



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2024-INFO-83
Date: December 6, 2024

Subject:

Use of Delegated Authority During Recess of Regional Council Under the Budget Management Policy for the period of July 1 to September 3, 2024

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report covers the use of delegated authorities granted under Section 19 of the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) Budget Management Policy for the most recent recess of Regional Council.
- 1.2 All dollar amounts are before applicable taxes.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 The Region's Budget Management Policy was approved by Regional Council (Council) on March 25, 2020. The Budget Management Policy provides guidelines for reporting by the Treasurer to Council in cases where delegation of authority is used during a recess of Council.
- 2.2 The previous delegation of authority report for a recess of Regional Council, #2023-INFO-82, covered the period of July 1 to September 5, 2023. Report #2024-INFO-50 covered the delegation of authority exercised under the policies for the January 1 to June 30, 2024 period.

3. Approval of Project Financing

- 3.1 Section 19.1 of the Region's Budget Management Policy authorizes the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. to approve project financing during a recess of Regional Council and requires that a report providing details of such awards and approvals to be submitted for information.
- 3.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to approve project financing are described below:

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
1. Additional costs for the Region's Valve Replacement Program (M2326/ M2426). Financing was allocated from the polybutylene service connections replacement project (D1899).	900,000	2,792,113	1,892,113
2. Additional costs for consulting engineering services for the Lake Ontario Water Quality Forecasting System Instrumentation Design at the Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP) (D1718). Funding was allocated from the replacement of a watermain on Kingston Rd, in the City of Pickering project (D2401), the replacement of a watermain project on Bickle Dr. and Roselawn Ave., in the City of Oshawa (O2305), the replacement of a watermain on Centre St., in the Township of Brock (K2103) with remainder of funding from 2024 completed and closed Water Supply capital projects.	1,100,000	2,600,000	1,500,000

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
3. Additional costs for contract T-1102-2023 for the renovation of the Durham Regional Headquarters' entrance, courtyard and sidewalk, in the Town of Whitby (G2308). Financing was allocated from the project for re-piping of the cooling tower and installation of the access platform at Durham Regional Headquarters (G2308).	1,411,000	1,671,000	260,000
4. Additional costs for contract D2012-02 for the Port Darlington Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) phase 2 expansion project, in the Municipality of Clarington (C0401). Financing was allocated from 2024 completed and closed Sanitary Sewer capital projects.	63,427,391	63,562,816	135,425
5. Change of scope of the 2023 Transit Bus order to purchase 7 electric and 7 diesel buses rather than 22 electric buses due to the delay, and subsequent rejection, of the Zero Emission Transit Program (ZETF) grant funding application, increased pricing, and the need to meet service delivery levels. Financing was allocated from available Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) funding, due to the loss of ZETF funding.	40,355,192	21,565,040	(18,790,152)

4. Capital Expenditures over \$50,000, Not Included in the Council Approved Budget

4.1 Section 19.2 of the Region's Budget Management Policy provides that the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. shall be authorized to approve the

acquisition of unbudgeted capital over \$50,000 during a recess of Regional Council and that a report providing details of such awards and approvals shall be submitted for information.

- 4.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to approve acquisitions of unbudgeted capital are described below:

Project	Amount \$
1. Improvements and replacement of the aeration system and sludge thickening at the Corbett Creek Water Pollution Plant. Financing will be provided through an updated Surcharge Agreement.	500,000
2. Detailed design of the Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) widening through the Columbus Rd. intersection, in the Town of Whitby (R2440). Financing was allocated from the Harmony Rd. (Reg. Rd. 33) from Coldstream Dr. to Conlin Rd., in the City of Oshawa construction project (R1723) and 2024 completed and closed Roads capital projects.	225,001
3. Building improvements at Lakeview Manor Long-Term Care home, in the Township of Brock (G2427) to set up an outpatient clinic to provide telemedicine services by Good Doctors Medical Inc. Financing was allocated from 2024 property tax surplus in the long-term care division as a result of an increase to the level of care per diem funding from the province.	135,000
4. Upfitting of a bus received by Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) from Durham Region Transit (DRT) for use as a Mobile Clinic to support the Region's vulnerable population and reduce unnecessary Emergency Department utilization (2024_RDPSCPLTC, 4051000000_U014). Financing was reallocated from the 2024 Community Paramedicine – Long Term Care Capital Program provincial funding.	100,000

5. Sole Source Negotiations over \$100,000

- 5.1 Section 19.3 of the Region's Budget Management Policy states that, to facilitate the awarding and approval of sole source negotiations over \$100,000 during a recess of Regional Council, the Treasurer shall be authorized to act on behalf of Regional Council, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head

and C.A.O. and the availability of sufficient funding. The Treasurer shall be authorized to execute any resultant Agreements for the goods and services required.

- 5.2 Instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to facilitate the awarding and approval of sole source negotiations over \$100,000 are described below:

Description	Estimated Cost \$
1. Sole source agreement with Anthratech Western Inc. (AWI) to design, supply and install the stainless steel underdrains and specialized granular filter media at the Oshawa Water Supply Plant (D2213). AWI is a specialist in filter remediation and replacement and are the contractor municipalities use for granular media filter rehabilitation solutions across Canada.	3,000,000
2. Sole source agreement with AECOM Canada Limited for consulting engineering services for the design of the instrumentation system to monitor water quality and lake currents at the Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP) (D1718). AECOM's knowledge of the existing facility allows for the integration of the Lake Water Instrument components into the existing facility which will expedite design activities.	1,610,000
3. Sole source agreement with AECOM Canada Limited for engineering design of improvements and replacement of the aeration system and sludge thickening at the Corbett Creek Water Pollution Plant. The aeration system and sludge thickening upgrades must be expedited to ensure Corbett operates in compliance with its regulatory approvals. AECOM is currently working on Project IDs D1913, D1855, D1830 and D1823 Digester Upgrades and Remediation Works and can accommodate these works through a scope change to the existing assignment.	500,000
4. Sole source agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. for consulting engineering services for the detailed design of the Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) widening through the Columbus Rd. intersection, in the Town of Whitby (R2440). Stantec is currently completing the design for the widening of Columbus Rd. for the Town of Whitby and using a single consultant will provide an accelerated and seamless design process.	225,001

Description	Estimated Cost \$
5. Sole source with Arjo Canada Inc. to provide 6 Rhapsody bathtubs and 2 Alenti bath lifts for the Hillsdale Estate Tub Room Renovations (G2009). Hillsdale Estates already uses these tubs and lifts, and no other alternative or equivalent products are acceptable.	\$182,000
6. Sole source agreement with GHD Limited (GHD) for the 2024 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) Program. GHD has already provided the Region with services to complete the 2022 and 2023 OSIM program and using them for the 2024 program will expedite the process to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements of the Public Transportation and Highway Act, Regulation O. Reg. 104/97. Financing is available in the 2024 Bridge and Pavement Management Program project (M2454).	160,000

6. Approval of Leases Considered to be Material

- 6.1 Section 19.4 of the Region's Budget Management Policy authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to act on behalf of Regional Council to approve leases considered material, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head and C.A.O. and the availability of sufficient funding, and the Treasurer shall be authorized to execute any resultant Agreement for the goods and services required.
- 6.2 There were no instances where delegated authority was used during a recess of Regional Council to facilitate the approval of leases.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Service Excellence:
- Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
 - Goal 5.3 – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

8. Conclusion

8.1 In accordance with Section 19 of the Regional Budget Management Policy, Regional Council is to be informed of delegated authority exercised during a recess of Council.

8.2 This report has been reviewed by the Works, Health, Transit and Social Services departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2024-INFO-84
Date: December 6, 2024

Subject:

The State of Mental Health in Canada

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled: [The State of Mental Health in Canada 2024](#), released by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on November 19, 2024.

2. Background

2.1 CMHA provides advocacy, programs and resources that help to prevent mental health problems and illnesses, support recovery and resilience, and help people across Canada thrive.

2.2 The CMHA report provides a comprehensive and evidence-based map of the landscape of mental health, addictions and substance use (MHASU) across Canada.

2.3 In addition to providing an overview of the state of mental health at the national level, the report features data by province and the territories.

3. Report Findings

3.1 More than a quarter (26 per cent) of Canadians reported their mental health was “poor” or “fair”. Mental health among Canadians is three times worse than before the pandemic, and millions of people cannot get the care they need. Suicides,

- particularly in the north, and the toxic drug supply are claiming lives at an alarming rate.
- a. The rate of self-harm in the territories is between 3.5 and 5 times higher than the rest of Canada.
 - b. In 2023, 8,049 people died from opioid poisoning in Canada. After the United States, Canada has the second highest rate of opioid toxicity deaths in the world.
 - c. Thirty-eight per cent of Indigenous Peoples reported their mental health as “poor” or “fair”.
- 3.2 On average, provinces and territories are spending about six per cent of overall health budgets on mental health, even though experts recommend spending 12 per cent of the budget on mental health.
- 3.3 People receive drastically different care depending on where they live, or who they are.
- a. Mental health services are most limited in northern and in rural areas.
 - b. Inequities related to access to MHASU services are greatest among racialized and Indigenous populations in Canada.
- 3.4 There is a shortage of psychiatrists and other mental health providers in Canada. Further, the distribution of the MHASU workforce is uneven across Canada.
- a. In Ontario, research has shown that a greater number of mental health providers are clustered in urban areas and service populations with lower needs.
- 3.5 People with mental health disabilities and/or mental health difficulties in Canada are disproportionately living in poverty.
- 3.6 Ontario has the second highest rate of core housing need in Canada, after British Columbia.
- 3.7 Canada is failing to collect quality and fulsome data about mental health, making it challenging to measure mental health, and challenging to fund programs accordingly.
- 4. CMHA Recommendations**
- 4.1 Governance and Investment
- a. The federal government should invest 12 per cent of health spending in MHASU healthcare and create a stronger legislative framework to govern

spending. This means \$6.25 billion annually. CMHA also recommends that the federal government should either:

- Amend the [Canada Health Act](#) to explicitly include MHASU healthcare services delivered in community settings; or
- Create parallel legislation for MHASU care and compliment it with a funding transfer that includes accountability measures for provinces and territories.

4.2 Equity

- a. The federal government must increase social spending and enhance social supports so that people with mental health-related disabilities and those experiencing other forms of systemic discrimination have the livable incomes and adequate housing they need to be well. This includes introducing Universal Basic Income, indexing the Canada Disability Benefit to inflation, providing funding to support affordable housing, and consulting with equity-deserving populations to ensure programs and services are culturally appropriate.

4.3 Data

- a. The federal government needs to collect more and better data to track and improve our mental healthcare system. This would require:
 - Extensive consultation with equity-deserving communities.
 - Working with provinces and territories for consistent data collection.
 - Increasing funding to community-based mental health organizations to improve data.

5. Local Health Department Program Initiatives

- 5.1 DRHD provides mental health resources and supports, including information on crises, available at [durham.ca](#).
- 5.2 Local health statistics and information on drug use can be found on the [Durham Health Stats](#) webpage.
- 5.3 Locally, DRHD partakes in harm reduction activities, including the needle syringe program, the opioid patch return program, naloxone distribution, and support programs for sex trade workers. More information on [harm reduction programming](#) and information and resources on safe needle disposal can be found on [durham.ca](#).

- 5.4 Region of Durham Paramedic Services run the Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP). PCOP has a street outreach team that helps unsheltered people access health and mental health services.
- 5.5 DRHD provides information regarding the risks associated with opioids and drugs, including information on overdose prevention, recommendations for reducing usage and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca.
- 5.6 All Durham Region elementary and secondary schools have an assigned public health nurse to deliver health promotion and support comprehensive school health, which could include strategies related to substance use and mental health. Strategies are based on school needs and planned in collaboration with school communities.
- 5.7 Data and local trends related to mental health indicators are available on DRHD's [Health Stats](#) webpage.

6. Previous Reports

- 6.1 Report [2022-INFO-67](#) provided an update on the report: [Lives Lost to Opioid Toxicity among Ontarians Who Worked in the Construction Industry](#).
- 6.2 Report [2023-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid Toxicity and Access to Treatment among Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario](#).
- 6.3 Report [2023-INFO-74](#) provided information on DRHD's school-based health promotion services, including mental health promotion and substance use prevention.
- 6.4 Report [2023-INFO-83](#) provided an update on the report: [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths](#).
- 6.5 Report [2024-INFO-16](#) provided an update on the report: [Prescribing Patterns, Substance Use Disorder Diagnoses, and Access to Treatment Prior to Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario](#).
- 6.6 Report [2024-INFO-43](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid-Related Toxicity Deaths Within Ontario Shelters: Circumstances of Death and Prior Medication & Healthcare Use](#).
- 6.7 Report [2024-INFO-44](#) provided an update on the report: [The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective](#), one of two reports released by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
- 6.8 Report [2024-INFO-79](#) provided an update on the report: [A Time for Urgent Action: The 2024 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty](#).

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

7.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.3: Enhance community safety and well-being
- 2.4: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations

8. Conclusion

8.1 CMHA's report shows that millions of people in need of MHASU healthcare in Canada are not receiving it. It also provides decision-makers with a roadmap to fix the mental health system by addressing issues in governance and investment, equity, and data.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2024-INFO-85
Date: December 6, 2024

Subject:

Agri-Food Gateway Program

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the delivery and progress of the Agri-Food Gateway Pilot Program.

2. Background

- 2.1 Durham Region is home to 3,360 agri-food businesses, including 1,200 farms. Approximately 27,000 people are employed by Durham's local agri-food value chain. Agri-Food is one of the Region's priority sectors, as identified in [Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham](#).
- 2.2 The Canadian agri-food industry is experiencing labour shortages and is increasingly looking to technology to help reduce labour requirements. Many technology companies are unaware of the opportunities for their technologies to be adapted to solve challenges and provide solutions in the agriculture industry.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

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

- a. Goal 6: Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food industry.
 - New Action: Connect and train businesses to address the agri-tech gap in the agriculture industry.
- b. Goal 8: Partner with organizations and agricultural organizations to deliver and expand agricultural literacy in the Region.
 - Action (d): Have an active role in educating non-farm communities (businesses) about agriculture in partnership with Durham Farm Connections.
- c. Goal 9: Enable and encourage a culture of innovation in agriculture.
 - Action (a): Build capacity for innovation partnerships with local post secondary and accelerator institutions.
 - Explore key partner relationship/partner development options for agri-tech innovation.

4. Program Overview

4.1 The Agri-Food Gateway Pilot Program was developed to provide small to medium sized technology companies with agricultural training to help them adapt their technologies to fill needs and gaps in the agri-tech and agriculture sector. Most companies are not aware of the opportunities to create technology for the agriculture sector, and often the tech companies have existing tech that could easily be modified to address business needs in agriculture. This program was created to address this challenge.

4.2 The program was a partnership between the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC IRAP), Durham College and the Invest Durham Agriculture and Rural program. NRC IRAP provided the majority of the funding, Durham College administered and hosted the program, and Invest Durham sponsored the program, helped to develop the training workshops, organized farm tours, and coordinated the industry experts who acted as advisors to the participating companies.

- 4.3 Eight Canadian tech companies were accepted into the program. Five companies completed the training, and three of those companies are actively pursuing an agri-tech product offering. These three companies are currently receiving continued mentorship and support through the Agri-Food Gateway Program as they prototype their solutions. The technology companies that participated in the program are not based in Durham Region; however, this program provided the opportunity to showcase the Region and its vibrant innovation community to growing technology companies, and highlight the benefits of establishing a presence in the Region.
- 4.4 The program consisted of the following stages:
- a. An application process was opened to companies to demonstrate their capability to commercialize products or solutions.
 - b. Eight companies were selected for the program and a virtual meeting was held to introduce the program.
 - c. The training program consisted of four days of in-person learning in June 2024. The participants learned through classroom style training, industry panel discussions with Q&A, and tours of progressive farming operations who have experience with integrating new tech and management practices in their businesses.
 - d. Topics discussed in the training program included:
 - Orientation to Canadian Agriculture and Durham Agriculture
 - a) Challenges and opportunities
 - b) Size and scope of agriculture industry
 - c) Farming systems and types of production
 - d) Geographical overview
 - Speaker panel of farming experts regarding technology on the farm
 - Understanding and engaging farms as a technology business
 - Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI) funding opportunities
 - Multiple networking opportunities
 - Tours of multiple Durham Region farms and Durham College's urban farms
 - One-on-one discussions with companies and experts
 - e. Following the training, the participants worked with Durham College and BioEnterprise for further support in creating their agri-tech prototypes. BioEnterprise is an organization which supports the acceleration and

development of agri-tech businesses across Canada. These activities are continuing presently.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

a. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity:

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

6. Conclusion

6.1 The Agri-Food Gateway Program provided an opportunity for Canadian technology companies to learn about opportunities in agriculture and receive support with expanding their technology into the agri-food industry. By starting and hosting this program in Durham, we were able to connect the companies with resources, experts, and an enticing business landscape, and to promote Durham Region as an ideal place to do business.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: December 6, 2024

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – December 1, 2024

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 1, 2024

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/3ns59mjd

- Change your batteries & Keep Batteries Stored Safely (Nov 19)

tinyurl.com/3cxzvbpe

- World AIDS Day – December 1st, 2024 (Nov 29)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/37kxrxp9

- As COP29 wraps up, Canada reaffirms its commitment to global climate action and remains determined to keep 1.5 °C alive (Nov 24)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/3tkk7u7y

- Government of Canada launches Youth Mental Health Fund to support community organizations and better mental health services for youth across Canada (Nov 18)

tinyurl.com/mrbwjh3d

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on Digital Health Week (Nov 19)

tinyurl.com/f7emh56u

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – National Addictions Awareness Week (Nov 25)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/2m9yshdv

- Statement from the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on Site Decision for Canada's Deep Geological Repository (Nov 28)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/45zcnvrj

- Statement by the Prime Minister on National Child Day (Nov 20)

tinyurl.com/cj5uz3sa

- Statement by the Prime Minister of National Housing Day (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/25st75vn

- Healthy meals for kids, savings for Ontario families (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/5c5ze8hm

- Statement by the Prime Minister on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (Nov 25)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/3w929xkj

- Launch of public consultation to help modernize the development of preventive health care guidelines in Canada (Nov 21)

tinyurl.com/57uzm9ua

- Public Health Agency of Canada confirms the first case of clade 1 of mpox in Canada (Nov 22)

tinyurl.com/ykae9y5e

- Message from the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (Nov 23)

tinyurl.com/52y5nsac

- Government of Canada invests in breast cancer research and public awareness (Nov 29)

tinyurl.com/39r8zzu8

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline marks one-year of service (Nov 30)

tinyurl.com/427hnamt

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on World AIDS Day (Dec 1)

Transport Canada

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- Statement – Minister of Transport issues statement on the Canadian National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims (Nov 20)

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Ministry of Children, Colleges and Universities

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- Ontario Investing \$92 Million to Support Made-in-Ontario Research and Innovation (Nov 22)

Ministry of Education

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- Ontario Boosting Efforts to Combat Bullying and Support Student Mental Health (Nov 18)

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- Ontario Marks the Completion of Darlington Unit 1 Refurbishment Project Five Months Ahead of Schedule (Nov 18)

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- Ontario Introducing Legislation to Protect Communities from Forest Wildland Fires and Hazardous Gas Wells (Nov 25)

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- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel (Nov 19)

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- Ontario Expanding Cancer Coverage for Firefighters (Nov 22)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Headache Society

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- Updated Canadian Headache Society Migraine Prevention Guideline with Systemic Review and Meta-analysis Released (Nov 26)

Canadian Mental Health Association

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- The state of mental health in Canada? It's alarming, a new Canadian Mental Health Association report finds (Nov 19)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

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- The Nuclear Waste Management Organization Selects Site for Canada's Deep Geological Repository (Nov 28)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario

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- Commissioners publish 2020 investigation report into LifeLabs privacy breach affecting millions of Canadians (Nov 25)

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- Federal, provincial, and territorial privacy regulators address responsible information sharing in situations involving intimate partner violence (Nov 27)

Ontario HIV Treatment Network

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- KnowHIV, the future-forward Campaign to Raise Awareness of HIV in Ontario launches for World AIDS Day 2024 (Nov 26)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

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- Nurses warn the Ontario government will bear responsibility for preventable deaths that will ensue from withdrawing essential life-saving health services (Nov 18)

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- Updated evidence-base recommendations for managing pressure injuries (Nov 21)

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- Scope expansion for nurse practitioners and registered nurses is 'good news' for the profession and Ontarians (Nov 28)



Memorandum

The Regional
Municipality of
Durham
Works Department

Date: December 6, 2024

To: Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council

From: Ramesh Jagannathan, MBA, M.Eng., P.Eng., PTOE,
Commissioner of Works

Copy: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrew Evans, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., Director, Waste
Management Services

Subject: Durham York Energy Centre
Quarterly (Q2 – 2024) Long-Term Sampling System Report

The attached report for the second quarter (Q2) of 2024 provides details with respect to data related to the Long-Term Sampling System (LTSS) at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), referred to as the AMESA system.

This report includes AMESA data collected from May 10, 2024, to August 1, 2024, and is structured as follows:

1. Sections 1 and 2 provide background,
2. Sections 3 to 8 provide specific quarterly AMESA data,
3. Section 9 provides ambient air data for the same period.

End of Memo

Attachment: DYEC LTSS Quarterly (Q2 – 2024) Report
(May 2024 to August 2024)



**Durham York Energy Centre
Long-Term Sampling System
Quarterly (Q2) Report
May 2024 – August 2024**

Prepared by

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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1. Introduction

This report provides additional details with respect to the reporting of operational data related to the AMESA Long-Term Sampling System (LTSS) for dioxins and furans at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).

This report covers the second quarter (Q2) of 2024 and includes AMESA data collected from May 10, 2024, to August 1, 2024.

2. Background

To meet the requirements of Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Condition 7(3), a continuous sampling system (the Adsorption Method for Sampling dioxins and furans (AMESA) LTSS) is installed on each of the two boiler units at the DYEC to sample dioxins and furans.

The operation of the AMESA system was initiated in 2015 and has been maintained in accordance with guidance from the AMESA manufacturer, the North American vendor ENVEA, and the AMESA Technical Manual.

The AMESA system is used only for the purpose stated in ECA Condition 7(3), which relates to dioxins and furans emissions trend analysis and evaluation of Air Pollution Control equipment performance. The AMESA results alone do not constitute a compliance point for the facility operations.

ECA Condition 7(3), Testing, Monitoring and Auditing Long-Term Sampling for dioxins and furans, states:

- a) The Owner shall develop, install, maintain, and update as necessary a long-term sampling system, with a minimum monthly sampling frequency, to measure the concentration of dioxins and furans in the Undiluted Gases leaving the Air Pollution Control (APC) Equipment associated with each boiler.
- b) The Owner shall evaluate the performance of the long-term sampling system in determining dioxins and furans emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment associated with the boilers.

AMESA results are available at the site when requested by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and reported to the MECP as part of the Annual Report required by ECA Approval Condition 15 and posted to the DYEC website.

As the results of the LTSS AMESA sampling are reported annually as a 12-month rolling average to the MECP and contained in the Annual Report, a request from the public was suggested to provide more frequent updates. In 2021, Regional Council issued a directive to enhance the frequency of updates. Hence, verified and calculated results for the AMESA sampling runs across both boiler units are prepared quarterly. These reports are prepared and subsequently published on the website.

3. Cartridge Replacement Schedule

The AMESA sampling cartridge is placed in situ for approximately 30 days in each boiler unit before it is removed and sent to the laboratory for analysis. As each boiler unit AMESA system is independent, the cartridge duration may differ between the two units due to alternating maintenance activities.

Table 1: AMESA Cartridge Replacement Schedule

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Duration (days)
1	95	May 10, 2024	June 7, 2024	28
2	95	May 10, 2024	June 7, 2024	28
1	96	June 7, 2024	July 2, 2024	24
2	96	June 7, 2024	July 2, 2024	24
1	97	July 2, 2024	August 1, 2024	14
2	97	July 2, 2024	August 1, 2024	6

*Note 1: The cartridge duration times may differ even though the start and end dates are the same for both boiler units.

4. Laboratory Analysis

No issues were identified with the AMESA sample cartridges or the analysis at the laboratory; however, the laboratory continues to experience delays in analysis and reporting.

5. Durham and York Regions and Reworld Monthly Data and Operations Review

Regional staff meet with Reworld on an established schedule to discuss facility operations and review environmental monitoring results, trends, and calculations where required for all monitoring programs, including the available AMESA results.

6. Oversight of AMESA Results

The Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York Region staff and Reworld meet with the MECP every quarter to discuss all items pertinent to the ECA, the Environmental Monitoring Programs, and facility operations. Any concerns not determined to be reportable incidents in accordance with the ECA are discussed along with day-to-day operations and monitoring.

Any events the ECA deems reportable are done in accordance with the appropriate ECA condition.

Results of the AMESA LTSS are reported to the MECP in the DYEC Annual Reports and posted to the DYEC website. AMESA trends of validated data are presented as a 12-month rolling average together with an analysis to demonstrate the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment. The MECP had no concerns with the AMESA results detailed in the [2022 Annual Report](#) as posted via this link: [MECP Review of the DYEC 2022 Annual Report](#). [The 2023 Annual Report](#) has been posted to the website.

7. AMESA Performance

The measured concentrations for each of the 17 dioxins and furans congeners identified in the laboratory certificate of analysis are applied to established computations to obtain a result. These calculations quantify the dioxins and furans per cubic metre of gas at reference conditions. Standard temperature, pressure and oxygen correction factors are also applied to the measured concentration to obtain a value for regulatory comparison. Finally, each of the 17 dioxins and furans congeners is multiplied by their respective toxic equivalency factor (TEF) and added to obtain total dioxins and furans total toxic equivalence (TEQ). The ECA for the DYEC specifies the use of the NATO classification scheme for dioxins and furans; therefore, the NATO TEF factors are applied to obtain the TEQ calculation. Table 2 shows each AMESA sampling run, the start and end time the cartridge was in-situ for each boiler unit, and the calculated result.

Table 2: AMESA Calculated Results

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Calculated Result (pg TEQ/Rm ³)
1	95	May 10, 2024	June 7, 2024	2.672
2	95	May 10, 2024	June 7, 2024	14.536
1	96	June 7, 2024	July 2, 2024	7.509

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Calculated Result (pg TEQ/Rm ³)
2	96	June 7, 2024	July 2, 2024	7.796
1	97	July 2, 2024	August 1, 2024	2.124
2	97	July 2, 2024	August 1, 2024	invalidated

Note 1: AMESA run 97 for Boiler 2 was invalidated.

While AMESA has no regulatory limit associated with compliance as it is used to supplement source testing, the ECA directs that “The Owner shall evaluate the performance of the long-term sampling system in determining dioxins and furans emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment associated with the boilers.” The Regions, their Engineering and Air Emissions oversight consultants, and Reworld will continue to monitor DYEC performance in relation to AMESA results and trends. Figure 1 displays the results of the AMESA sampling runs conducted in the second quarter (Q2) of 2024.

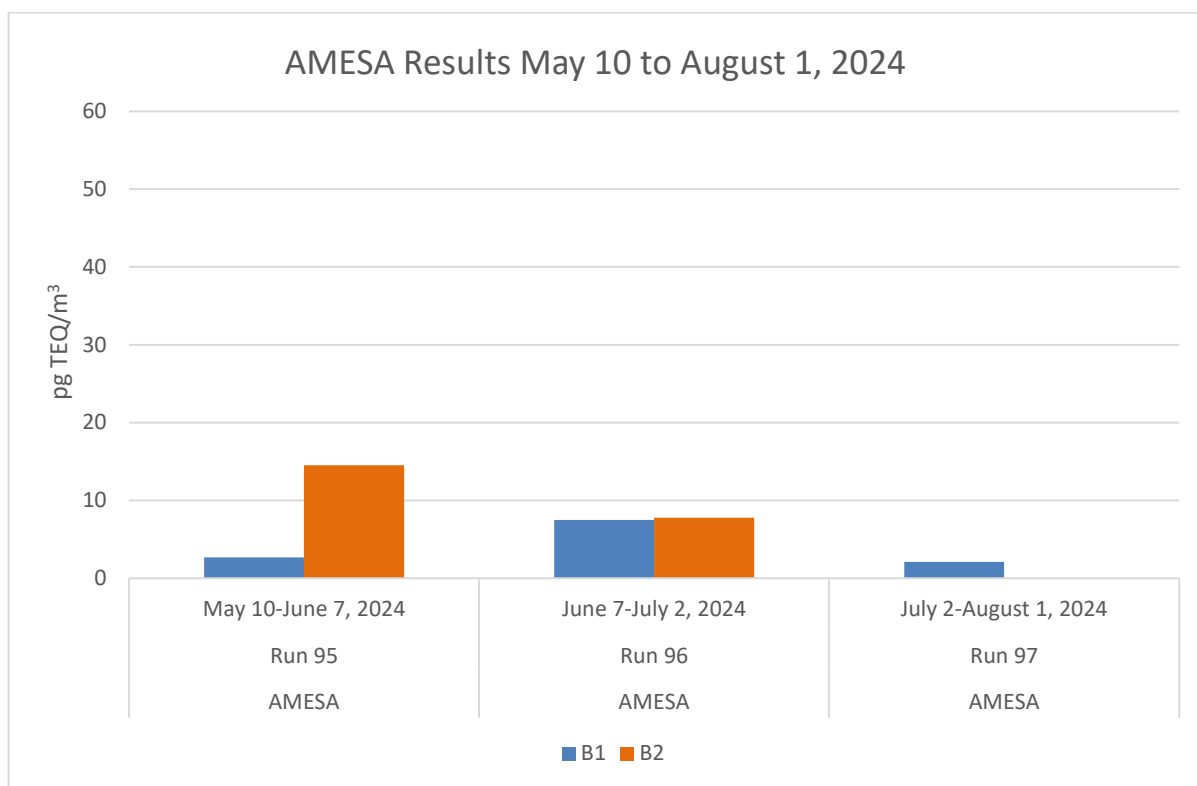


Figure 1: AMESA Results May 10, 2024, to August 1, 2024.

Note 1: AMESA run 97 for Boiler 2 was invalidated.

7.1 Investigation

In the second quarter (Q2) of 2024, the AMESA Investigation Checklist was initiated to review the results for boiler unit 2, run 97. The Regions reviewed the data with Reworld, and it was understood that Boiler 2 experienced several operational issues during the testing period, including a black plant event. These disruptions led to non-isokinetic conditions, which means the sample velocity does not align with the air velocity, resulting in a sample that may not accurately represent the actual composition or content of the stack's emissions. Operational temperature readings were also reviewed for run 97, including surrounding the periods of expected non-isokinetic conditions. The temperature profile readings observed were consistent with normal operational conditions (i.e. furnace temperatures were sufficient to destroy dioxins in the incoming waste, and temperature profiles within the plant were consistent with minimal times spent in the range associated with reformation). Consequently, the non-isokinetic conditions are expected to have contributed to the AMESA result inconsistent with typical operations.

8. AMESA relative to most current Source Testing Dioxins and Furans Results

AMESA is not used to assess compliance and should not be evaluated against Ministry standards, such as the dioxins and furans source testing limit. The testing methodology for AMESA and source testing sampling and analysis are different and are set out within their prescribed sampling method and manufacturer guidelines.

The AMESA results are presented in Figure 2 to show how the Q2 calculated values compare to the most current source testing results. The source test compliance limit for dioxins and furans is 60 pgTEQ/m³. The chart below shows the AMESA Q2 2024 results compared to the 2024 March source test results. Results from the March source test also indicated that the dioxins and furans results are below the regulatory compliance limit.

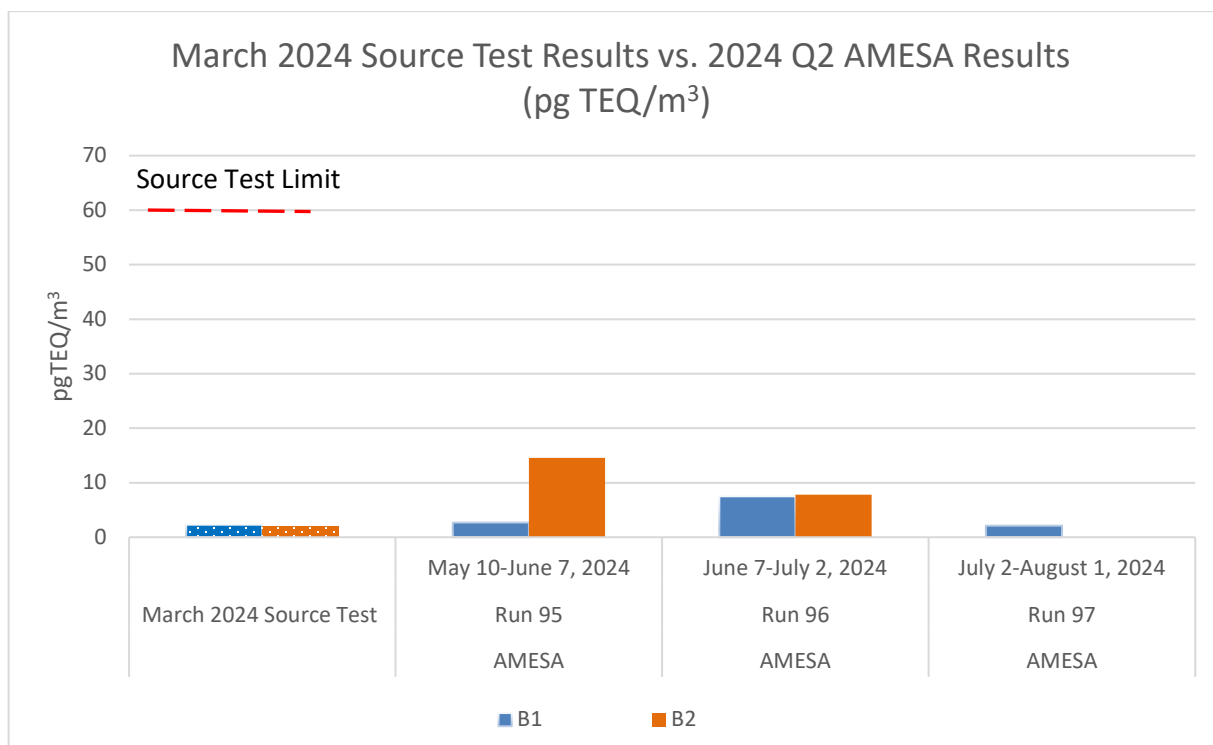


Figure 2 March 2024 Source Test Results vs. 2024 Q2 AMESA Results (pg TEQ/m3).

Note 2: AMESA run 97 for Boiler 2 was invalidated.

9. Ambient Air Dioxins and Furans Results—Second Quarter (Q2) 2024

The ambient air monitoring program samples for dioxins and furans. The sampling methodology, units of measurement, and reporting limits are prescribed differently and cannot be compared directly to the source testing or AMESA results. The ambient air monitoring program does not measure point source emissions, but it provides an indication of local air quality. The monitoring equipment collects air samples, capturing ambient air emissions from various sources within the vicinity. The results from the ambient air monitoring provide insights into local air quality and may indicate potential factors influenced by meteorological conditions, including wind speed and direction.

Figure 3 illustrates the results of the second quarter (Q2) at the two ambient air stations near the DYEC. The dioxins and furans levels consistently remain below the Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria of 0.1 picogram Toxic Equivalency per cubic meter (pgTEQ/m³).

Additionally, the Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria is 10 times lower than the Ontario Regulation 419 Upper Risk Threshold of 1 pgTEQ/m³ for dioxins and furans.

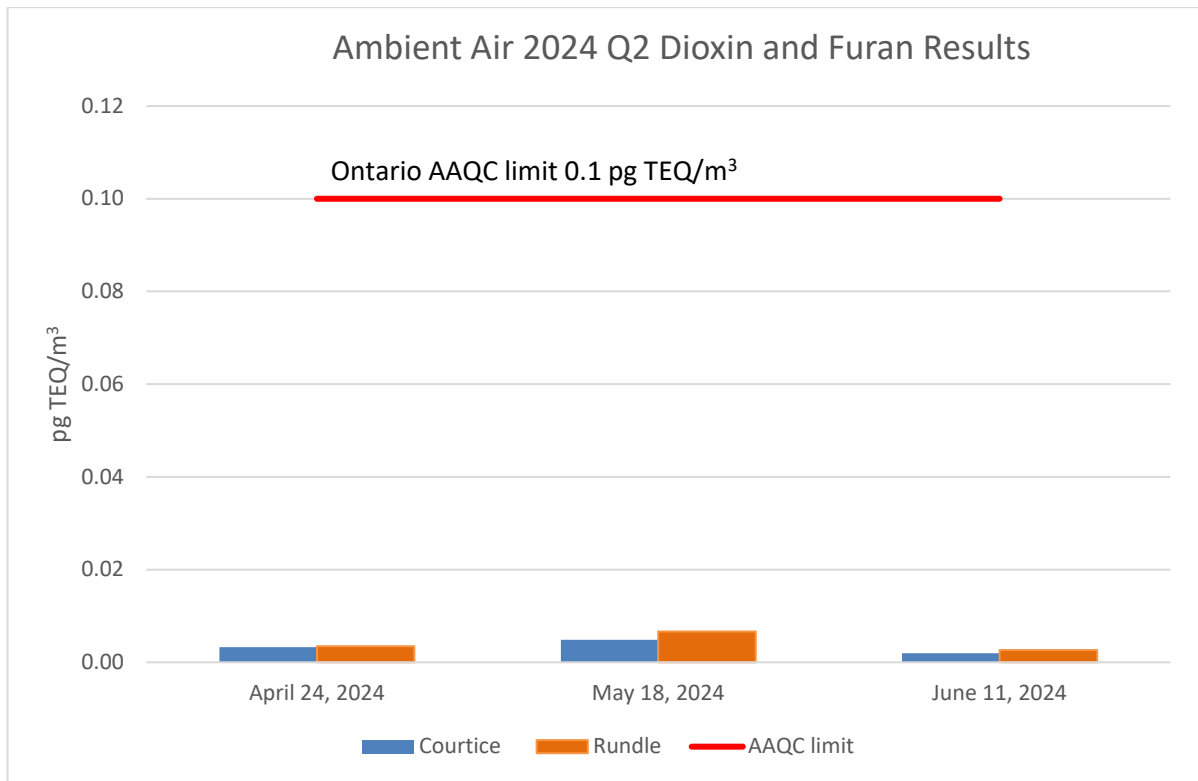


Figure 3: Ambient Air 2024 Q2 Dioxins and Furan Results

End of Report



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**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 8

Date: October 28, 2024

Moved By: Carma Williams

Seconded By: Jamie MacDonald

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 Township of North Glengarry 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;

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution #

Date: October 28, 2024

FURTHERMORE, 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.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

[Redacted Signature]

MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

YEA

NEA

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

From: Stefanie Allen <stefanie.allen@townofkearney.ca>

Sent: December 2, 2024 3:17 PM

To: Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Cc: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org; paul.calandra@ontario.ca; Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; Timmins - James Bay <charlie.angus@parl.gc.ca>; Vanthof - CO, John <jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca>

Subject: Support Resolution Re. Critical Infrastructure

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney at it's meeting held on November 14, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Aurora a attached.

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

Kind regards,



Stefanie Allen


Communications and Public Relations
Coordinator, Town of Kearney

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Good day Elected Official,

For many years, we have advocated for our fair share of funding from both Provincial and Federal governments. Through FCM and AMO, we've pushed for reforms and for sustainable, predictable funding for municipal infrastructure. With both Provincial and Federal elections approaching, I believe it's time for us to unite and propose a solution for municipalities' fair share.

As we're asked to meet growth targets, our municipalities urgently need predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit. We need all levels of government to collaborate on a solution that doesn't rely solely on property taxes to fund essential infrastructure in our communities. That's why we're calling on the Province to allocate a portion of the Land Transfer Tax, and on the Federal Government to allocate a portion of the GST from new home sales—no new taxes, just a fair distribution of our own funds for our communities!

Bellow is a Motion I respectfully ask you to bring forward at your council.

This motion ensures that we have the resources to build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our municipalities running smoothly, without increasing property taxes.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas. It is essential that our collective voices are heard. Local governments deserve predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Ontarians.

Motion: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST

to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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

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

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on

property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

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

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

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

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

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

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST

should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

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

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

Regards,

Tom Mrakas


Mayor Town of Aurora

416-543-1624





Northumberland County Council Resolution

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SENT VIA EMAIL

November 28, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Support for Family Physicians'

At a meeting held on November 20, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828, adopting the below recommendation from the November 5, 2024 Community Health Committee meeting:

Moved by: Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee having considered the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Support for Family Physicians' recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2024-11-20-828

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hurlinsky
 Seconded By S. Sibb

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-11-20- 828

Council Date: November 20, 2024

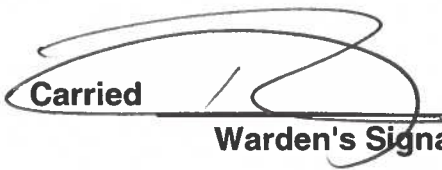
"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held November 4, 5 and 6, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
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Finance & Audit Committee,	Item 5.a	'Delegation 'Art Gallery of Northumberland' – held by Warden Ostrander	
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And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

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 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Community Health Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: November 5, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-11-05- 710

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: O. Hankivsky

Council Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

"That the Corporate Support Committee having considered the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Support for Family Physicians' recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

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City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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September 13, 2024

Sent via email – councilmeeting@toronto.ca

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk
City of Toronto

Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated July 31, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the September 9, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-140). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-140, being a resolution from The City of Toronto regarding Provincial Support for Family Physicians, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 19

MM19.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Requesting the Province to Support Family Physicians - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Minister of Health to take immediate action to:
 - a. properly compensate family physicians with appropriate fee increases; and
 - b. reduce the administrative burden that the Province places on family doctors so they have more time to see their patients.
2. City Council forward City Council’s decision to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities.
3. City Council request a direct response from the Minister of Health within 30 days.

Summary

On May 13, 2024, the City of Belleville set a good example by passing a resolution calling upon the provincial government to improve compensation and reduce administrative burden for Ontario’s family physicians. Toronto should do the same.

The Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario. Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in Ontario, is essential and should be a top Provincial Government priority. Instead, the shortage of family physicians has reached a crisis point.


Millions of Ontario residents, and hundreds of thousands of Torontonians, do not have a family doctor. Studies show that patients without a primary care provider have poorer health outcomes while costing the health care system more. Meanwhile, hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by residents’ unmet health care needs.

The Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by paying fair wages to family physicians and by lessening the undue administrative burden this provincial government imposes on family doctors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM19.5

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-246768.pdf>

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



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.
Resolution Number 2024-403
Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

MAYOR

September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

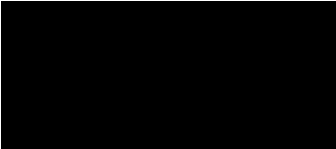
I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.


The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.


Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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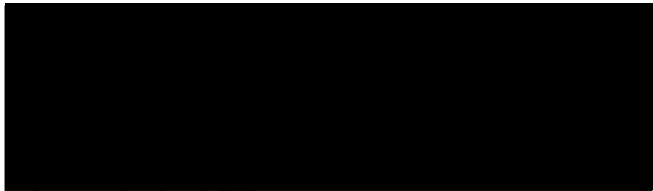


Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.
Resolution Number 2024-404
Title: Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #7
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #C-2024-09-16 passed by Tay Valley Township, regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.



CARRIED

MAYOR



September 25, 2024

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford

RE: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on September 24th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-09-16

MOVED BY: Greg Hallam
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

"THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the Township of Stirling-Rawdon's resolution regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure;

THAT, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996;

THAT, the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries;

AND THAT, this resolution be sent to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

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

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

Cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.
Resolution Number 2024-406
Title: Resolution Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding (Fair Share)
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. NOW THEREFORE BE IN HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,**
- 2. BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,**
- 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,**

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

MAYOR




King Township
 2585 King Road
 King City, Ontario
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November 28, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier,

RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ONTARIO RURAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

At its Council meeting of November 25, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;

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

3. That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried Unanimously.


Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm
Township Clerk

- cc. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org
Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness & Response
Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
Scott Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads scott@goodroads.ca
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Councillor Jennifer Anstey, King janstey@king.ca
Councillor Mary Asselstine, King masselstine@king.ca



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Town of Aurora
 100 John West Way, Box 1000
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November 27, 2024

Delivered by email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
 Prime Minister of Canada

justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
 Member Motion 8.9.1 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the
 Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable
 Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

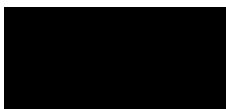
Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure

initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

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

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
November 27, 2024

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Copy: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.5.4, 8.8.1, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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

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Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and

sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

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


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

Carried



The Municipality of Dysart et al

Regular Council Resolution

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Motion #24-455

Moved by Pat Casey

Seconded by Carm Sawyer

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 Municipality of Dysart et al 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

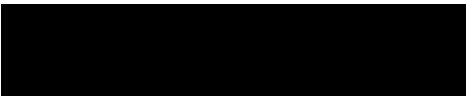
Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, the Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

Further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried


Defeated

Deferred


Walt McKechnie, Deputy Mayor


Mallory Bishop, Clerk



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29 November 2024

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

RE: Resolution - Support for Provincial Absorption of OPP Costs

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held November 26th, 2024:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Reeve McLaren

THAT, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands expresses its support for the resolution from the Town of Midland, advocating for the full absorption of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) costs into the provincial budget, eliminating cost recovery from municipalities;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities across Ontario for their information and consideration.

Resolved

Sincerely,



Nicole Guthrie
 Clerk

Encls.

c.c. The Solicitor General
 Minister of Finance
 Association of Municipalities
 All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND



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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS Ontario's small urban municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban 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 the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

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

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210


cc.

MPP, Simcoe North, Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org
Minister of the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario

TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN

**RESOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING**

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2024-401
Title: OPP Billing
Date: November 28, 2024

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Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Emile Duval

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario’s rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant increases in policing costs in 2025 after the Ontario Police Association and Province ratified a four-year collective agreement for uniform and civilian employees; and

WHEREAS an increase of 14.74% in OPP billing one year, which is a \$188,772 (roughly 2.36% tax increase) for Champlain Township is something never projected;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

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

CARRIED

Certified True Copy of Resolution
Alison Collard
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2024/11/29)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

CANTON DE CHAMPLAIN
RÉSOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 11.1.
No. du point 2024-401
Titre: Facturation du PPO
Date: le 28 novembre 2024

Proposée par: Gérard Miner
Appuyée par: Paul Emile Duval

ATTENDU QU'il est évident que le gouvernement de l'Ontario a négligé les besoins des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario ; et

ATTENDU QUE les municipalités rurales de l'Ontario sont confrontées à des défis insurmontables pour financer à la fois les investissements initiaux et l'entretien continu de leurs immobilisations, notamment les routes, l'eau et les eaux usées, ainsi que les bâtiments appartenant à la municipalité, y compris les installations récréatives, les bibliothèques et d'autres immobilisations corporelles ; et

ATTENDU QUE les municipalités de l'Ontario sont confrontées à des augmentations importantes des coûts de maintien de l'ordre en 2025, après que l'Association de la police de l'Ontario et la province ont ratifié une convention collective de quatre ans pour les employés en uniforme et les employés civils ; et

ATTENDU QU'une augmentation de 14,74 % de la facturation de la PPO en un an, soit 188 772 \$ (environ 2,36 % d'augmentation des taxes) pour le canton de Champlain, est quelque chose qui n'a jamais été prévu ;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario de mettre en œuvre immédiatement un financement durable pour les municipalités rurales en réabsorbant le coût de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario dans le budget provincial, sans recouvrement des coûts pour les municipalités ; et

DE PLUS, QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le modèle de facturation de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario soit soumis à l'examen du vérificateur général ; et

DE PLUS, QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le Conseil demande au personnel de faire circuler cette résolution au premier ministre Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), au ministre du Solliciteur général, au ministre des Finances, à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉE


Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :

TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN

**RESOLUTION
REGULAR MEETING**

Agenda Number: 15.1.
Resolution Number 2024-416
Title: Good Roads - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
Date: November 28, 2024

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Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Peter Barton

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 Champlain 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

Certified True Copy of Resolution

CARRIED

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Barton, Karla

To: Collard, Alison
Cc: Tessier, Kevin; Levesque, Sebastien
Subject: RE: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2024 6:33 PM
To: Collard, Alison <alison.collard@champlain.ca>
Subject: establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Township of Champlain Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: alison.collard@champlain.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

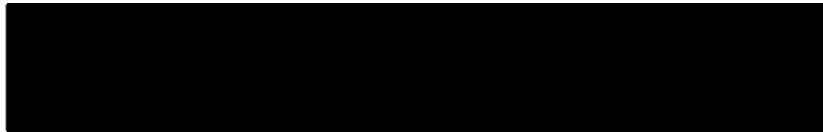
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Champlain requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

Scott R. Butler
Executive Director


From: [Clerks](#)
To: [Alexander Harras](#); [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Leigh Fleury](#); [Lydia Gerritsen](#)
Subject: FW: Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: December 3, 2024 8:47:15 AM

Hello,

Please add to the CIP.

Thanks,

Sheila

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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From: Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>

Sent: December 2, 2024 2:24 PM

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

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On November 28, 2024 Regional Council endorsed the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council 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 Regional Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

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

Regards,

Christopher Raynor ([he/him](#)) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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234-2024-5434

November 28, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

Through the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, changes were made to the *Planning Act* to accelerate implementation of the province’s additional residential unit (ARU) framework. These changes allowed “as-of-right” (without the need to apply for a rezoning) the use of up to 3 units per lot in many existing residential areas (i.e., up to 3 units allowed in the primary building, or up to 2 units allowed in the primary building and 1 unit allowed in an ancillary building such as a garage).

To support implementation of ARUs, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, made further changes to the *Planning Act* to provide me, as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with broader regulation-making authority to remove municipal zoning by-law barriers that may be limiting the development of ARUs.

Following consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, our government has taken further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of building more homes by amending [Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units](#) to remove certain municipal zoning by-law barriers. These changes took effect upon filing.

These changes will help to facilitate the creation of ARUs, such as basement suites and garden suites, by eliminating barriers including maximum lot coverage, angular planes, floor space index (FSI), minimum separation distances and minimum lot sizes on parcels of urban residential land subject to the ARU framework in the *Planning Act*. More information on these changes can be found through [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-9210](#).

It is my expectation that municipalities will respect these regulatory changes and the intent behind them. I will not hesitate to use my available powers to ensure these changes to the *Planning Act* are allowed to support our goal of building more homes.

We will continue working with our municipal partners to achieve our goal of building the homes that Ontarians need.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff to Minister Calandra

Chief Administrative Officer
Office of The Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

9-1-1 MANAGEMENT BOARD

November 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the 9-1-1 Management Board was held in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 1:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: S. Boyd, Fire & Emergency Services
B. Garrod, Durham Regional Council
M. Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement, Durham Region
J. Wichman, Communications/9-1-1 Technical Manager

Also

Present: Regional Chair Henry

Absent: G. O'Blenes, Durham Regional Police
T. Cheseboro, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
P. Cousins, Superintendent, Durham Regional Police
W. Spindler, Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Naeem*, Solicitor, Legal Department
S. Vamathevan, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Legislative Services Division – Corporate Services Department

*** denotes staff participating electronically**

S. Boyd Chaired the meeting.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by M. Simpson,
(9) That the minutes of the 9-1-1 Management Board meeting held on
September 24, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. 9-1-1 Management Board Budget Presentation

Mary Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement, Durham Region, and Jerrett Wichman, Communications/9-1-1 Technical Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 9-1-1 Management Board Budget for 2025.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Budget 2025: 9-1-1 Emergency Service System
- Major Programs and Services
- Strategic Priorities
- Key Targets for 2025
- Financial Details
 - Summary by Account
 - Summary by Program
 - Summary of Capital
- Details of Budget Changes
- Staffing Details
- Looking Forward
- Appendix A: 2025 9-1-1 Emergency Service System Capital Projects
- Appendix B: 2025 – 2034 9-1-1 Emergency Service System Capital Forecast

Moved by Councillor Garrod, Seconded by J. Wichman

(10) That we recommend to the Committee of the Whole for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2025 Business Plans and Budget for the 9-1-1 Emergency Service System be approved.

CARRIED

5. 9-1-1 Call Statistics

J. Wichman provided the statistics on calls transferred from January to October and stated that the numbers for the previous month are trending downwards which was unexpected as the numbers typically increase towards the end of the year. He further stated that call volume peaked in July and August and a further peak is anticipated for January which is common for that time of year.

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

J. Wichman advised that there have been no issues since the update at the last meeting.

J. Wichman responded to questions with regards to whether there was a recent 9-1-1 network outage; and whether it is expected that there may be an increased risk in cybersecurity breaches with the roll out of the new NG 9-1-1 network, and what is being considered to prevent potential security threats.

7. NG 9-1-1 GIS Readiness Assessment

J. Wichman stated that the NG 9-1-1 GIS Readiness Assessment with Esri Canada has moved into Phase 3 and is captured in the 2024 budget. He further stated that Esri Canada is the authority on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Canada and worldwide for emergency services and advised it is the mapping source used by the majority of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

J. Wichman also stated that there will be some changes to call routing standards, and advised that 9-1-1 calls are currently routed through cell towers to PSAPs and if cell phone service is poor, it can impact the location accuracy radius by up to 1 km. He advised that the new NG 9-1-1 network will route calls based on cell phone location which will improve location accuracy. J. Wichman added that new standards may require maps to be updated by municipalities every 72 hours to ensure mapping data is current.

Discussion ensued with regards to the challenges in responding to requests for emergency services on unassumed roads and new subdivisions that have not yet been assigned municipal addresses, and how the new NG 9-1-1 network and GIS mapping may resolve this issue; an overview of the What3words application that can be used as a tool for verifying a person's exact location, and information of various dispatch centers already using the application for that purpose; and alternative applications that allows a dispatcher to verify a caller's location.

8. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters.

Other Departments - Comments/Concerns

1. Comments/Concerns – Regional Council

There were no comments.

2. Comments/Concerns – Durham Police

J. Wichman stated that the Emergency Services Working Group for the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is working on technical and non-technical items to prepare for the transition to NG 9-1-1. He further stated that a draft press release template has been

created to provide uniform messaging to the public of the new NG 9-1-1 network and how it will work and noted that any changes will take place on the backend and won't be apparent to users. A draft copy of the press release template for the launch of the NG 9-1-1 network was provided to the Committee for information.

J. Wichman also stated that RTT 9-1-1 (real-time text) is a communication platform that will be launched in Canada in the next few years which will allow persons to have text conversations in real-time with 9-1-1 dispatchers in instances where someone cannot speak over the phone. This will replace the current T 9-1-1 platform which currently uses SMS (send and receive) messaging functions. He further stated that the RTT 9-1-1 communication platform will not include video messaging capabilities.

3. Comments/Concerns – Fire Departments

S. Boyd stated that the transition to Hexagon, a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, is expected to occur in February 2025 and advised that updates are being completed to integrate the most current GIS data into the new system before the transition occurs.

S. Boyd also stated that the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) is working on a provincial initiative called Simultaneous Dispatch that is being piloted in various municipalities in Ontario. He advised that currently an emergency call in the Region is first connected with 9-1-1, which then gets routed to the Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC), and then to Durham EMS Dispatch, who notifies the fire department if required. S. Boyd stated that Simultaneous Dispatch would enable the CACC to dispatch calls to relevant emergency responders simultaneously to reduce the time it takes for emergency services to be notified and arrive on scene. He advised that further updates will be provided to the Committee as they become available.

4. Comments/Concerns – Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre

W. Spindler was absent.

5. Comments/Concerns – Durham Finance

There were no comments.

6. Comments/Concerns – Region of Durham Paramedic Services

T. Cheseboro was absent.

9. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

10. Date of Next Meeting

January 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Regional Municipality of Durham
Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. Wichman, Seconded by Councillor Garrod,
(11) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM

S. Boyd, Fire & Emergency Services

V. Walker, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2024

A meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:03 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Crawford, Chair
A. Ali*, Ajax, attending the meeting at 7:31 PM
A. Andrus*, Community Group, Participation House
R. Claxton-Oldfield, Member at Large
I. Giffin*, Uxbridge
P. Gunti*, Clarington, Vice-Chair
W. Henshall*, AAC
J. McEwen*, AAC
T. Ralph, Whitby
T. Smale*, Member at Large
R. Smith, Community Group, Durham Association for Family Resources
*** denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: M. Bonk, Brock
A. Mujeeb, Pickering
J. Westerman, Oshawa

Staff

Present: F. Amin, Administrative Assistant, Durham Region Transit
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Rippin*, Eligibility Coordinator, Special Services – Durham Region Transit
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by R. Claxton-Oldfield, Seconded by J. McEwen,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Advisory
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Correspondence Items

There were no communication items to be considered.

7. Information Items

There were no information items to be considered.

8. Discussion Items

A) Specialized Services Eligibility Processes and Policy

R. Smith raised concerns regarding the requirement for a mandatory support person (MSP) and the effect it has on Durham Region Transit (DRT) riders with disabilities; and the reasoning for an MSP after the decision of the Divisional Court of Ontario on April 12, 2022.

B. Holmes advised that the outcome of that case was specific to the eligibility decision of the applicant involved and it did not impact DRT's policies or processes in delivering specialized services. B. Holmes also advised that DRT's decision regarding eligibility always prioritizes the safety of the applicant.

Staff provided clarification regarding the process for assessing a rider's ability to use public transit and establishing their eligibility to travel independently on DRT or the need for an MSP to ensure their safety and ability to use public transit services.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for appealing an eligibility decision; the potential additional barrier created by requiring an MSP for individuals with a disability; and the possibility of the province reviewing the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) to identify and remove potential barriers within the legislation.

B) Transit Advisory Committee Priority Focus Areas

F. Admin asked the Committee to identify which priority focus areas they would like to concentrate on, and presented the following options:

1. Improving the reliability of and usability of Durham Region Transit services;
2. Enhancing communications and community engagement to understand community needs;
3. Drive the adoption of new technology and infrastructure

It was the consensus of the Committee to focus on the second option at the next Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding DRT developing a new five-year accessibility plan (2026-2030) as a new five-year DRT service strategy is being developed in 2025; ensuring that the DRT service strategy also considers “lived/used” experience element; improving accessibility for individuals transferring from various modes of transportation onto DRT buses; and evolving DRT’s communication methods.

9. Other Business

A) Integrated Service Model

J. McEwen raised concerns on behalf of a resident with regards to changes for door-to-door service for some DRT riders and their transition to integrated service trips.

Staff advised that the integrated service trips continue to be door-to-door, though it may include a transfer onto an accessible scheduled transit bus for part, or all of the trip; DRT offers a travel training service that allows riders to learn how to use DRT’s scheduled services and reduce apprehension in taking an integrated trip; and in known extreme weather conditions, an integrated trip may not be scheduled.

Staff also clarified that integrated trips may be scheduled for a rider who faces environmental or physical barriers that restrict their ability to use conventional DRT services typically and who qualifies for conditional eligibility; and that only trips exceeding seven kilometres would be considered for an integrated trip.

Discussion ensued regarding strategies to improve communication with DRT riders to effectively convey changes to DRT services.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

11. Adjournment

Moved by T. Ralph, Seconded by R. Claxton-Oldfield,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

M. Crawford, Chair, Transit Advisory Committee

S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:04 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair
B. Baszyk, Brock
G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student left the meeting at 8:13 PM
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
M. Nasir, Ajax
B. Widner, Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: B. Foxton, Uxbridge
Councillor Shahid
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
D. Hagner, Works Technician, Works Department
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Logan, Policy Advisory, Climate Change, Office of the CAO
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
I. McVey, Manager, Sustainability, Office of the CAO
D. Stewart, Project Manager, Maintenance Operations, Works Department
***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the agenda for the November 21, 2024 Durham Environment and
Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by G. Carpentier,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

A) Extreme Weather, James Bountrogiannis, Durham Resident

James Bountrogiannis, Durham Resident, appeared virtually and with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, expressed his concerns regarding extreme weather conditions through the years.

Highlights from the delegation included:

- Extreme Weather 100 Yrs Less Now
- IPCC AR6 Wet Dry EW
- IPCC AR6 No Human Impact Wind
- Global Burn 1901 to 2018
- Canada Temps – Last 100 Yrs
- Canada Forest Fires 1980 to 2022
- CLINTEL EW Article (1) 2023 Less Now

6. Presentation

A) Regional Salt Management Practices, David Hagner, Durham Works Department

David Hagner, Works Technician, Durham Works Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding winter maintenance operations.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Geographic Location
- Scenic Durham Region
- Regional Municipality of Durham
 - Local Municipalities
 - Area, Population, & Regional Road Length
- 5 Regional Depots
- Winter Operations Fleet
 - Pre-Wetting Capabilities on All Vehicles
 - All Vehicles Equipped with Electronic Controllers and AVL/GPS Units
- The Regional Maintenance Operations at Work

- Winter Operations Fleet
 - 8 Vehicles Equipped with DLA/Anti-Icing Capabilities
 - Road Patrol Vehicle
 - Snow Removal Equipment
 - Liquid Brine Storage and Pumping Facility
- Facilities
 - Salt Storage Domes
- Application Rates
 - Straight Salt
 - DLA Application with Salt Brine
 - Salt Pre-Wetting with Salt Brine
- Weather Forecast Services
- Summary

D. Hagner responded to questions from the Committee regarding what the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) is, whether regional staff conduct any type of monitoring at the end of the winter season, especially around wetlands, with respect to salt distribution; and whether the Region uses sand in their winter mixture.

7. Items for Discussion

A) Fall Durham Climate Forum Update (DCF Subcommittee)

A. Luqman advised that the Durham Climate Forum took place on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Regional Headquarters and was very well attended. She advised that there were three submissions for the “Art from Garbage” contest and shared pictures of the submissions.

The following suggestions were made for next year:

- Schedule the forum on a day where no other events are taking place throughout the Region (possibly a Sunday); and
- Inform teachers well in advance of the forum to garner more participation for the “Art from Garbage” contest from the students.

Discussion ensued regarding the climate misinformation that was being spread throughout the event, but that it was handled well by the participants at the forum.

B) Update on DECAC Motion re: Bill 199, the EV-Ready Homes Act

A. Luqman advised that a letter was prepared by Regional Chair Henry and the Chief Administrative Officer’s office and was forwarded to MPP Jennifer French with respect to the Region and DECAC’s support for Bill 199.

C) Bill 23 Proclamation Update: Upper-Tier Regional Planning Responsibilities (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman explained that Bill 23 would remove existing planning approval responsibilities for some upper tier Regions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including Durham. She advised that there has been a lot of internal discussion and planning as to the new role of Regional planning, and that Regional staff have been waiting on a proclamation date from the province. She further advised that the proclamation date for Durham Region was finally set for January 1, 2025, and that the Regional planning responsibilities would be downloaded to the area municipalities at that time.

A. Luqman advised that the DECAC would continue, and that Regional planning staff are currently identifying next steps towards a growth management role.

D) Durham Greener Homes Information Sessions – DECAC Representatives (A. Luqman)

A. Luqman advised that the Durham Greener Homes Information Sessions will be held electronically on November 27, 2024, from 2-4 PM, and November 28, 2024, from 7-9 PM and provided the registration links to the Committee.

A. Luqman advised that the sustainability team would like a DECAC representative to attend one or both of these information sessions to provide the DECAC perspective. She advised that if anyone was interested to follow-up with her after the meeting.

E) Friends of Second Marsh Board – DECAC Representative (M. Nasir)

M. Nasir provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to an overview of the activities of the Friends of Second Marsh and advised that he would be stepping down as the DECAC representative as of the new year, and a new DECAC representative is required. He advised that the meeting commitment is once a month excluding July, August, and December, and that he would forward his presentation to the Committee.

F) DECAC Terms of Reference Update (A. Luqman)

A copy of the 2025 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Terms of Reference was received.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by B. Baszyk,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional
Council:

That the proposed 2025 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Terms of Reference, be amended as follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under Section 2.3:

- Add the words “climate adaptation”, after the word “sustainability” and before the words “and climate change-related”; and

Under Section 8.1:

- Add the words, “virtually, and/or” after the word “held” and before the words “at the Durham”.

CARRIED

G) 2025 DECAC Workplan Update (A. Luqman)

A copy of the 2025 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Workplan was received.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by B. Widner,
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional
Council:

That the proposed 2025 Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) Workplan be amended as follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under Item 1.0:

- Delete the 1st bullet;
- Add as a new 1st bullet the words, “Environmentally significant projects and proposals”; and
- Under the 3rd bullet add the words, “and renewable energy” after the word “implementation”.

Under Item 2.0 (High Priority):

- Under the 1st bullet add the words, “and plan for the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards program” after the words “Sustainability Team”.

Under Item 2.0 (Medium Priority):

- Under the 6th bullet delete the word “climate” after the word “community” and replace with the word “environmental” and add the words, “to improve responses to climate, biodiversity, and habitat protection” to the end.

Under Item 3.0:

- Under the 1st bullet add the word, “retrofits”, after the word “producers”, and before the word “efficiency”;
- Under the 9th bullet add the word, “disposal” after the word “waste”, and before the word “reduction”;

- Under the 15th bullet add the word, “fertilizers”, after the word “pesticides” and before the word “and”;
- Delete the 17th bullet and combine with the 16th bullet so that it now reads as “Invasive and native species”; and
- Add a new bullet that reads “Ecosystem regeneration”.

Under Item 4.0:

- Delete the 5th bullet, “Regional Official Plan Amendment Applications”;
- Add as a new bullet the word “Biodiversity”;
- Add as a new bullet the words “Climate Adaptation”;
- Add as a new bullet the words “Greening of schools grounds, and industrial and municipal properties”; and
- Add as a new bullet the words “Methane generation from livestock”.

CARRIED

7. For Information

A) Correspondence received from Durham Residents

A copy of the following items of correspondence from Durham Residents was received:

- Wendy Bracken, Clarington Resident, dated October 16, 2024, re: BBC News Article titled “Burning Rubbish Now UK's Dirtiest Form of Power”
- Linda Gasser, Durham Resident, dated October 22, 2024, Re: Bill C-59 Greenwashing Legislation and October 25th, 2024, DYEC Tours (Attachment 2)
- Linda Gasser, Durham Resident, dated October 30, 2024, re: History & Overview of Durham’s Monitoring Commitments re: DYEC Air & Soil Monitoring
- Wendy Bracken, Clarington Resident, dated October 30, 2024, re: DYEC Monitoring Not Keeping Up with Other Jurisdictions

B) Information Report #2024-INFO-73: 2023 Waste Management Annual Report

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-73 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

C) Information Report #2024-INFO-72: Carruthers Creek Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station Odour Concerns

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-72 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

- D) Information Report #2024-INFO-67: Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee's Nomination for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Conservation Awards

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-67 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

- E) Information Report #2024-INFO-62: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Farm Tour

A copy of Report #2024-INFO-62 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

- F) Climate Toolkit for Housing & Infrastructure (Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada)

A copy of the Climate Toolkit for Housing & Infrastructure (Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada) was received.

- G) Ajax Water Supply Plant Expansion Project

A link to the Ajax Water Supply Plant Expansion Project was provided and received.

- H) Minutes of the September 24th, 2024, Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting

A copy of the September 24, 2024, Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting minutes was received.

- I) Minutes of the September 10th, 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the September 10, 2024, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That Information Items 7. A) to 7. I) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A) Durham Heat Pump Workshop Series

I. McVey requested that the Committee share within their networks the information regarding the Durham Heat Pump Workshop series to help spread the word on the upcoming workshops. He advised that the workshop held on November 19, 2024, in the Township of Uxbridge was well attended.

B) Debrief of Durham Greener Buildings Recognition Event (I. McVey)

I. McVey advised that on November 13, 2024, the Durham Greener Buildings program held its first “Evening of Recognition” in the Town of Whitby. He advised that this event celebrated buildings in Durham Region that performed exceptionally well in energy efficiency during 2023. He advised that awards were presented in twelve categories to recognize buildings for their energy performance, data quality, and early data submission, and that this is to become an annual event for building sector stakeholders.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

J. Cuthbertson, Chair, Durham Environment
and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk