



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2024-INFO-80  
Date: November 29, 2024

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of Growth Trends, File: D01-02-01

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report is the second of two biannual reports monitoring growth trends in Durham. It presents historical population and household data for the Region and area municipalities for the 2019 to 2024 period. It also includes short-term forecasts for the 2024 to 2029 period.
- 1.2 The data is provided for the end of May to correspond with the timing of a Census, and for December to correspond with the calendar year-end. Information presented in this report is intended for use in various Regional studies and programs, such as Development Charges Background Studies and in preparing capital budgets for Regional infrastructure, as well as other agency initiatives.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated December 1, 2023 ([2023-INFO-102](#)).
- 2.2 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated May 24, 2024 ([2024-INFO-38](#)).

### **3. Historical Population and Household Estimates (2019-2024)**

3.1 The population and household estimates presented in Attachments 1 and 2 are based on:

- a. Statistics Canada Census information for 2016 and 2021, including an estimate for net undercoverage<sup>1</sup>;
- b. Statistics Canada Annual Demographic Estimates;
- c. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) monthly housing completion data; and
- d. Building permits issued for residential demolitions.

3.2 The semi-annual population estimates presented in Attachment 1 indicate that the Region's mid-year population growth increased by 15,275 persons from 2023 to 2024, representing a growth rate of 2.0%. The population growth for the five-year period from May 2019 to May 2024 was 10.7%.

3.3 The semi-annual household estimates presented in Attachment 2 indicate that the Region's mid-year household growth increased by 5,010 households from 2023 to 2024, representing a growth rate of 2.0%. The household growth for the five-year period from May 2019 to May 2024 was 8.0%.

### **4. Short-term Growth Forecasts (2024-2029)**

4.1 The short-term growth forecasts for population and households presented in Attachments 3 and 4 are based on:

- a. housing production estimates provided by the area municipalities;
- b. an analysis of past trends; and
- c. estimates of the timing and anticipated annual housing occupancy across the Region<sup>2</sup>.

4.2 The accuracy of the forecasts are subject to the risk of unpredictable changes in economic conditions and other factors affecting residential growth (e.g. significant changes in mortgage rates, persistently high inflation, building trade strikes, etc.)<sup>3</sup>.

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1 Net undercoverage refers to the net population counts that are missed during the Census enumeration due to persons with no usual residence, incorrect questionnaires, missed dwellings, away from home, etc.  
2 Growth estimates are supported by a review of housing supply and development timing by Regional staff.  
3 Although large and fast-growing municipalities across the province, including Ajax, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering and Whitby, have committed to meeting ambitious provincial housing targets; short-term growth forecasts are principally informed by the supply of housing in the development pipeline, market and economic conditions.

The forecasts assume that the housing market will return to more robust growth as inflation returns to normal, but there is a risk that current economic conditions will persist for longer than expected.

- 4.3 The short-term forecasts indicate that in the next five years Durham's population is projected to increase from 780,300 in 2024 to 896,300 in 2029 (refer to Attachment 3). The population growth for the five-year period from May 2024 to May 2029 is expected to be 16.1%.
- 4.4 Similarly, the current number of households in Durham is projected to increase from 258,480 in 2024 to approximately 296,050 in 2029 (refer to Attachment 4). The household growth for the five-year period from May 2024 to May 2029 is expected to be 15.8%.
- 4.5 These forecasts recognize a significant amount of growth in Seaton, adding approximately 5,965 households and 16,370 people to the forecast as that community continues to grow.

## **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. Priority 5.1 (Service Excellence) – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value; and
  - b. Priority 5.3 (Service Excellence) – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Regional Council will continue to be kept apprised of emerging population and household data and trends through regular updates of this information.
- 6.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Regional Police Services, Ontario Health atHome and the School Boards in Durham.

## **7. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2019-2024

Attachment #2: Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2019-2024

Attachment #3: Semi-annual Population Forecasts, 2024-2029

Attachment #4: Semi-annual Household Forecasts, 2024-2029

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



## Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2019-2024 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2019 (Dec)	130,235	12,720	101,650	176,505	99,595	22,115	22,290	138,120	703,230
2020 (May)	132,305	12,910	102,000	179,135	101,310	22,140	22,205	140,755	712,760
2020 (Dec)	132,705	13,390	102,865	179,530	103,755	22,175	22,275	142,630	719,325
2021 (May)	134,225	13,700	104,080	181,080	103,240	22,565	22,350	144,790	726,030
2021 (Dec)	134,630	13,725	105,525	182,210	103,985	22,550	22,360	147,220	732,210
2022 (May)	135,020	13,825	107,225	187,660	105,235	22,940	22,995	149,555	744,455
2022 (Dec)	135,645	13,845	108,265	190,055	105,790	22,930	23,075	151,315	750,920
2023 (May)	135,965	13,865	108,820	191,910	107,115	22,965	23,170	152,650	756,455
2023 (Dec)	136,370	13,880	109,335	193,775	111,280	23,015	23,295	154,430	765,385
2024 (May)	137,080	13,900	109,830	194,635	114,375	23,055	23,355	155,500	771,730

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

## Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2019-2024 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2019 (Dec)	38,910	4,640	35,180	66,330	32,380	8,255	7,945	44,975	238,620
2020 (May)	39,325	4,685	35,460	66,405	32,510	8,260	7,960	45,550	240,160
2020 (Dec)	39,450	4,785	35,730	66,595	33,215	8,275	7,990	46,110	242,140
2021 (May)	39,490	4,790	35,955	66,635	33,425	8,290	8,010	46,460	243,050
2021 (Dec)	39,610	4,795	36,455	67,050	33,665	8,285	8,010	47,240	245,110
2022 (May)	39,715	4,800	36,685	67,315	33,875	8,280	8,035	47,890	246,600
2022 (Dec)	39,895	4,805	37,040	68,175	34,055	8,275	8,065	48,455	248,770
2023 (May)	39,990	4,815	37,230	68,840	34,480	8,290	8,100	48,880	250,625
2023 (Dec)	40,110	4,820	37,405	69,510	35,820	8,305	8,145	49,450	253,570
2024 (May)	40,320	4,825	37,575	69,820	36,820	8,320	8,165	49,795	255,635

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and GMIIC monthly housing completions data.

## Semi-annual Population Forecasts, 2024-2029 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2024 (Dec)	137,850	13,950	111,100	196,450	116,850	23,200	23,400	157,450	780,300
2025 (May)	139,400	14,000	112,400	198,050	119,050	23,350	23,450	158,750	788,500
2025 (Dec)	142,100	14,100	114,550	200,750	122,850	23,550	23,550	160,900	802,300
2026 (May)	144,850	14,150	115,900	202,400	125,050	23,700	23,550	162,500	812,100
2026 (Dec)	149,450	14,200	118,250	205,250	128,850	23,950	23,650	165,250	828,800
2027 (May)	152,700	14,250	119,600	207,000	130,950	24,100	23,650	167,000	839,300
2027 (Dec)	158,200	14,350	121,900	209,950	134,600	24,400	23,700	170,000	857,100
2028 (May)	161,500	14,400	123,450	211,750	136,500	24,550	23,750	171,750	867,600
2028 (Dec)	167,100	14,500	126,100	214,850	139,700	24,800	23,800	174,700	885,600
2029 (May)	170,500	14,550	127,700	216,650	141,600	24,900	23,850	176,500	896,300

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and CMHC monthly housing completions data.

## Semi-annual Household Forecasts, 2024-2029 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2024 (Dec)	40,540	4,840	38,020	70,480	37,620	8,370	8,190	50,420	258,480
2025 (May)	41,010	4,860	38,450	71,050	38,330	8,420	8,200	50,830	261,150
2025 (Dec)	41,800	4,890	39,200	72,010	39,540	8,510	8,230	51,530	265,700
2026 (May)	42,600	4,910	39,660	72,610	40,260	8,560	8,240	52,040	268,870
2026 (Dec)	43,960	4,940	40,450	73,620	41,470	8,650	8,260	52,920	274,270
2027 (May)	44,910	4,960	40,910	74,250	42,160	8,700	8,270	53,480	277,640
2027 (Dec)	46,530	4,990	41,700	75,310	43,330	8,800	8,290	54,430	283,380
2028 (May)	47,500	5,010	42,240	75,960	43,940	8,850	8,300	54,990	286,790
2028 (Dec)	49,150	5,040	43,150	77,070	44,980	8,940	8,320	55,950	292,600
2029 (May)	50,150	5,060	43,690	77,720	45,590	8,990	8,330	56,530	296,050

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census and GMIIC monthly housing completions data.

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
Report: #2024-INFO-81  
Date: November 29, 2024

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**Subject:**

Community Awareness Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence 2024

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the inaugural Community Awareness Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), which was held at Durham Region Headquarters in Whitby on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

**2. Background**

2.1 Intimate partner violence (IPV), also known as spousal or domestic violence is a prevalent form of gender-based violence. It refers to multiple forms of harm (including physical, economic/financial, sexual, spiritual, emotional/psychological abuse) caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse.

2.2 At the April 26, 2023, Durham Regional Council meeting, a [delegation](#) comprised of representatives of Violence Against Women (VAW) responding agencies highlighted the increasing prevalence of IPV and femicide in Durham Region, and resource constraints to address growing needs. The presentation also highlighted the Renfrew County Inquest Recommendations, which are [86 recommendations](#) for preventing and responding to IPV that were made following the coroner's inquest into the murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County in September 2015. The presentation highlighted the following recommendations: formally declare IPV as an epidemic and call on the Ontario

Government to do the same (Recommendation #1); and encourage that prevention of IPV be integrated into every municipality's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (Recommendation #10).

- 2.3 A [motion](#) was approved by Council to implement Recommendations #1 and #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest Recommendations. The most recent reports relevant to the Region's implementation of these recommendations include:
- a. [2024-A-9](#) Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan Update.
  - b. [2023-A-15](#) Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan Update.

### **3. Community Awareness Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence**

- 3.1 The Community Awareness Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence was organized collaboratively by eight Violence Against Women (VAW) responding agencies, in partnership with the Region of Durham. These agencies operated the fundraising components related to this event. They include:
- a. Bethesda House
  - b. Herizon House
  - c. Luke's Place
  - d. Safety Network Durham
  - e. The Denise House
  - f. Victim Services Durham Region
  - g. Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham Region
  - h. YWCA Durham
- 3.2 This event helped to address the growing need to increase public awareness of IPV and Gender-based Violence (GBV). It also highlighted services and supports available for survivors, as well as galvanizing community support and collective action against IPV.
- 3.3 A coordinated approach was employed with support from the Region of Durham, with event details, registration, and communication efforts. VAW agency run fundraising initiatives were managed through a platform administered by CanadaHelps (see Attachment #1 for Event Poster). Participants registered individually or as groups for the 2.4 km walk, which began and ended at Durham Region Headquarters. For those unable to participate in the walk, donations and on-site activities provided further means of involvement.
- 3.4 The event commenced with an Indigenous opening ceremony led by Susan Byrne-Osso, a Crisis Intervention Counsellor with Victim Services of Durham Region and Vice President of Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle. Opening remarks

were delivered by Durham Regional Chair John Henry, Riley Spigarelli (Manager, Safety Network Durham), and Vanessa Falcon (Executive Director, Herizon House). They emphasized the escalating IPV and femicide cases in the region, the urgent need for resources, and the value of community-driven efforts in addressing IPV.

- 3.5 Leaders of the partnering agencies led the walk, carrying a banner symbolizing solidarity and the shared commitment to end IPV.
- 3.6 The event featured educational displays from various VAW organizations, offering valuable information on support services. Sponsors of the event included Clarington Toyota, Elm Law, Kloss Family Massage, LCG Law, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Ontario Power Generation, and Sorbara Law. Additionally, the event received significant in-kind contributions from local businesses and institutions, including:
  - a. Ice Cream Kingdom (ice cream)
  - b. Algoma Orchards (apples)
  - c. Sobeys, South Ajax (granola bars)
  - d. Tim Hortons, Westney South Ajax (coffee, tea, Timbits, and gift baskets)
  - e. Ontario Tech University (gift baskets)
  - f. Womens Fitness Clubs of Canada, Ajax (bags and vouchers)
- 3.7 The event attracted over 200 participants, including members of the public, community partners, sponsors and elected officials. Over \$40,000 was raised by the VAW response agencies through their fundraising efforts. The walk was a vital step toward amplifying community efforts to tackle IPV and the supporting organizations that provide critical services to survivors.
- 3.8 The Planning Committee, comprised of representatives from the partnering organizations, continues to meet regularly post-event. The committee is focused on evaluating the event's impact, identifying areas for improvement, and planning for the Second Annual Community Awareness Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence in 2025 (date TBD).

#### **4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
  - a. Goal 2: Community Vitality:
    - 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being.
    - 2.3 Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

- 2.4 Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery.
- b. Goal 4: Social Investment:
- 4.1 Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability.
  - 4.2 Build awareness and community capacity to address poverty.
  - 4.3 Demonstrate leadership in poverty prevention.
  - 4.4 Expand access to existing life stabilization programs.
- c. Goal 5: Service Excellence:
- 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

## 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The inaugural Community Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence was a success, uniting members across the community to raise awareness and advocate for change. As the prevalence of IPV continues to rise, the need for increased services and resources remains critical. This walk served as an important platform for community supporters and organizations to come together to address IPV in Durham Region.
- 5.2 Regional staff from the CAO's Office (Community Safety and Well-Being Secretariat), Health and Social Services Departments as well as members of the Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (VPCC) of Durham continue to work together to develop a Community Action Plan. This document will outline key actions that could be taken to address IPV and GBV in Durham Region, as part of the [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan's](#) Victimization priority risk factor.
- 5.3 For additional information, contact: Kiersten Allore-Engel, Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being, at 905-668-7711, extension 2321.

## Attachments

Attachment #1: Event Poster

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**

# Community Walk to End Intimate Partner Violence

This event is more than just a walk; it's a powerful demonstration of our community's commitment to ending intimate partner violence. Together we are raising vital funds, advocating for policy changes, supporting survivors, and educating everyone on how to prevent intimate partner violence. Participate by forming a team, raising funds, donating, or spreading awareness. Join us in making a difference and keeping our communities safer.



**Saturday, September 21, 2024**



**10 a.m. Rally, 11 a.m. Walk**



**Durham Region Headquarters  
605 Rossland Rd East, Whitby**

Purchase your tickets now, or create a team, and let's unlock hope, transform lives and a build a legacy of positive change. Together, we are the difference makers.



**Register Now!**

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Chief Administrative Officer  
Report: #2024-INFO-82  
Date: November 29, 2024

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**Subject:**

Development of a Municipal Diversity Plan for Appointments to the Durham Regional Police Service Board

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss the new requirement, under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, for municipalities to develop a Municipal Diversity Plan for appointments to police service boards.

**2. Background**

2.1 Effective April 1, 2024, the Police Services Act was repealed and replaced with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), 2019 to modernize policing and enhance community safety.

2.2 Included in the revised CSPA is legislation that requires local councils to set the size of police service boards, consider diversity in relation to the appointment of members to police service boards, and establish consistent mandated training requirements for board members and members of the police service.

**3. Municipal Diversity Plan**

3.1 When new appointments to a police service board are made, the CSPA now requires municipalities to take reasonable steps to promote the opportunity to members of socio-demographic groups that have been historically underrepresented on police service boards.

- 3.2 Section 28 of the CSPA requires municipalities to prepare and approve a Municipal Diversity Plan. The responsibility of the development and approval of this plan falls to the relevant municipality:
- CSPA, section 28 (1) “Every municipality that maintains a municipal board shall prepare and, by resolution, approve a diversity plan to ensure that the members of the municipal board appointed by the municipality are representative of the diversity of the population in the municipality.”
- 3.3 The appointment process that will be prescribed in the Municipal Diversity Plan will apply to both appointees from the community and members of Regional Council that will sit on the police service board.
- 3.4 The Region’s first Municipal Diversity Plan must be approved by Regional Council before April 2, 2025. The Region is responsible for reviewing and completing any revisions to the Plan at least every four years and publishing the plan online.
- 3.5 The principal goal of the Plan is to ensure **members of the police service board** are reflective of the diverse communities it serves. The Plan will establish minimum requirements for appointees and a prescribed selection process.
- 3.6 The development of the Municipal Diversity plan will be led by the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Division of the CAO's office in collaboration with Legislative Services and include a set of guiding principles to serve as a foundation for the police service board’s own strategies and plans. Under the CSPA, police service boards are also required to create their own Diversity Plans to ensure that the **members of the police service** reflect the diversity of the communities over which the board has policing responsibility.
- 3.7 Under the CSPA, Regional Council is also required to adopt a resolution determining the size of the police service board prior to the start of the next term of office. Failure to do so will result in the police service board defaulting to a size of five members. A recommendation to confirm the size of the police service board will be included alongside the proposed Municipal Diversity Plan for Council’s consideration.
- 4. Relationship to Strategic Plan**
- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- Goal 2: Community Vitality: To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighborhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
  - Goal 4: Social Investment: To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individuals are left behind.

## 5. Conclusion


- 5.1 A Municipal Diversity Plan will prescribe a process for appointments to the Region's police service board to ensure members are representative of the diversity of the population of Durham. The Plan also ensures the appointment process is equitable and transparent.
- 5.2 Staff will report back to the Committee of the Whole with a Municipal Diversity Plan in February 2025. This will provide sufficient time for review, revision, and approval ahead of the CSPA's April 2, 2025 deadline.
- 5.3 For additional information, contact: Allison Hector-Alexander, Director Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at 905-668-7711, extension 3893.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Township of Puslinch  
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November 25, 2024

Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP  
VIA EMAIL:  
[ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Chrystia Freeland  
Minister of Finance  
VIA EMAIL:  
[chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca](mailto:chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca)

Association of  
Municipalities of Ontario  
(AMO) [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

RE: Town of Petawawa Council resolution regarding Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025 and  
Whitewater Region Council resolution regarding Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2024  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-383:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda items 6.6 and 6.7 listed for NOVEMBER 6, 2024 Council  
meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch is a second-tier small rural municipality that pays a  
disproportionate share of the upper tier policing costs; and**



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

**Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the resolutions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa and the Council of the Municipality of Tweed and requests that the Province also provide financial assistance to second tier small municipalities to offset their disproportionate share of policing costs; and**

**And that staff be directed to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, Speaker Arnott, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



# TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

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

Premier Ford:

**RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025**

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

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

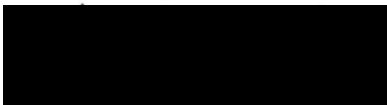
That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back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

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

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,



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

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

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

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



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

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**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](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson  
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:  
Mark Bell  
Michael Moore  
Chris Olmstead  
Connie Tabbert  
Joey Trimm

## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

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

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

**AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both**

**upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:**

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

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

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

**AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract**

**D.P.P. (5.1) locations;**

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

**Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;**

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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;**

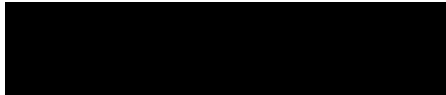
**AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;**

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

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC






November 14, 2024

Township of North Glengarry  
3720 County Road 34  
Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0

Via Email: [cao@northglengarry.ca](mailto:cao@northglengarry.ca)

Dear Ms. Huskinson:

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	November 21, 2024 1:29 pm
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**Re: Resolution – Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held November 12, 2024, gave consideration to correspondence from the Township of North Glengarry dated October 28, 2024. The Township of North Glengarry was requesting support of the Town of Tecumseh regarding their resolution on Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, a copy of which is enclosed.

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

**“Motion: RCM – 262/24**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti  
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** the Town of Tecumseh support the resolution from North Glengarry dated October 28, 2024 with the following:

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

**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;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Council of the Town of Tecumseh 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** that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; MPP - Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities, 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"

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

Yours very truly,



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

RA/kb

## Attachments

1. Township of North Glengarry Resolution Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca))  
Mr., Minister of Education ([jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org](mailto:jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org))  
Ms. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance ([Chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca))  
Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([paul.calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:paul.calandra@pc.ola.org))  
Mr. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
([todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org](mailto:todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org))  
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)  
([amcto@amcto.com](mailto:amcto@amcto.com))  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca))  
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh ([Andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org](mailto:Andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org))

**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution # 3**

**Date:** October 28, 2024

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**MOVED BY:** Jamie MacDonald

**SECONDED BY:** Carma Williams

**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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of North Glengarry 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** that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

**CARRIED**

**DEFEATED**

**DEFERRED**

  
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**MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR**

- Deputy Mayor:** Carma Williams
- Councillor:** Jacques Massie
- Councillor:** Brian Caddell
- Councillor:** Jeff Manley
- Councillor:** Michael Madden
- Councillor:** Gary Martin
- Mayor:** Jamie MacDonald

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**From:** Clerks <Clerks@tillsonburg.ca>

**Sent:** November 27, 2024 10:53 AM

**To:** Clerks <Clerks@tillsonburg.ca>

**Subject:** Tillsonburg Town Council Decision Letter - November 14, 2024 - Establishment of Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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Hello,

At the November 14, 2024, meeting of Tillsonburg Town Council, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution # 2024-530

Moved By: Councillor Parsons

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Beres

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 Town of Tillsonburg 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.

Carried

Regards,

**Amelia Jaggard**

Deputy Clerk

Town of Tillsonburg

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November 19, 2024

via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
823 Albion Road  
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

At its meeting held on November 19, 2024, the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh adopted the following resolution with respect to Good Roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program:

Moved by Jennifer Miltenburg  
Seconded by Wayne Forester

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 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 Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh 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.

Your favourable consideration of this respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Kelly Thomson  
Deputy Clerk | Communications Co-ordinator

CC:

Minister of Transportation – Anita Anand [anita.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:anita.anand@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Infrastructure – Kinga Surma [kinga.surma@pc.ola.org](mailto:kinga.surma@pc.ola.org)  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Rob Flack [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)  
Minister of Rural Affairs – Lisa M. Thompson [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto: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](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Lise Vaugeois [lvaugois-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:lvaugois-qp@ndp.on.ca)  
Good Roads, Scott R. Butler, [scott@goodroads.ca](mailto:scott@goodroads.ca)  
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24268</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

**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** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

**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

**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

**FINALLY, BE IT 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24269</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 7</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

**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 and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa 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;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

**FURTHER MORE 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;

**FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, 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.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING


RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24270</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 8</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Joseph Opat</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>M Hatfield</i>

**RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated November 13, 2024 passed by the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding the Ontario Building Code;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be forwarded 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.

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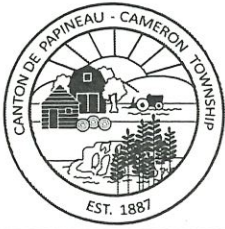
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**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MAYOR - MELANIE PILON</b>	<b>CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL</b>
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



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November 13, 2024

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

### **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.

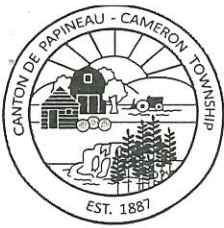
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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

**MOVED BY:** *Shelley Belanger*      **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

**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:** *Robert Corriveau*      **NOT CARRIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mayor)      (Mayor)

**COPY**


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			



**MUNICIPALITÉ DE / MUNICIPALITY OF VAL RITA-HARTY**

2 de l'Église Avenue Box 100 , Val Rita , Ontario , P0L 2G0

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**RESOLUTION**

**Agenda Item # 7.7** Pour soutenir la province, mettre en œuvre un programme de sécurité routière en milieu rural afin de réduire le nombre d'accidents mortels et de blessés./ To Support Province, implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries.

**MOVED BY :** Angèle Beauvais

**Resolution #** 24-124

**SECONDED BY :** Alain Tremblay

November 19, 2024

Que le conseil appuie la résolution visant à soutenir la Province dans la mise en œuvre d'un programme de sécurité routière en milieu rural afin de réduire les décès et les blessures.

**ADOPTÉE**

That council endorse the resolution to support Province, implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries.

**CARRIED**

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 and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Val Rita-Harty requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing 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, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

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

Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty

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November 21, 2024

**Re: Township of Essa Motion No. CR172-2024  
Fair Share of Provincial and Federal Government Financial Support**

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 20, 2024, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following:

**Resolution No: CR172-2024 Moved by: Sander Seconded by: Kiezebrink**

**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** Council of the Township of Essa formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and further,

**THAT** Council of the Township of Essa calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

**THAT** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST 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

**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

**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---**


Your consideration and support to Ontario municipalities is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Lisa Lehr, CMO  
Township of Essa

cc: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey  
All Ontario Municipalities  
AMO

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 Premier of Ontario  
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November 21, 2024

Hon. Matthew Rae, MPP  
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Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP  
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Hon. Rob Flack  
 Minister of Agriculture,  
 Food, and Agribusiness  
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RE: 10.1 ERO Posting 019-9196 Enabling greater beneficial reuse excess soil

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-415: Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
 Seconded by Councillor Sepulis**

**That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information.  
 Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is currently  
 consulting on proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation, with potentially  
 significant implications for local municipalities; and**

**Whereas these proposed changes, including landfilling restrictions and exemptions for  
 waste environmental compliance approvals, pose substantial risks to environmental**



**integrity, groundwater protection, local enforcement efforts, and land use planning;  
and**

**Whereas the proposed amendments may undermine local municipalities' ability to effectively manage excess soil, potentially leading to adverse environmental impacts, such as soil and/or groundwater contamination and disruption of local ecosystems;  
and**

**Whereas the relaxation of regulatory requirements for soil management could further hinder the enforcement capabilities of municipal authorities, making it more challenging to monitor and address compliance issues, thus jeopardizing public health and safety; and**

**Whereas the proposed regulations do not provide sufficient clarity regarding whether the intent of the proposed regulations are to permit ARA licensed sites to be used as reuse sites for excess soil; and**

**Whereas the proposed flexibility in soil reuse standards could conflict with established land use planning frameworks, potentially resulting in incompatible land uses and further strain on local infrastructure; and**

**Whereas the introduction of regional mapping for areas with naturally occurring exceedances presents significant financial challenges for municipalities, as the costs associated with implementing such mapping projects may not be feasible given limited budgets and resources; and**

**Whereas relaxing excess soil regulations and implementing regional mapping could negatively impact agricultural lands by allowing excess soil to be disposed of in ways that diminish the quality and usability of these valuable lands for future agricultural purposes, highlighting the need to prioritize the protection of agricultural lands equally with infrastructure projects and housing developments;**

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of Township of Puslinch formally objects to the proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation, citing concerns regarding the detrimental effects on local municipalities, the environment, soil and groundwater quality protection, and effective land use planning; and**





**That the Council of Township of Puslinch directs staff to forward this resolution to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, outlining these concerns and advocating for a more balanced approach that prioritizes environmental protection, local governance, and the protection of resident's health and safety; and further,**

**That this resolution be shared with all Ontario Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario; County Planning staff, MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable excess soil management practices in Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk


CC: All Ontario Municipalities, County of Wellington Planning Staff, Wellington Federation of Agriculture, Executive Director of TAPMO



November 25, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Dear: Honorable Doug Ford

**RE: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-11-22**

**MOVED BY:** Fred Dobbie  
**SECONDED BY:** Marilyn Thomas

**“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 health care system;

**AND WHEREAS**, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums

**AND WHEREAS**, preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Tay Valley Township requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which 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;

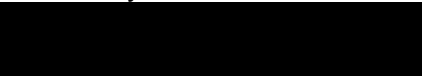
**THAT**, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate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

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation,  
Honorable King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure,  
Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture,  
Honorable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs,  
Honorable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response,  
Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health,  
Thomas Barakat, Good Roads Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations,  
All Municipalities in Ontario.




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**Town of Saugeen Shores**  
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November 26, 2024

**Sent via Email:** Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

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**Re: Town of Saugeen Shores Support Resolution for Intimate Partner Violence**

Dear Premier Ford,

At the November 25, 2024, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

Whereas while one-third of men have also experienced intimate partner violence, women disproportionately experience the most severe forms. According to the Government of Canada, between 2014 and 2019 there were 497 cases of intimate partner homicide nationally and 80% of the victims were women; and

Whereas rates of intimate partner violence are nationally 75% higher for rural women compared to urban women; and

Whereas although IPV is not a pathogen, it is appropriate to label IPV as an epidemic because it has ripple effects causing future poor health outcomes for affected victims and their families, which negatively affect community health, policing, and social services resources; and

Whereas in Saugeen Shores, police-reported Domestic Violence incidents increased between 2018/04/01 to 2024/04/01 by an average of 55.4%; and

Whereas in Bruce and Grey Counties, domestic violence calls between 2018 and 2020 to police increased by 133%; and

Whereas members of the Saugeen Shores Police have been enrolled in the collaborative Police Action on Intimate Partner Violence course, training which improves their policy and action to keep individuals, families, and communities safe; and

Whereas all programs in the Grey-Bruce Health Unit, especially the clinical ones, have components to identify and report any type of violence, including IPV; and several family-

based programs actively and proactively work with individuals and families on early identification and prevention of IPV, as well as the Unit's collaboration with Bruce Grey Child and Family Services and police services, and

Whereas On January 8, 2024, Saugeen Shores Council supported the Town of Goderich's resolution to Declare Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic, and

Whereas it is critical for victims, family members, survivors, and others in our community to see Saugeen Shores' commitment to solving the problem of IPV by, among other actions, recognizing its severity.

Now be it resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores recognizes the issues of intimate partner violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families, and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness of intimate partner violence in our community; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Standing Committee of Justice to hold hearings in the fall of 2024 on Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

That the Town of Saugeen Shores calls on the Province of Ontario to pass and implement Bill 173, The Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna; Chair Lorne Coe, Standing Committee on Justice, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra, the Saugeen Shores Police Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Dawn Mittelholtz,  
Clerk

CC: Standing Committee on Justice-Clerk, Thushitha Kobikrishna  
Standing Committee on Justice, Chair Lorne Coe  
Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
Attorney General Doug Downey  
Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson  
Grey Bruce Medical Officer Dr. Arra  
Saugeen Shores Police Services  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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Morning Lydia,

Please place this item on next week's Council Information Package.

Thanks!  
Sarah

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**From:** Monica Nikopoulos <[mntnmom@yahoo.com](mailto:mntnmom@yahoo.com)>  
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You don't often get email from [mntnmom@yahoo.com](mailto:mntnmom@yahoo.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

Good Day!

I have just submitted your online form for a delegation, which is written only, I will not be speaking. Attached is the pdf.

It is titled "Water Fluoridation Effects on the Immune Compromised and Unborn/Very Young" which is attached.

Please let me know if any further actions are required by me.

Thank you, Monica

Monica Nikopoulos  
ROHP, RNCP, CHCP, PSW

**WATER FLUORIDATION EFFECTS**

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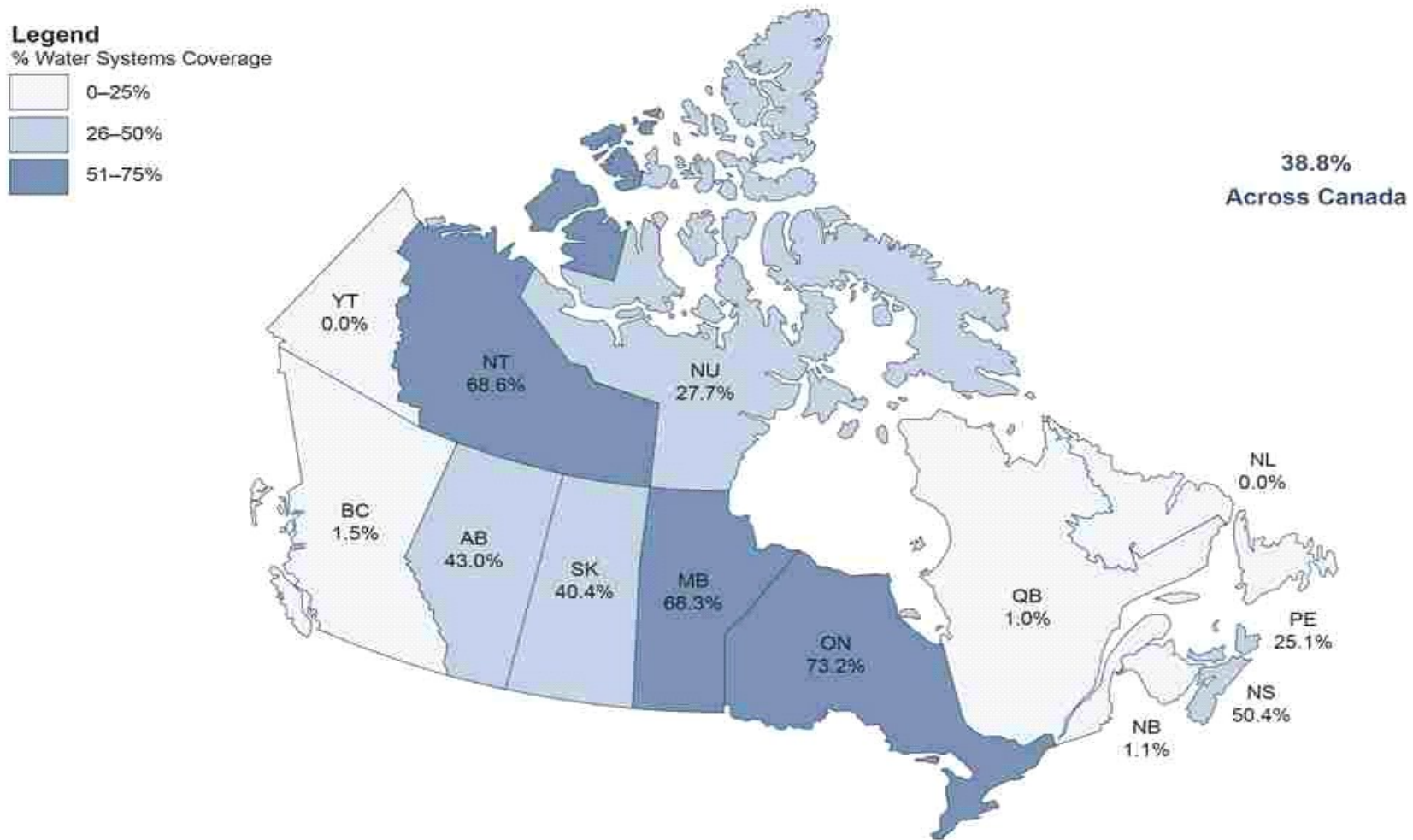
**UNBORN / VERY YOUNG**

Throughout this presentation, “fluoride” (hydrofluosilicic acid) refers to fluoride that is artificially added to drinking water, NOT the naturally occurring, organic fluoride.

- Some countries began water fluoridation in 1945 citing dental cavities can be reduced by **up to 25%** based on 1942 data. This is the same era where lead in gasoline and paint, asbestos, aluminum and smoking were deemed safe for the public. Ontario began fluoridation around the same time.
- Most countries did not fluoridate their water at that time stating that:
  - it was “mass medication” with no informed consent
  - many water sources already contained naturally occurring fluoride
  - adding chemical fluoride would upset the natural balance of water sources and the ecosystem
  - farmed foods could acquire harmful fluoride levels
  - it's a known neurotoxin contributing to developmental issues esp. to the unborn & infants
  - the Precautionary Principal was used because of limited proof of efficacy & safety
- By the late 1990’s, many countries that fluoridated had either stopped or greatly reduced the amounts added to their drinking water because:
  - adverse health issues were being reported
  - education about dental hygiene was being promoted
  - toothpaste and mouthwashes contained fluoride
  - dentists provided topical fluoride treatments
  - better public education regarding causes of tooth decay targeting sugary drinks and foods (introduction of sugar alternatives)
  - most foods already contain fluoride, as it occurs naturally in water, rocks, air, plants and soil



- Currently, **only about 4-5.7% of the world population** have artificially fluoridated drinking water. Australia, USA and Canada have among the highest number of locations and populations using fluoridation. 98% of Europe does not fluoridate and never did.
- Ontario & Manitoba have the highest number of locations and populations for artificial fluoridation in Canada.
- Approx 170 Canadian communities fluoridate, 76 of these are in Ontario.
- The USA Federal Gov't recently announced that they advise to stop fluoridating all public water in 2025 citing health risks.



# SOME FLUORIDE FACTS

- Hydrofluosilicic acid (fluoride) is added to the drinking water based on the sole premise of dental benefits
- Government guidelines are set to a maximum of 1.5 mg/L
- The naturally occurring level of fluoride in Lake Ontario is **0.11 – 0.17** mg/L. Well water sources can be much lower or higher
- ON cities maintain added fluoride of 0.02 – 1.5 mg/L
  
- **Hydrofluosilicic acid is an industrial byproduct**, derived from phosphate fertilizer, hence it's cheap cost. Organic, naturally occurring fluoride found in rocks, plants, soil and water is **calcium fluoride**, which also contains magnesium, boron, chloride, sodium, potassium, calcium and other minerals to offset excessive fluoride imbalances in the environment and body.
- In 1945, it was believed that fluoridated water reduced cavities and large dental associations and a few governments still report this. Those reports have been proven to be flawed and outdated. **Recent data shows zero dental benefits from fluoridated water.** Topical applications is the ONLY way fluoride might benefit teeth.
- Many global conventional and holistic dentists do not use or recommend fluoride products because of the risks, especially for children under 8 years old, opting for proven safe and more effective methods.
- Data shows that tooth decay rates have declined just as rapidly in non-fluoridated countries because of better dental hygiene, oral health education and the awareness about sugary foods and drinks.
- Lead pipes with added fluoride react with each other causing **lead to leach into the water**. Some cities use orthophosphate (phosphoric acid) to help create a protective barrier to prevent metals from leaching into the water. Some orthophosphate is ingested causing it's own host of health issues, being absorbed in the stomach affecting blood, organs and immune systems.
- **MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet)** (multiple MSDS sources)  
(Hydrofluosilicic Acid (aka Fluorosilicic Acid, Fluosilicic Acid, Hexafluosilicic Acid)  
“**Target Organs:** Skeletal structures, bone. Chronic inhalation and ingestion may cause chronic fluoride poisoning (fluorosis) characterized by weight loss, weakness, anemia, brittle bones, and stiff joints. Effects may be delayed. Chronic exposure to fluoride compounds may cause systemic toxicity. Inorganic fluorides can be harmful. Corrosive to metals, concrete and glass. Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground. Do not discharge into lakes, streams, ponds or public waters.”
  
- In 2014, the Lancet medical journal classified fluoride, arsenic, lead and mercury as neurotoxins.

# CURRENT HEALTH OF CANADIANS

Over the past 10 years, the health of North Americans has deteriorated exponentially.

Since 2021, all cause health disorders, in all ages, have increased by 20% above the mean average

- 1 in 2 people will develop cancer. Turbo cancers are now prevalent
- 31% of Ontarians have diabetes/pre diabetes, including youths (2023)
- 10% of Canadians have kidney disease, 50% requiring dialysis
- 25% of Canadians are affected by liver disease
- Over 20% of Canadians ages 12+ have heart disease (2021)
- 20% of Canadians ages 15+ have arthritis (2021)
- Almost 19% of Canadians have high blood pressure affecting ages 8 and up (2022)
- At least 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture during their lifetime, including youths.
- 1 in 66 Canadian children have Autism (2022)
- 55% of Canadians use at least 1 prescription medication, 24% use 3 or more medications
  
- Over 80% of Ontarians have one or more of the above (and other) conditions. This means our ability to process and detoxify unwanted substances is greatly impaired resulting in a constant state of bodily dysfunction and ailments. Genetics, lifestyle, environment, medications, age, food & beverages, all play a huge factor in excreting excess fluoride.
  
- The unborn, infants, the immune compromised and the elderly are at a disproportionate risk of excessive fluoride accumulation resulting in health issues that worsen over time, promoting additional health conditions. The unborn, infants and children absorb fluoride more readily than adults, as their teeth and bones are rapidly forming and because of their small size.

# LONG TERM EFFECTS OF ADDED FLUORIDE IN THE BODY

- Fluoride is not an essential nutrient but bio accumulates in more parts of the body than just teeth & bones causing/contributing to: arthritis, kidney and gall stones, pineal gland calcification (sleep disorders and emotional issues such as apathy, aggression and disregard for others), thyroid disease, Alzheimer like symptoms, bone cancer, IQ loss, skeletal fluorosis (bones become rigid and brittle causing bone fractures) , thyroid disease, blood glucose disregulation, neurodevelopmental and neurobehavioral disorders, ADD & ADHD
- 80% of our immune system is in the form of healthy gut bacteria. Fluoride destroys it.
- Studies show that our kidneys (and pineal) attract higher concentrations of fluoride leading to kidney damage resulting in high blood pressure. People with impaired kidneys need to consume more water than the average person therefore their fluoride retention is further exasperated.
- Immune compromised people commonly have weakened and impaired liver and kidney functioning preventing them from excreting fluoride efficiently. This leads to worsening of all disease symptoms, and creates additional diagnosis' and health challenges as time goes on.
- Fluoride creates iodine deficiencies affecting all hormones including energy metabolism, sleep, and weight
- When ingested, the mother passes fluoride through the placenta to the fetus and through breast feeding. The unborn and infants teeth are NOT at risk for cavities but retain fluoride putting them at a huge risk for neurodevelopmental issues, lower IQ, hormonal imbalances, skeletal fluorosis, as well as setting the stage for autoimmune disorders very early in life.
- Breastfed babies in fluoridated communities had 6.2 lower IQ points than children living in unfluoridated communities. Formula-fed children had 9.3 IQ points lower. The average IQ of people in Canada is about 100.
- In 2004 the CDC reported that 41% of kids aged 12-15 had some form of dental fluorosis. Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety journal using the data from a 2015-16 survey stated the **“prevalence of dental fluorosis was 70% in U.S. children.”** (US and Canada have the same guidelines).
- World Health Org. statistics showed that many Canadians had dental fluorosis in 2004.
- When dental fluorosis is detected, the skeletal and bodily systems are already greatly compromised with adverse effects appearing sometimes decades later.

# CONCLUSION

- Health Canada “Expert panel meeting on the health effects of fluoride in drinking water: Summary report” 2023, relies heavily on 1942 data, and states that current evidence to support adverse health effects is inconclusive or negligible, dental fluorosis is merely “cosmetic”.
- Health Canada still maintains the benefits of fluoridation in preventing dental cavities outweigh any potential health concerns (2007 review).
- Ontario is in the global minority that still fluoridate. Updated, unbiased, scientifically proven evidence shows that the risks of added fluoride outrank the ideology of “prevents less cavities”.
- Sept 24 2024, a U.S. federal judge ruled that water fluoridation at current U.S. levels poses an “unreasonable risk” of reduced IQ in children.
- The USA Federal Gov’t also recently announced that they advise to stop fluoridating all public water in 2025.

**I ask Council to stop or pause water fluoridation immediately citing the Precautionary Principle, and to conform with the global health consensus that the risks of artificial fluoridation outweigh any potential dental benefits.**

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington  
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair  
R. Death, Whitby  
N. Guthrie, Ajax  
B. Hulshof, Uxbridge  
J. McKay\*, Durham Farm Fresh, attended the meeting at 7:38 PM  
G. O'Connor, Member at Large  
H. Schillings, Member at Large  
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture  
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair  
M. Somerville\*, Member at Large  
D. Stevenson, Oshawa  
N. Swain, Scugog  
G. Taylor, Pickering  
T. Watpool, Brock  
W. Wotten\*, Regional Councillor  
**\* denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: D. Risebrough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair

#### Staff

Present: A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by B. Smith,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**5. Discussion Items**

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- The Agriculture Equipment Technician and Mechanic Tour will be taking place in March 2025.
- Durham Agriculture Leadership Program promotion and registration will begin next month. The program is being organized in partnership with Durham Farm Connections and the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture. It consists of four modules, held between January and April 2025, highlighting different topics such as challenges and opportunities from a domestic and global perspective; effective communication; resilient business planning; and how to be a voice for agriculture.
- Brent Herrington from Herrington's Quality Butchers located in Port Perry will be running tours through their shop in partnership with the Port Perry High School culinary program, to try and promote interest in a career as a butcher. They are trying to connect with the Durham College culinary program on this as well.

G.L. O'Connor suggested offering the Herrington tour to the Brock and Uxbridge high schools.

B) Enabling Agriculture Related Uses & On Farm Diversified Uses Project Sub-Committee Update

L. Talling provided the following update:

- The DAAC subcommittee for the North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) project met on November 4, 2024 to review preliminary recommendations and provide feedback to

WSP. An update on the project is tentative for the December meeting. Once the draft recommendations are further developed based on project stakeholder review and feedback, the second phase of community consultation will be launched, and a public open house will be hosted.

C) Bill 186, Growing Agritourism Act, 2024

M. Scott and M. Sommerville advised that Bill 186 implements changes to the liability for incidents related to on farm diversified uses and could bring changes to farm operations.

D) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

T. Barrie provided the following update:

- Witzke's Greenhouses was in attendance at the last meeting to discuss the inability to get building permits to upgrade migrant worker buildings and is in the process of setting up a meeting for all parties involved in the process.
- There was an information presentation on the Langmaid battery storage site in Clarington.

E) Durham Farm Fresh Update

This item was dealt with later in the meeting. See page 3 of these minutes.

F) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

M. Scott advised that there is no Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update at this time.

G) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

M. Shiers advised that the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture (DRFA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 15, 2024. He stated there was poor turnout at the AGM and there were minor changes to the board members. There was discussion on the workplan for the upcoming year.

Discussion ensued with regards to the timing of the AGM and difficulties getting new board members on DRFA.

**5. Discussion Items**

E) Durham Farm Fresh Update

J. McKay advised that 42 businesses have joined Durham Farm Fresh in the last year and nine have signed up for radio ads that are purchased in one-week slots. The Durham Farm Fresh brochures have been printed and distributed. Work is

being done to the website to make the mapping more user friendly and interactive. The annual general meeting is coming up soon.

H) 2025 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Workplan

M. Scott advised that the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Workplan will be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Committee at the January meeting and Z. Cohoon, Chair, will be providing a presentation to the Committee. He stated that the planning authority changes following the proclamation of Durham Region's upper tier planning responsibilities pursuant to Bill 23 will take place starting on January 1, 2025. The DAAC Workplan has been updated to remove some of the planning related functions of the committee.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Workplan including leaving the Agriculture 101 presentations to the local municipalities on the workplan; changing the Agriculture 101 presentation to an annual training for the local municipal Councils; and when the Energy from Waste (EFW) implementation and monitoring was last looked at and the possibility of having an update on the DYEC provided at a future meeting.

M. Scott provided an update with regards to the implications of Bill 23 on the Region of Durham, specifically in relation to agriculture. He stated there will likely be changes to the procedures for Official Plan amendments and secondary plans, settlement boundary expansions, development applications, and planning and subdivision applications.

Discussed ensued with regards to the challenges being faced by the lower tier municipalities with the changes to the Planning responsibilities; how the new Regional Official Plan will reflect on the lower tier Official Plans; ensuring the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee remains in place and continues to have a strong voice given the recent changes; encouraging lower tier municipalities to implement agriculture advisory committees; ensuring the public understands the importance of the agriculture community; continuing to educate the eight lower tier municipalities in Durham Region on the importance of farming and agriculture in the region; providing training to lower tier planners on agriculture related items; and the need to identify education and training to lower tier municipalities in the workplan.

**6. Information Items**

A) #2024-INFO-62 – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Farm Tour

A copy of Information Report #2024-INFO-62 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda and received.

B) Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Cultivating Local Workshop Series

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Cultivating Local Workshop series was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

C) Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Local Snapshots – Durham

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Agriculture at a Glance – Local Snapshots – Durham was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

D) Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) – Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) – Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

E) Bill 186, Growing Agritourism Act, 2024

Bill 186, Growing Agritourism Act, 2024 was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

F) Apple Value Chain Campaign

Apple Value Chain Campaign was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

G) Municipality of Clarington Exotic Pet By-law – Backyard Chickens

By-law 2024-044 of the Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington to amend the Exotic Animal By-law 2012-045 that regulates prohibited animals in the Municipality of Clarington was provided as a link to the agenda and received.

Moved by G.L. O'Connor, Seconded by N. Swain,  
That Information Items 6. A) to 6. G) inclusive, be received for  
information.

CARRIED

**7. Other Business**

A) Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum

M. Scott and A. De Vos attended the Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum last month and provided a presentation on Agriculture Advisory Committees with discussion on how the Durham Region committees are structured, the type of work done, and how active this committee is in the community.

A. De Vos advised that following the presentation, three municipalities have reached out for more information on the work being done.

B) Award Recognition

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N. Swain advised that Zac Cohoon was awarded the Spirit of Agriculture award and Derrick Stevenson was awarded the Excellence in Agriculture Youth Excellence award.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 starting at 7:30 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by M. Shiers,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Z. Cohoon, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk