Durham has staff members who are members and/or working in support with the following committees, community partners and initiatives:
 - Safety Network Durham (SND) (Steering Committee member and weekly meetings for all Ontario Works SND team members)
 - Violence Prevention Coordinating Council of Durham (VPCC)
 - Durham Region Human Trafficking Coalition
 - Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Care Centre
 - DRPS
 - Victim Services of Durham Region
 - Durham Region Sexual Health Clinic
 - Children's Aid Society
 - High Risk Action Review Team (HART) for domestic cases that are case intensive and high risk.

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- Partner Assault Response Community of Practice – Family Service Ontario member PAR providers
- Partner Assault Response Alliance – representing PAR organizations throughout the province.
- VAW Shelters Bethesda House, Denise House, and YWCA Y's Wish through the IEHSD Shelter Liaison Case Coordinator
- Durham Region Housing – support to apply for Canada Ontario Housing Benefit and Special Priority Housing and check client's status on waitlist.
- IPV Awareness Training - Facilitate IPV training to Internal Staff and Community Partner agencies. In March 2024 IEHSD provided IPV training to 48 individuals from 6 community partner agencies.
- Ongoing Regional support for community partner agency awareness and fundraising efforts.

2.4 Strategy Development

IPV and GBV Community Action Plan

- The development of an IPV and GBV Community Action Plan was initiated through the formation of a subcommittee, comprised of Regional staff from the CSWB Secretariat, Health and Social Services Departments, and members of the Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (VPCC) of Durham¹. This group was tasked with developing a Community Action Plan that outlines key actions that could be taken to address IPV and GBV in Durham Region over the next two years as part of the CSWB Plan's Victimization priority risk factor.
- Although the Action Plan is still in development, five priority outcomes have emerged for collaboration among survivors, community organizations, service providers, community members, businesses, and other institutions:
 - Expand IPV and GBV awareness and prevention initiatives.
 - Enhance outreach and engagement with populations disproportionately affected by IPV and GBV.

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- Secure sustainable funding for IPV and GBV prevention and response efforts.
- Improve access to safe and affordable housing for IPV and GBV victims/survivors to help them escape abusive situations.
- Strengthen data collection and monitoring of IPV and GBV prevalence and trends.

Community Healing Protocol

- Efforts are underway to develop a Community Healing Protocol (CHP) as access to restorative, culturally affirming, community-led healing responses can play a crucial role in disrupting cycles of interpersonal violence and other forms of trauma. The CHP will facilitate a community-led response to local traumatic and violent events, including incidents of alleged femicide and contribute to restoring balance and wellness within communities.

Development of a Violence Prevention Strategy

- A Youth Violence Prevention Strategy and Toolkit is being developed as part of the implementation of Public Safety Canada's Building Safer Communities Fund.
- The Strategy will acknowledge the complex challenges facing youth in our communities and will provide a road map for collaborating across multiple sectors and levels of government to promote youth safety and well-being in Durham Region. Areas of focus could include issues related to mental health, anti-racism, human trafficking, consent, IPV, healthy relationships, sextortion, teen dating violence, gun and gang violence and cyber safety.
- A toolkit will be developed as a standalone document for distribution in community. It will serve as a resource guide for youth, their families, and their social support networks who are looking to connect with services in the Region.

3. Conclusion

Ongoing research and collaboration efforts are underway, such as connecting with other municipalities and organizations in the broader IPV/GBV sector (e.g., Building a Bigger Wave, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children at Western University). These efforts ensure we

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remain informed about IPV/GBV initiatives and best practices at the municipal level.

These actions demonstrate a robust, multi-faceted approach by the Region of Durham to prevent, address and mitigate the impact of IPV and GBV within the community. As work progresses and new information becomes available, we will continue to keep Council informed.

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November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Jones,

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	November 20, 2024 10:07 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

Resolution 266-2024

Moved by: Councillor Johnson

Seconded by: Councillor Dube

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities




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November 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent by email to premier@ontario.ca

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	November 15, 2024 12:24 pm
Original To:	CIP
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Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Re: Resolution on Establishing an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program

At its regular meeting of Council held on October 16, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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 Township of Amaranth 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

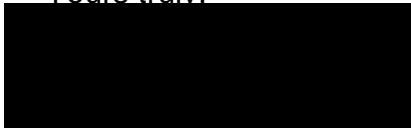
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of 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.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,



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CAO/Clerk



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Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
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Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support

Resolution 293-2024
Moved By: Councillor St. Louis
Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and


WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

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October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6
Via Email: Anita.Anand@parl.gc.ca

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Via Email: mayor_chow@toronto.ca

Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experience drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airports long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9th-busiest airport and 3rd-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



Wendy Landry
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

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Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Government of Canada
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November 19, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

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At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed:

Re: Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2024-0168-Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Resolution: 293-2024
Moved By: Councillor Adduono
Seconded By: Councillor St. Louis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape with impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of



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foreign interference, increased spread of mis-disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Terrace Bay calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Thunder Bay MPP's, AMO and AMCTO.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

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Minister of Education – Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org

Minister of Public Business Service Delivery – Todd McCarthy todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

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Thunder Bay MPP's

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October 10, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, October 7, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 2024-0168 regarding Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2024-0168.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Education
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
Minister of Finance
Halton MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2024-0168

Title: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Date: October 7, 2024

Moved by: Councillor A. Hilson

Seconded by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Item No. 12.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

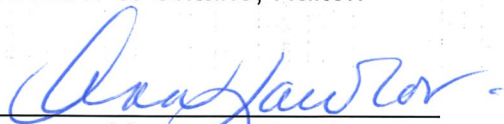
AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis-disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public Business Service Delivery, Ministry of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, Halton MPPs, AMO and AMCTO.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



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November 19, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday November 17, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Resolution: 306-2024

Moved By: Councillor Johnson

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

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 helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural 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 Township of Terrace Bay 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;



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

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

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

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Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org
Minister of Rural Affairs – Lisa M. Thompson lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response – Trevor Jones
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Minister of Health – Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
MPP Lise Vaugeois lvaugeois-gp@ndp.on.ca
Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, scott@goodroads.ca
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November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

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 helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural 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 Town of Pelham 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 Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

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

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

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Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
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- Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response** trevor.jones3@ontario.ca
- Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health** sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
- Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West** Sam.oosterhoffco@pc.ola.org
- Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, Executive Director** scott@goodroads.ca
- Ontario Municipalities**



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SENT VIA EMAIL

November 15, 2024

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RE: AMCTO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT – TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00G

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of October 28, 2024, the following motion was carried:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Uxbridge calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

AND THAT this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca), the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy (Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org), and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Result: Carried

Yours truly,


Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca)
Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca)
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)
Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca)
MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy (Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
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TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

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Date: October 28, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 10 a

Subject: Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Marc Lalonde
Seconded by: Lisa Deacon

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Russell Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

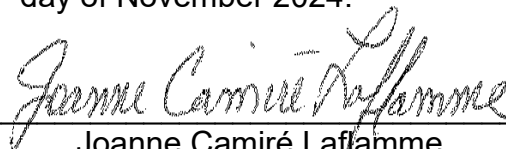
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12th day of November 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk




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November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes

WHEREAS the Township of Howick’s 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

AND WHEREAS this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

AND WHEREAS the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse 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.

CARRIED.

The Township of Howick appreciates the province’s attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
County of Huron

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.



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Moved by: Councillor Webster
 Seconded by: Councillor Webs

Resolution No.: 2024-160
 November 5th, 2024

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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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;



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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 Township of Horton 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED


Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk

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

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Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

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

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 #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
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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 #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

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




November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

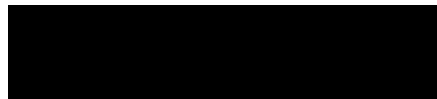
AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

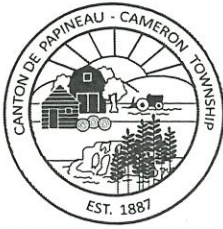
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Abbie Marchildon.

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Trevor Jones, MPP
County of Essex
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP




THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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November 13, 2024

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

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RE: Ontario Building Code

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

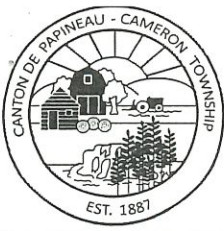
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

- c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario Building Officials Association
- Municipalities of Ontario



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DATE: November 12, 2024 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024- 328

MOVED BY:



SECONDED BY:



WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: 4



(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: _____

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(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



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November 18, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Via Email: Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation:

Re: City of Port Colborne Resolution of Support for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program – Ontario Good Roads Association

Please be advised that, at its meeting of November 12, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the following motion received from The Ontario Good Roads Association:

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 City of Port Colborne requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to

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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.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Charlotte Madden.

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Hon. Kinga 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,
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health,
Ontario Good Roads Association
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 18:26

To: Nicole.Rubli@portcolborne.ca <Nicole.Rubli@portcolborne.ca>

Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: City of Port Colborne Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: Nicole.Rubli@portcolborne.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 City of Port Colborne 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;

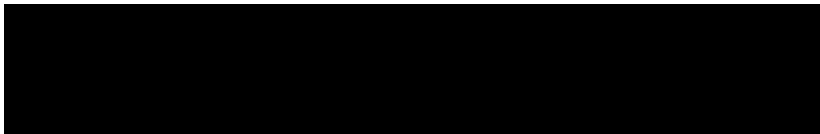
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Port Colborne requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number 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,




Scott R. Butler
Executive Director

Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors



The TOWNSHIP of
NORTH DUMFRIES

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November 19, 2024

Sent via Email

RE: Resolution – Good Roads re: Ontario Rural Safety Program

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on November 12, 2024, the Township of North Dumfries Council adopted the following resolution:

“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 Township of North Dumfries 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.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashley Good, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries
519-632-8800 ext. 122
agood@northdumfries.ca

cc. 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 all municipalities in Ontario



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November 18, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

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

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;

1. The Township of King Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. The Township of King Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously.


Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm
Township Clerk

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Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 14, 2024

Resolution #24-32-18 – Recommendations to Update *Municipal Election Act*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #24-32-18 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, as follows:

“WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act* needs to be updated to make elections clearer, easier to manage, and more secure;

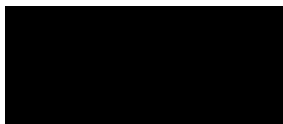
AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has suggested important changes to improve the Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports AMCTO’s recommendations and asks the Province to make these updates by 2025, with further improvements by 2030;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, AMCTO, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,



Natashia Roberts


CAO/Clerk
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Cc: Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, AMCTO, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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November 19, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca
Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, passed the following resolution:

7.1 Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

WHEREAS, the safety of all road users, including cyclists, is a paramount concern and a fundamental responsibility of both provincial and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, crashes involving motor vehicles pose significant risks to cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users, leading to serious injuries and fatalities;

WHEREAS, the implementation of safe road infrastructures, such as bike lanes, is a proven measure to enhance the safety and accessibility of roadways for cyclists, promoting healthier and sustainable transportation options;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario (“OCC”) conducted the Cycling Death review, which was the most comprehensive death review into the causes of cycling deaths in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the OCC made its primary recommendation to the province the adoption of “Complete Streets” which emphasize the need for comprehensive planning and design of roadway infrastructure to safely accommodate all users, including through the installation of more cycling networks including bike lanes;

WHEREAS, municipal governments have the local knowledge and contextual understanding necessary to effectively address specific community transportation needs, including the development and maintenance of safe cycling infrastructure within their cities;

WHEREAS, any provincial initiative that seeks to prevent or preclude municipalities from implementing necessary road safety measures, such as bike lanes, undermines local governance and the ability of municipalities to protect the well-being of their residents and ensure compliance with their obligations that roadways are reasonably safe for all users; and

WHEREAS, this resolution expresses the City of Hamilton's commitment to supporting municipal autonomy in enhancing road safety and emphasizes the importance of integrating protective measures for cyclists through locally tailored infrastructure solutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council formally oppose any proposed provincial initiative that seeks to restrict or limit the autonomy of municipalities in implementing road safety measures, including the establishment and or removal of bike lanes or bike infrastructure;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council supports the empowerment of municipal road authorities to independently assess and recommend the best methods to ensure the safety of all road users within their jurisdictions and responsibilities; and
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the area MPPs and MPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Area MPPs and MPs,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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November 18, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: New Business Item 23.1
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.




for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

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City Council

New Business - Meeting 23

CC23.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Respecting Local Democracy and Cities

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the city.

2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.

3. City Council direct the City Solicitor to review Bill 212 and any accompanying regulations, once in force, and to report to City Council with a summary of the legislation and regulations and the potential for commencing litigation to challenge Bill 212 or the regulations.

4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, or designates, to appear before the Ontario Legislature’s Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy as part of public hearings regarding Bill 212 to give testimony in accordance with the position outlined in this item.

5. City Council request the City Manager to submit written comments to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry and Environment Registry of Ontario that reflect the City’s positions outlined in this item, including the City's opposition to any requirement of the City to provide support in the removal of City Infrastructure approved by its democratically elected City Council.

6. City Council adopt the position that no costs associated with the amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act should be incurred or paid by the City of Toronto, including staff time, planning, design, construction, and traffic management as a result of the congestion created by the removal.

7. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, and all Ontario municipalities and include City Council's commitment to the right of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents and electors.

8. City Council request the Ministry of Transportation to permit the publication of the results of the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 as soon as possible to facilitate the use of the study in informing collaborative consultations with cities regarding options for addressing congestion and road safety.

9. City Council direct the City Manager to report back on the feasibility of placing signs on City roads where there are traffic delays resulting from the Provincial mandate to remove bike lanes from Toronto roads and that these signs would read "This road congestion and traffic delay is the result of Premier Ford's Bill 212".

10. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remains confidential in its entirety in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Summary

The recent provincial Bill 212 seeks to overturn the decisions and work of our locally elected Toronto City Council. If passed, the Bill means one government would, at tremendous cost to the taxpayer and without collaboration, undo another government's work.

As Mayor, it is my responsibility to stand up for the decision-making authority of City Council and the expertise of our professional public service which supports that decision-making. As such, I am working with City Staff to review the City's options and will provide recommendations on this item prior to the City Council meeting on November 13, 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

(November 5, 2024) Report from the Mayor on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (CC23.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250054.pdf>

(November 13, 2024) Supplementary report and Attachments 2 to 5 from the City Manager on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities - Supplemental Report: Impact of Bill 212 Bike Lanes Framework (CC23.1a)

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(November 13, 2024) E-mail from Jennifer Dickie (CC.New)
(November 14, 2024) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, FoNTRA (CC.New)
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/comm/communicationfile-184819.pdf>




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November 18, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	November 20, 2024 11:11 am
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Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
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RE: Support for Resolution Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander dated May 31, 2024, regarding urging the government to promptly resume the assessment cycle with the following motion:

*Moved by: Councillor Davoli
Seconded by: Councillor Howe*

Resolved that Council endorse the Municipality of Callander's resolution on resuming the assessment cycle.

Result: CARRIED

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Corporation of the Municipality of Callander
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**