



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-01
Date: January 17, 2025

Subject:

Regional staff comments in Response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting [019-9209](#), Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On November 27, 2024, the province released a [preliminary management plan](#) for the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park through Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting [019-9209](#), that presents proposed policies to guide the park's long-term development, protection and management.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the preliminary management plan and highlight Regional staff comments that were provided to the province in a letter (Attachment 1) on January 15, 2025, in advance of the commenting deadline of January 26, 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park was established on July 1, 2024. It is a 532-hectare (1,350 acre) recreational class park, comprised of non-contiguous parcels on the Oak Ridges Moraine, within the Township of Uxbridge. A recreational class park means that the park provides a variety of compatible outdoor recreation opportunities throughout its natural surroundings.

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- 2.2 While the park is currently made up of non-contiguous parcels, the province's intention is to identify priority land parcels for potential acquisition or inclusion within the boundary. The Region is actively engaged in this process.
- 2.3 The planning and management of provincial parks is governed by the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006 (PPCRA). The PPCRA requires the preparation of a park management plan for each provincial park in Ontario. The province is requesting feedback on the preliminary management plan until January 26, 2025.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 The Region provided comments to the province on the establishment of a recreational class urban provincial park in the Township of Uxbridge through Report [#2024-COW-2](#).

4. Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan

- 4.1 The preliminary management plan for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park outlines the purpose, vision, and objectives for the park. The purpose of the park is identified as providing connection across the Oak Ridges Moraine for recreational networks, adjacent urban areas and people and nature.
- 4.2 Key objectives of the park are to:
- a. permanently protect the park's biodiversity;
 - b. provide visitors with opportunities for ecologically sustainable outdoor recreation;
 - c. provide visitors with opportunities for natural and cultural heritage appreciation; and
 - d. facilitate scientific research.
- 4.3 Five zones have been established within the park's boundary: nature reserve, natural environment, historical, access, and development. A map showing these zones can be found on page 18 of the linked preliminary management plan. The preliminary management plan outlines permitted uses and a distinct management intent for each zone. For example, the Natural Environment Zones, which makes up 67 percent of the park is intended to provide protection for the natural environment, while also permitting low-intensity recreational uses such as hiking, cycling, equestrian and cross-country skiing.

5. Regional Staff Comments

- 5.1 Regional staff are supportive of the proposed direction for planning and management of the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and have offered the province the following comments for consideration.
- 5.2 Section 7 of the preliminary management plan outlines proposed policies for the management of the park. To assist with readability, it is recommended that individual policies be numbered within the final park management plan.
- 5.3 Figure 4 and Section 6.4 of the preliminary management plan identify a potential future park access point on Regional Highway 47 in the vicinity of Parratt Road. Before permitting an access on Regional Highway 47, the Region would require Ontario Parks to complete, to the satisfaction of the Region, a Traffic Impact Study that identifies the most appropriate access location and configuration. This study should also recommend any road or intersection improvements that may be required to support safe operation of the access. Ontario Parks would be responsible for implementing the recommendations of such a study.
- 5.4 The [Regional Cycling Plan](#) identifies cycling connections, including cycling tourism routes and parts of the Primary Cycling Network (PCN), that border the park boundaries. Connections include Concession 6, south of Wagg Road, Wagg Road between Concession 6 and Concession 7, north of Wagg Road. These cycling routes, and particularly the PCN components, should be considered in any park implementation and management planning to ensure that access points are in alignment with them.
- 5.5 It is recommended that Ontario Parks complete an analysis of projected road volumes of park users from various modes. This analysis would help to determine if modifications to planned and existing transportation infrastructure, as identified through the [Regional Cycling Plan](#) and [Transportation Master Plan](#), would be needed to address potential impacts and identify mitigation measures for the Region's road network, Strategic Goods Movements Network (preferred haul routes Regional Highway 47 and Goodwood Road), and the surrounding community.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Objective 1.3 – protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands;
- b. Objective 1.5 – expand sustainable and active transportation;
- c. Objective 2.3 – influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations;
- d. Objective 2.5 – build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging; and
- e. Objective 3.2 – leveraging Durham’s prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Regional staff have provided the above noted comments, in the form of the attached letter, for the province’s consideration as they finalize the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan.
- 7.2 Staff will keep Council informed as the management plan progresses and further park planning, and development milestones are achieved.
- 7.3 Regional staff comments contained with this report and the attached letter were prepared in consultation with the Works Department

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Region of Durham Staff Comments in Response to Environmental Registry Posting 019-9209, Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sent Via Email

January 15, 2025

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Dear Ms. Couling:

**RE: Region of Durham Staff Comments in Response to
Environmental Registry Posting 019-9209, Uxbridge Urban
Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan.**

Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park is located in the Township of Uxbridge, within the Region of Durham. On November 27, 2024, the province released a preliminary management plan for Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park that presents proposed policies to guide the long-term development, protection and management of the park. The Region of Durham previously provided comments on the establishment of the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park through Report [#2024-COW-2](#) and appreciates the opportunity to now provide input into the development of the park's management plan.

Regional staff comments on the preliminary management plan are focused on the Region's transportation system. Regional Roads in the vicinity of the park include; Regional Road 47 and Goodwood Road, which are also identified as preferred haul routes within the Region's Strategic Goods Movement Network. Please accept the following Regional staff comments for consideration as the management plan is finalized:

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- 2) Figure 4 and Section 6.4 of the preliminary management plan identify a potential future park access point on Regional Highway 47 in the vicinity of Parratt Road. Before permitting

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If you have any questions about these comments, please contact the undersigned at Amanda.Bathe@durham.ca.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: 2025-INFO-02
Date: January 17, 2025

Subject:

The Consolidated Budget Status Report to November 30, 2024, and Full Year Forecast

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

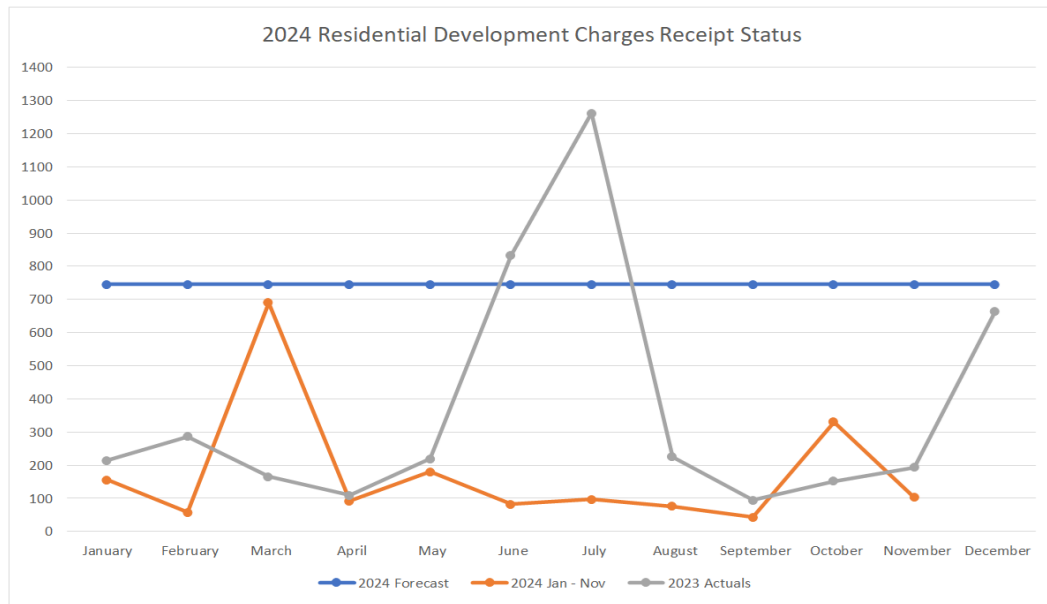
1. Purpose

1.1 The following summary on the status of the 2024 Consolidated Budget and Full Year Forecast for the General Tax Operations, and the Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems, is based upon information supplied by the Regional Departments, a review of the financial statements to November 30, 2024, and a forecast to the end of the year. It is important to note that there are many assumptions and estimates incorporated in this forecast.

2. Significant Factors Impacting Regional Operations

2.1 As noted in the Economic Updates provided by the Finance Department, the economic environment has had impacts on the local economy and Regional services. Fluctuating commodity and fuel prices have direct implications for Regional program areas. They are largely driven by North American and global markets, beyond the direct control of the Region. Recent economic data indicate that inflationary pressures have broadly eased, and the Bank of Canada has made several cuts to its overnight interest rate. The impact of these considerations has been incorporated into the full year forecast.

2.2 Residential development charges units for which receipts are recorded for the first eleven months of 2024 total only 1,908 units, or approximately 21 per cent of the forecast for 2024. Staff will continue to monitor the receipts against the forecast of 8,944 units.



Notes:
 2024 Forecast = 8,944 units total (745.33 units per month)
 2024 Jan - Nov = 1,908 units total
 2023 Actuals = 4,418 units total

3. Budget Status Summary – Regional Operations

3.1 An overall surplus is forecasted for Regional property tax supported operations for 2024, as indicated in the following table:

	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
	<u>\$</u>
Social Services	4,600,000
Health and Paramedic Services	1,200,000
Works – General Tax Programs	6,850,000
Planning and Economic Development	1,240,000
Corporate Services	(1,110,000)
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	525,000
Finance	1,200,000
Durham Regional Police Services	-
Durham Region Transit	4,000,000
Investment Earnings	55,200,000
Reallocation to Affordable Housing Reserve Fund	(55,200,000)
Corporate Items and Other Initiatives	(11,454,100)
Overall General Tax Surplus	<u>7,050,900</u>

4. General Tax Operations

4.1 Social Services Department

Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors

- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors division advises that a surplus position of approximately \$1,990,000 is expected for the year. Factors contributing to this position are noted in the following bullets.
- Per diem subsidy adjustments announced by the Province are anticipated to provide an additional \$3,865,000 in revenue that was not known at the time of budget approval.
- Preferred accommodation is trending above budgeted expectations with an estimated surplus of \$330,000. Preferred beds are no longer being occupied by basic paying residents due to lack of availability of basic rooms.
- Expenses for education and training, utilities, medical supplies, cleaning and laundry, materials, capital spending, professional services, building and equipment maintenance are higher than budget by an estimated amount of \$2,595,000.
- The Homes are forecasting a favourable variance of approximately \$860,000 in payroll related costs. The bulk of this surplus is due to staff vacancies, offset by higher overtime to ensure Ministry requirements for resident care and strict service levels are maintained.
- Food costs are higher than budget by \$275,000 due to inflationary increases.
- Other revenue from the Homes is trending below budgeted expectations with an estimated shortfall of \$95,000.
- A deficit in the Adult Day Program of approximately \$100,000 is due to the Program not operating at its capacity. The Program is still recovering from the pandemic and is continuing to increase the number of clients and is approaching pre-pandemic levels.

Family Services

- Overall, the Family Services Expense programs are currently projecting a deficit of \$700,000 at year end.
- Core Community Services is currently projecting a deficit of \$700,000 at year end. Of this amount, \$600,000 relates to adjustments to personnel costs, offset by minor savings totalling \$30,000 in various non-staffing categories. Additionally, there is a shortfall of approximately \$130,000 in program fee revenues due to higher usage by clients that are unable to afford fees. Fees are charged based on an individual's ability to pay for services, and there has

been a continued increase in the volume of clients accessing the services with minimal income available.

- The Employee Assistance program is projecting savings in the staffing expense category of approximately \$75,000 due to the time lag in filling vacant positions. However, these savings are offset by lower than planned fee revenues.

Income and Employment Support

- The Income and Employment Support division is projecting a deficit of \$400,000 for the year.
- The average year-to-date caseload for 2024 is substantially higher than the average for 2023 (9,313 compared to 7,870 cases in 2023, or 1,443 cases, approximately 18.3% higher). Although the province funds most of the direct program costs, a portion of the discretionary program is funded from property taxes. At this time, based on the expenditures to date, a deficit of \$700,000 in the discretionary program is projected for the year.
- Overall staffing costs of the Ontario Works (OW) Program delivery section are expected to exceed budgeted levels by approximately \$450,000. Part-time and temporary staffing has been required given the caseload and to provide coverage for a number of vacancies and pending retirements.
- The 2024 Ontario Works provincial subsidy was approved by the Province in late spring. The approval included an additional \$235,163 of one-time funding to help offset the additional costs to the Region of administering Ontario Works activities related to asylum seekers in Durham Region. This one-time funding was not included in the 2024 Council-approved Regional budget and reduces the net costs that were included in the budget.
- Savings in primarily client benefits in the Employment program is expected to create generate a surplus of approximately \$850,000, largely as a result of the transition to the new Integrated Employment program, which limits the amount the Region is able to issue under OW guidelines.
- Variances in other accounts, including expenses for security for facilities and interpreter fees, are expected to result in a deficit of approximately \$335,000.

Emergency Management and Program Support Services

- A deficit of \$290,000 is forecast for the operations of the Emergency Management and Program Support Services section for 2024, primarily due to costs related to the provision of temporary lodging for residents temporarily without housing due to residential fires, safety evictions and other crisis events.

Children's Services

- The Children's Services division is currently expecting to be in a break-even position for the year.
- The Province increased the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding mid-year for the following programs:
 - Increased Fee Reduction, Workforce Compensation, Emerging Issues & Start up grant funding (\$4.4 million)
 - \$1.1M in Professional Learning funding to improve recruitment and retention of the Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) workforce and other program staff (\$1.1 million)
 - One-time Admin funding to support the transition to a cost-based funding formula (\$1.29 million)
 - Increased Emerging Issues funding (\$7.8 million) to support licensees in addressing non-discretionary cost pressures. Approximately \$4 million of this funding is expected to cover anticipated Fee Reduction shortfalls.
- Children's Services has been able to distribute the additional funding except for an estimated \$844,000 in application based CWELCC start-up grant funding that is expected to be repaid to the province due to the limited number of operators eligible for the funding.

Housing Services

- The Housing Services division reports that expenditures continue to track below budgeted expectations, with a projected surplus of \$4,000,000.
- Savings of \$200,000 are anticipated in the Social Housing Administration area because of time lags in filling staff vacancies.
- In September, the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs announced an additional \$826,000 under the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit to prioritize asylum seekers and refugees and this funding is anticipated to be utilized by year end.
- Payments to external social housing providers, a portion of the Community Housing Program budget, are presently tracking approximately \$3,400,000 under budget, primarily due to lower than anticipated Rent Geared to Income subsidies paid to providers.
- It is anticipated that the Rent Supplement and Housing Allowance programs total budget of \$3,900,000 will be fully utilized, providing subsidy to approximately 430 households.

- The Community Housing Repairs program, which provides funding for partner housing providers to address urgent capital repairs, is anticipated to be fully spent. This program is funded by the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) grant program, in the amount of \$3.6 million for 2024.
- The Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) program to address local priorities in areas of housing supply and affordability is underway and anticipates a break-even status, utilizing Provincial funding of \$3.4 million.
- The Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC), the Region's own housing provider, is projecting a deficit of approximately \$600,000. Cost overages for the year are primarily from winter grounds maintenance and building maintenance and repair. In addition, units that are being rehabilitated due to tenant turnover have been impacted with supply chain issues, increasing vacancy losses. These deficits are partially offset by higher than expected interest revenues on surplus funds.
- Rental revenue and expenses for the Beaverton Supportive housing project are projected to be under budget by approximately \$1,000,000, as result of the later than expected occupancy date.

Overall, a surplus position of \$4,600,000 is projected for the Social Services Department for the year.

4.2 Health Department

Public Health

- The programs of the Durham Region Public Health Department are forecasted to be in a surplus position of \$1,200,000 when compared to the 2024 budget.
- Operational savings are currently being experienced due to full time staff vacancies and leaves in the mandatory programs. These savings are partially offset by over budget staffing items such as part-time/temporary staff and overtime. Additional savings in miscellaneous operating costs are also expected.
- Attracting full-time dentists for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care program continues to be a challenge. While contract dentists are being utilized to provide service, this provincially funded program is expected to be significantly below budget for the year.

Paramedic Services

- The programs of the Paramedic Services division are forecasted to in a break-even position when compared to the 2024 budget.
- The 2024 provincial subsidy approval for RDPS will result in a surplus of \$750,000 compared to the 2024 budgeted estimate, similar to prior years' experience.

- However, personnel costs are anticipated to be over budget, due to factors such as offload delays experienced at emergency rooms and Workers Safety Insurance claim costs. As well, there are inflationary pressures in areas like medical supplies. These cost overages are expected to offset the additional subsidy amounts.
- The 100% Provincially funded Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program is continuing. An extension to the program from March 2024 to March 2026 was announced by the province, with funding of \$3,000,000 for each year. An additional community program providing diagnostic services was introduced by the province in 2024 with one-time funding of \$500,000.

The overall result for the Health Department is a projected surplus of \$1,200,000 for 2023.

4.3 Works Department

Transportation and Other General Tax Programs

- The Works Department reports that as of the end of November overall revenue and expenditures for the Transportation and other General Tax programs are projected to be in a surplus position for the year, primarily arising from the following factors.
- The Winter Maintenance program is forecasted to be in a surplus position of about \$1,000,000, primarily due to the milder weather conditions at end of the year.
- The Roadside Maintenance program is anticipating a deficit of approximately \$1,800,000 due in part to costs of asphalt repair and shoulder grading, mowing, cutting brush, and for dust control.
- Traffic programs such as Signals and Systems, and Signs and Markings are anticipated to be in a surplus position of \$2,200,000 for 2024, primarily due to savings on pavement line marking, special marking, and sign replacement maintenance.
- The Engineering and Staff Support and Administration programs continue to experience issues filling vacancies which results in savings in staff related costs. However, these reduced staff costs are offset by increased costs in vehicle repairs, hardware/software maintenance, professional consulting services and program material cost, resulting in an expected net surplus of \$300,000.
- The expenses of the Depot operations are trending under budget due to staff related savings and savings in the miscellaneous expenses categories. A surplus of \$1,700,000 is expected for these programs.

- In addition to the 2024 operational savings, there are general tax savings on capital projects that have been completed and closed to date in the amount of \$1,700,000.
- Overall, a \$5,100,000 surplus is forecast for the transportation and other general tax programs of the Works Department.

Solid Waste Management

- The Solid Waste Management division is projecting a surplus position of \$1,750,000, or about 2.9 per cent of the 2024 budget.
- Contract price adjustments and fuel pricing in the Collection, Processing, Haulage and Disposal programs are estimated to contribute \$360,000 to the surplus.
- Personnel cost savings in the by-law enforcement and support areas are estimated at \$1,120,000, due to staffing vacancies and time lag in filling positions.
- Blue box processing operation, which ended July 1, 2024, produced a revenue surplus of about \$480,000 from a combination of commodity sales and subsidy.
- Waste management facility operations are expected to be in a surplus position of \$190,000, primarily from lower equipment maintenance and repair and higher user fee revenue.
- A deficit of approximately \$400,000 is expected for the Durham York Energy Centre operation. The contract costs are expected to be higher than budgeted, due to the pending year end inflationary adjustments, as well as the amount of bypass waste handled during the year.

Overall, the Works Department is anticipating a surplus of \$6,850,000.

4.4 Planning and Economic Development Department

- The Planning division has savings from vacancies experienced so far this year, as positions were held vacant in the wake of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act. Consulting services were used to carry out planning activities until the transition of planning services was finalized. As noted in the memo from Commissioner Bridgeman included in the Council Information Package on November 15, 2024, the province announced January 1, 2025 as the proposed date for proclamation as an “upper tier without planning responsibilities”.
- A portion of the vacancy savings is being used for the Economic Development division’s attendance at the Hannover Messe Trade Show in 2025, as approved in report #2024-F-13. After funding these costs a net surplus of \$600,000 is expected for the Planning division for 2024.

- The Rapid Transit and Transit Oriented Development Office is anticipating a surplus of \$368,000 from salary savings.
- The division is awaiting the regulations for Bill 131: Transportations for the Future Act, 2023, in order to advance the station design.
- The Economic Development and Tourism division is anticipating a surplus of \$272,000 related to payroll savings from vacancies and minor savings across various programs.
- At this time a surplus of approximately \$1,240,000 is projected for the Planning and Economic Development Department.

4.5 Corporate Services Department

- The Information Technology division anticipates being in a deficit position of approximately \$550,000 at year end. While savings from staffing vacancies are being experienced, they are being offset by higher than anticipated licence fees and the approved costs associated with the work necessary for improvements in the network operation.
- A deficit of \$260,000 is being forecast for the Human Resources division for 2024. The deficit is primarily due to higher than expected professional and consulting fees for labour relations issues and consulting expertise in modernizing human resources services and processes.
- Legislative Services reports there will be savings of approximately \$600,000 on personnel costs due to the timing of filling vacant positions in the Council Services and Information Management sections.
- Expenditures of Service Durham, the division responsible for the implementation and operation of my Durham311, are projected to be in a deficit of approximately \$900,000 for the year. The deficit arises as positions transferred to Service Durham during the year were budgeted for in service areas of other departments, and this deficit is offset by the salary surplus realized in the departments where the budget resided for 2024.
- Overall, a deficit of \$1,110,000 is expected for the Corporate Services Department.

4.6 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

- The programs reporting under the CAOs Office, including Corporate Communications, Strategic Initiatives, and Diversity Equity and Inclusion, anticipate savings of approximately \$200,000 due to the timing of filling vacancies.

- The Legal Services division is anticipating a surplus \$500,000 for the year, resulting from staff vacancies.
- Fine revenue of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) program is anticipated to be below budget by almost \$500,000 for 2024. This shortfall in revenues has been partially offset by savings in the Prosecution and Default Fine Collection programs. Overall, the POA program is expected to fall short of the net revenue budget by approximately \$175,000.
- Durham Emergency Management anticipates savings due to vacancies; however, as these amounts are funded by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) accounts, a smaller draw on OPG funds is required and a break-even position will result for the year.
- Overall, a surplus of \$525,000 is projected for the year for the programs reporting to the CAO Office.

4.7 Finance Department

- The Finance Department is projecting a surplus of approximately \$1,200,000 for the year. Staff turnover, with the time required to fill vacant positions and the difficulty of attracting qualified candidates, is offset by use of temporary staff and overtime resulting in a \$700,000 surplus. Earnings from management of the Region's investment portfolio are anticipated be \$500,000 above budget.

4.8 Police Services

- As of November 30, 2024, the Police Service is forecasting year end results to be close to budgeted level with an overall break-even position.
- While there are salary-related savings as a result of vacancies caused by staff departures and on-going recruitment challenges, these savings are offset by increased spending on overtime and benefit costs supporting staff on leave.
- Additionally, several operational accounts, such as computer maintenance, communications, and personnel expenses are expected to be overspent. However, savings in other areas will offset these overages.

4.9 Durham Region Transit

- As of November 30, it is projected that Durham Region Transit will experience an operating surplus of approximately \$4,000,000 based upon a review of actual expenditures and revenues to date and forecasts to the end of the year.
- To date, fare revenue is trending equal to budget. Cash fare revenue is down 18 per cent to budget so far but is offset by stronger than expected Presto revenue. U-Pass revenue is about 20 per cent higher for the Winter and Summer terms, and as a result, a \$1,000,000 surplus is expected.

- Payroll related expenditures are expected to be in a \$3,000,000 surplus due to challenges in filling vacancies in both operations and maintenance, as well as lower than expected overtime.
- Price pressures for fuel that have been witnessed over the past few years have subsided in 2024. To date, the average cost per litre is approximately \$1.35, compared to the budgeted \$1.48 per litre, with the August price as low as \$1.25 per litre. As a result, a surplus of \$750,000 related to fuel pricing has been realized as of November. Fuel volume is also trending lower than budgeted expectations resulting in a surplus of approximately \$750,000 to date. Overall, it is projected that fuel will be in a \$1,500,000 surplus.
- A deficit of \$1,500,000 is projected for bus repairs and maintenance due to inflationary pressure on parts and servicing costs in 2024.

4.10 Investment Earnings and Corporate Items & Other Initiatives

- The very favourable investment climate has provided the opportunity to invest over a longer time horizon. With the adoption of the prudent investment standard, a number of investments were sold at premiums given a significantly favourable market, triggering a one-time opportunity to earn significant capital gains on the sale. The estimated gain on sale of \$55.2 million has been transferred into the Social Housing Reserve Fund to support the significant funding requirements for affordable housing in accordance with the recommendations of Report #2024-COW-53.
- The following major initiatives have been approved subsequent to approval of the 2024 Business Plans and Budgets and require funding from property tax sources:

Under Report #2024-A-8, Regional Council approved upgrades to the existing internet and wide area network to address performance limitations and improvements. The operational costs estimates are included in forecast of the Information Technology division in the Corporate Services Department. The funding required for capital is: \$298,000

Report #2024-COW-24 - Regional Council approved additional funding for the Region's humanitarian response to asylum-seekers and refugees, to the extent not reimbursed by upper-level governments \$9,900,000

Report #2024-W-17 - Regional Council approved the repurchase of a property at 135 Albert Street, Sunderland in the Township of Brock \$393,750

Report #2024-W-27 - Regional Council approved additional financing for the bus hoist repair at the DRT east facility \$279,848

Report #2024-W-27 - Regional Council approved additional financing for the emergency fire suppression system at the material recovery facility \$582,545

Corporate Items & Other Initiatives Total \$11,454,143

- Available property tax surplus will be used to the extent possible to fund the above noted items.

5. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems

Water Supply Operation

- 5.1** The Works Department reports that expenditure variances are being experienced in various Water Supply programs due to reactive work on watermain leaks, water service repairs and water valve maintenance, with a deficit of \$1,800,000 anticipated. Depot operations expect to have savings in an estimated amount of \$3,200,000 resulting from vacancies and deferral of work, primarily in the general locates program. Savings in staffing costs due to vacancies in Engineering and Staff Support, Plant operations and Facilities Management sections are anticipated to provide savings of approximately \$300,000. Overall, a surplus of approximately \$1,700,000 is anticipated for operational programs.
- 5.2** The net excess water user rate financing on capital projects closed to date is \$2,200,000.
- 5.3** The Utility Finance operation has experienced salary savings due to vacancies and is expected to generate a \$400,000 favourable variance to budget for 2024. This is an example of an area where mid-year, staff were transferred to Service Durham, so the budget remained here with costs in Service Durham.
- 5.4** To the end of November, water consumption is trending about 4 per cent higher than that of the same period for last year. Growth in the number of water customers at approximately 1.3 per cent is slightly higher than the forecast used for 2024 budget purposes, which accounts for a small portion of the higher water consumption. Consumption from the industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) sectors is returning to pre-pandemic levels and is trending higher than budgeted estimates. The combination of these factors is expected to result in an estimated water supply user rate revenue surplus of \$4,000,000 for 2024, representing approximately 3 per cent of budgeted user revenue. There is the potential for a larger write off in 2025 pertaining to a food processing customer that has filed for creditor protection.
- 5.5** Overall, a surplus position of \$8,300,000 for the water supply system is anticipated at this time. In accordance with Report #2024-COW-54 on the 2025 Business Plans and Budget, this surplus will be directed to the Growth Related Water

Infrastructure reserve fund up to a maximum amount of the estimated shortfall in 2024 development charge receipts.

Sanitary Sewer System

- 5.6** The Works Department projects that the current operational expenditures for the Sanitary Sewer system are anticipated to produce a surplus position of approximately \$2,000,000 by year end. Vacancies and related salary savings, primarily in the Engineering and Staff Support, Plants and Facilities Management sections, are anticipated to contribute approximately \$3,800,000 toward this projected surplus. Overages are expected for a number of accounts, particularly in sludge haulage and disposal and chemicals, of approximately \$470,000. It is anticipated that service volumes related to the repair and maintenance of sewer connections will result in a deficit of approximately \$820,000. A deficit is also expected for the Regional Environmental lab of approximately \$310,000, with other miscellaneous accounts contributing a further deficit of \$200,000.
- 5.7** The net excess sewer user rate financing on capital projects closed to date is \$5,700,000.
- 5.8** The Utility Finance operation has experienced salary savings due to vacancies and is expected to generate a \$400,000 favourable variance to budget for 2024.
- 5.9** Similar to water supply user revenues, the sanitary sewer charges from the residential sector are lower than expected, and billings to the ICI sectors are returning to pre pandemic levels. A surplus position of \$5,000,000 is anticipated for sanitary sewer user revenue for 2024, representing approximately 3.7 per cent of budgeted user revenue.
- 5.10** Overall, a net surplus position of approximately \$13,100,000 is anticipated for the sanitary sewer system. This surplus will be directed to the Growth Related Sewer Infrastructure reserve fund up to a maximum amount of the estimated shortfall in 2024 development charge receipts, in accordance with the direction approved in the 2025 Business Plans and Budget report.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1** This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- 5.3 - Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results:
Durham Region is committed to continuous quality improvement and using data and information to make evidence-informed decisions. We will support transparency and accountability by providing clear and consistent communication and sharing of results with the community.

- 5.4 - Drive organizational success through innovation, a skilled workforce, and modernized services:
The Region will attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce that embraces innovation and is committed to delivering modernized services that respond to changing expectations and fiscal realities.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1** Based on the available information to the end of November, surplus positions are forecast for the Property Tax supported operations and the User Rate Supported Water Supply and the Sanitary Sewer Systems.
- 7.2** Forecasting is challenging at the best of times, but in these times of uncertainty, it is even more so. It is important to note that there are many assumptions needed to produce the forecast and that actual year end results may differ from the results noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-03
Date: January 17, 2025

Subject:

Alcohol and Cancer Risk 2025

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled [Alcohol and Cancer Risk 2025](#), released by the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory (the Advisory) on January 3, 2025.

2. Background

2.1 The [2020-2025 U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#) established national recommendations around alcohol consumption. According to the guidelines, there are some people who should not drink alcohol at all (e.g., people who do not already drink, pregnant people, those younger than the legal drinking age, people with certain medical conditions, and people recovering from addiction).

2.2 For those that do decide to consume alcohol, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommend limiting alcohol consumption to two drinks daily for men and one drink daily for women. The guidelines also recognized that alcohol was found to increase cancer risks even with low levels of alcohol consumption (i.e., less than one drink in a day), so the guidelines recommended caution with any amount.

2.3 The purpose of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines was to move Americans toward a healthy dietary pattern and minimize the risks associated with consuming alcohol. Since then, the body of scientific evidence about the causal link between alcohol consumption and cancer (even in small amounts) has grown, so many health experts and organizations, like the U.S. Surgeon General Advisory, have responded

with stricter personal consumption recommendations and more action from governments.

3. The Advisory's Key Findings

3.1 In its report, the Advisory summarizes the scientific evidence on the causal relationship between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risks.

- a. Alcohol consumption is the third leading preventable cause of cancer in the U.S., after tobacco and obesity.
- b. Alcohol use is contributing to nearly 100,000 cancer cases and about 20,000 cancer deaths in the U.S. each year.
- c. Alcohol consumption is causally linked to at least seven types of cancer including: breast, colorectum, esophagus, liver, mouth (oral cavity), throat (pharynx), and voice box (larynx).
- d. Alcohol-related cancer deaths shorten the lives of those who die by an average of 15 years.
- e. The amount of alcohol a person drinks affects their risk of cancer. An important factor is the overall amount of alcohol consumed consistently over time. The risk of cancer increases as the level of consumption increases, with higher risk at higher levels of consumption. For certain cancers, like breast, mouth, and throat cancers, evidence shows that this risk may start to increase around one or fewer drinks per day.
- f. In a 2019 survey, nearly three quarters (72 per cent) of U.S. adults reported they consumed one or more drinks per week, but only 45 per cent were aware of the relationship between alcohol and cancer risks.

4. The Advisory's Recommended Actions

4.1 The Advisory shared the following six actions to reduce alcohol-related cancers in the U.S.:

- a. Update the existing Surgeon General's health warning label on alcohol-containing beverages to include a warning about the risk of cancer associated with alcohol consumption. This should also include making the label more visible and effective at increasing awareness of the risks.
- b. Reassess recommended limits for alcohol consumption to account for the latest evidence on alcohol consumption and cancer risk.
- c. Strengthen and expand education efforts to increase general awareness that alcohol consumption causes cancer.

- d. Highlight alcohol consumption as a leading modifiable cancer risk factor and incorporate proven alcohol reduction strategies into population-level cancer prevention initiatives and plans.
- e. For healthcare providers, inform patients about the link between alcohol and increased cancer risk.
- f. For individuals, be aware of the relationship between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risk when considering whether or how much to drink.

5. Local Program Initiatives

- 5.1 Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) promotes [Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health](#) which provides evidence-based advice to help people make informed decisions about their alcohol consumption. The guidance outlines a continuum of risk associated with weekly alcohol use, in which two standard drinks or less per week will likely avoid alcohol-related consequences, while three to six drinks per week increase a person's risk of developing several types of cancer, including breast and colon cancer. Canada's guidance notes that each additional standard drink increases the risk of alcohol-related consequences.
- 5.2 DRHD launched an awareness campaign in fall 2024, to help promote Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health and amplify key messages from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction. The campaign entitled Drink Less, Live More encourages local residents to reflect on their alcohol use. Campaign materials refer residents to durham.ca/alcohol for information on the health and social risks associated with alcohol use as well as strategies to reduce personal use. The campaign was promoted across Durham Region at train stations, in transit shelters and buses, at recreation centres, malls and movie theatres as well as various outdoor billboards.
- 5.3 DRHD provides health information about the risks associated with alcohol use, recommendations for reducing usage and community resources and services for individuals looking for help, available at durham.ca/alcohol.
- 5.4 DRHD engages youth and young adults to provide age-appropriate health information, prevention and harm reduction strategies and local treatment service options, in collaboration with local schools and post secondary institutions.
- 5.5 DRHD provides support to parents to help prevent substance use during the teen years and to build and maintain strong parent/child connections.
- 5.6 DRHD provides mental health resources and supports, including information on crises, available at durham.ca.
- 5.7 Local health statistics and information on cancer and alcohol can be found on the [Durham Health Stats](#) webpage, which includes:

- a. [The Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker](#)
 - b. [Young Adults in Durham Region: Healthy living behaviours of young adults ages 18 to 24 in Durham Region \(September 2024\)](#)
 - c. [Awareness of the Risks of Using Alcohol and Cannabis \(November 2018\)](#)
 - d. [Alcohol Use Among Durham Region Students Grades 9-12](#)
 - e. [Trends In: Early substance use – alcohol \(December 2017\)](#)
 - f. [Trends In: Past year alcohol use \(December 2017\)](#)
 - g. [Quick Facts: Percentage of secondary school students reporting substance use before Grade 9, 2016-2017\)](#)
- 5.8 DRHD offers consultation and support to municipalities that are interested in taking action to restrict alcohol retail density and/or restrict alcohol licence approvals in a particular geographic area.

6. Previous Reports

- 6.1 Report [2023-INFO-83](#) provided an update on the report: [Characteristics of Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol-Related Deaths](#).
- 6.2 Report [2024-INFO-16](#) provided an update on the report: [Prescribing Patterns, Substance Use Disorder Diagnoses, and Access to Treatment Prior to Substance-Related Toxicity Deaths in Ontario](#).
- 6.3 Report [2024-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report on the Policy Position Statement entitled: [Alcohol and Cancer Risk](#) by the World Cancer Research Fund International.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the 2020-2024 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 Globally, 741,300 cancer cases were related to alcohol consumption in 2020; 185,100 of those cases were related to consumption of approximately two drinks daily or fewer.
- 8.2 Despite clear evidence demonstrating the effect of alcohol consumption on cancer risk, there is a large gap in public understanding of the risk.
- 8.3 While the causal relationship between alcohol consumption and cancer is firmly established, further research is needed on:
 - a. The potential effect of alcohol consumption on increasing the risk of additional types of cancer.
 - b. How specific drinking patterns (e.g., binge drinking) may affect cancer risk.
 - c. How drinking at specific ages and during certain developmental periods, such as in adolescence and older adulthood, may influence the risk of cancer.
- 8.4 Implementing evidence-based alcohol control policies, like updating health warning labels on alcohol products, is an effective way to increase public awareness of harms, reduce alcohol consumption, and decrease the negative health, social and economic impacts of alcohol.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-04
Date: January 17, 2025

Subject:

Healthcare utilization and clinical comorbidities among people who died of a substance-related toxicity death in Ontario

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled [Healthcare Utilization and Clinical Comorbidities among People Who Died of a Substance-Related Toxicity Death in Ontario](#), released by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN) on January 9, 2025.

2. Background

2.1 ODPRN was formed in 2018 through a partnership between researchers and drug policy decision-makers across Ontario. Its goal is to provide rapid responses to policymakers' needs with timely scientific research.

2.2 Substance-related deaths are a major public health concern due to the rapid escalation of deaths over the past decade, with over 40,000 opioid-related toxicity deaths reported across Canada between January 2016 and March 2024.

2.3 This is the third and final report in ODPRN's series about substance-related toxicity deaths in Ontario. The series adds novel information to the existing body of evidence about patterns of recent healthcare use in Ontario before substance-related toxicity deaths because ODPRN looks at other types of substance use prior to death (i.e., alcohol, benzodiazepine, opioids, and stimulants), while previous research focused solely on one substance (i.e., opioid use) prior to death.

- a. The first [report](#) in the series was published on September 14, 2023. It focused on the characteristics of substance-related toxicity deaths in Ontario for stimulant, opioid, benzodiazepine, and alcohol-related deaths.
- b. The second [report](#) was published on March 5, 2024. It focused on prescribing patterns, substance use disorder diagnoses and access to treatment prior to substance-related toxicity deaths in Ontario.

3. Report Findings

3.1 ODPRN's report provides data about substance-related toxicity deaths and patterns surrounding the deaths between 2018 and 2022 in Ontario.

- a. There were 12,115 accidental substance-related toxicity deaths directly attributed to alcohol, stimulants, benzodiazepines, and/or opioids across Ontario. Among these deaths, approximately 84 per cent involved opioids, 62 per cent involved stimulants, 13 per cent involved alcohol, and nine per cent involved benzodiazepines.
- b. When looking at toxicity deaths and patterns of substance use, specifically whether one or more substance classes were used, 40 per cent of deaths were directly linked to opioids and stimulants in combination. This was followed by deaths involving only opioids, which accounted for almost 28 per cent of deaths. Then stimulants only, which accounted for almost 13 per cent of deaths.
- c. When toxicity death rates were analyzed monthly over the 2018 to 2022 period, by 2022, monthly death rates involving one substance increased by 75 per cent, two substances by 167 per cent, and three or more substances by 186 per cent. These trends highlight the evolving dynamics of toxicity deaths involving multiple substances over time.
- d. ODPRN's demographic analyses showed that:
 - Half (51 per cent) of substance-related toxicity deaths occurred among people aged 25 to 44 years.
 - Most people who died of substance-related toxicity were men (75 per cent), and people who resided in urban areas (almost 90 per cent).
 - Forty-two per cent of people who died of substance-related toxicity were in the lowest income quintile.
- e. Data about recent healthcare encounters showed that:
 - Nearly one-third (about 28 per cent) of people who died of substance toxicity had a healthcare encounter in the seven days prior to death, and

over half (almost 56 per cent) interacted with the healthcare system in the 30 days before death.

- Among the people that died of substance toxicity, the number of people leaving the Emergency Department (ED), before medically advised, one week before their deaths doubled from 2018 to 2022. It is important to note that systemic factors within the healthcare system contribute to people who use substances (PWUS) leaving the hospital before receiving or completing care (e.g., long wait times, experiences of stigma, absence of embedded safe spaces for substance use, and inadequate management of health needs).

f. Data about concurrent health diagnoses found that:

- Most (about 87 per cent) people who died of substance-related toxicity had engaged with the healthcare system for a mental-health related diagnosis in the five years prior to death.
- Some (ten per cent) people who died of a substance-related toxicity had a hepatitis C diagnosis.

4. Local Health Department Program Initiatives

- 4.1 DRHD provides mental health resources and supports, including information on crises, available at durham.ca.
- 4.2 Local health statistics and information on drug use can be found on the [Durham Health Stats](#) webpage.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 DRHD coordinates the implementation of the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#), in partnership with Durham Region Opioid Task Force members.
- 4.6 Region of Durham Paramedic Services partner with the Social Services Department to operate the Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP). PCOP has a street outreach team that helps unsheltered people access health and mental health services.

4.7 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.

4.8 Data and local trends related to mental health indicators are available on DRHD's [Health Stats](#) webpage.

5. Previous Reports

5.1 Report [2022-INFO-67](#) provided an update on the report: [Lives Lost to Opioid Toxicity among Ontarians Who Worked in the Construction Industry](#).

5.2 Report [2023-INFO-60](#) provided an update on the report: [Opioid Toxicity and Access to Treatment among Adolescents and Young Adults in Ontario](#).

5.3 Report [2023-INFO-74](#) provided information on DRHD's school-based health promotion services, including mental health promotion and substance use prevention.

5.4 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](#).

5.5 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](#).

5.6 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](#).

5.7 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).

5.8 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](#).

5.9 Report [2024-INFO-84](#) provided an update on the report: [The State of Mental Health in Canada, 2024](#).

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the 2020-2024 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

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The escalation of opioid-related deaths is tied to multiple factors including the increasing volatility of the toxic unregulated drug supply, ongoing criminalization of substance use, as well as barriers to harm reduction, treatment and supports for PWUS.
- 7.2 ODPRN's report demonstrates evolving circumstances and patterns surrounding substance-related toxicity deaths, which signals a need to update opioid and substance response practices accordingly. For example, the presence of multiple substances complicates overdose response, which has traditionally relied on naloxone administration, which only reverses the effects of opioids.
- 7.3 Despite changing directives, overdose response remains complicated with increasing volatility of the unregulated drug supply and exposure to multiple substances. This introduces challenges to overdose response.
- 7.4 There is a need to increase awareness and move towards a comprehensive approach to overdose training and response that addresses the shifting dynamics of unregulated substances.
- 7.5 The report reveals potential missed opportunities to engage people at risk of substance-related deaths, as the data demonstrates how frequently people who died of a substance-related toxicity had engaged with the healthcare system prior to their death.
- 7.6 The report's findings, showing a high degree of concurrent diagnoses (i.e., mental health and hepatitis C) among people who died of substance-related toxicity, highlights the importance of promoting access to a range of healthcare services. The integration of wraparound services (e.g., housing and income supports, primary care, and mental health services) into treatment and harm reduction programs is important for addressing the co-occurring health and social needs of PWUS.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Works Committee
From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2024-W-24
Date: November 6, 2024

Subject:

Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works - Expropriation of Lands Required for the Oshawa Zone 4 Reservoir Project at 2981 Grandview Street North, in the City of Oshawa

Recommendations:

That the Works Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That authority be granted to Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) staff to initiate expropriation proceedings where necessary for the property requirements at 2981 Grandview Street North, located at the east side of Grandview Street North and between Columbus Road to the north and Winchester Road to the south, in the City of Oshawa, as depicted in Attachment #1 and such other property requirements as may be determined and identified by Regional staff for the Oshawa Zone 4 Reservoir Project;
- B) That authority be granted to the Regional Clerk and Regional Chair to execute any notices and forms as may be statutorily mandated by the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26 to give effect to Recommendation C) in this report, including the Notices of Application of Approval to Expropriate;
- C) That authority be granted to Regional staff to serve and publish Notices of Application for Approval to Expropriate the property requirements as described in Recommendation A) of this report and to forward to the Ontario Land Tribunal any requests for hearing received, to attend the hearings to present the Region's

- position, and to present the Ontario Land Tribunal's recommendations to Regional Council for consideration;
- D) That all agreements successfully negotiated and reports required for amicable property acquisitions and all agreements and reports as are necessary for settlements pursuant to the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26 related to the Oshawa Zone 4 Reservoir and Pumping Station Project approved in accordance with the Delegation of Authority By-law #04-2023 or by Regional Council, be deemed confidential for any reporting requirements to Regional Council pursuant to section 239 (2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as it relates to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for Regional corporate purposes, and only be released publicly by the Commissioner of Works once all claims for compensation have been resolved on a full and final basis; and
- E) That this report be made public at the time Regional staff proceed with initiating steps related to Recommendation C) should negotiations fail, or if the subject property is acquired amicable with the successful negotiations of an agreement of purchase and sale, or an agreement pursuant to section 30 of the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26.
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Report:**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to expropriate property requirements for the Oshawa Zone 4 Reservoir Project in the City of Oshawa (Oshawa) if the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) is unable to obtain an amicable agreement through negotiations with property owners.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Region identified the site at 2981 Grandview Street North, located on the east side of Grandview Street, Oshawa, as its preferred site to acquire and build the infrastructure required for the Oshawa Zone 4 Reservoir Project (the "Project"). In the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) report dated May 23, 2022, 2981 Grandview Street North was depicted as the preferred site for water servicing for Zone 4 in north Oshawa. The Region conducted Stage 3 and 4 archaeological studies on the site, which confirmed that the lands are usable for this purpose. The project includes constructing a new Zone 4 pumping station that will be built on the

said site to provide water storage and pumping requirements and adequate water servicing to development lands within Zone 4 north Oshawa water pressure districts to 2031 and beyond. The project will also provide strategic oversizing and long-range planning of the Zone 4 facility to accommodate future water servicing demands in Zone 5 to 2031 and beyond.

3. Property Acquisitions

- 3.1 Regional staff have identified land requirements from the property at 2981 Grandview Street North, Oshawa, on the east side of Grandview Street North between Columbus Road and Winchester Road, that will be affected by this Project. The Region must acquire a portion of this property to facilitate the works. The requirements are over Part 1 (in Fee Simple interest) and Part 2 (temporary easement for Staging purposes) on Plan 40R-31790, an area of 49.979 acres and 1.262 acres, respectively of the overall 86.892-acre Parent Parcel (Attachment #1).
- 3.2 The Region commissioned a third-party appraisal report to determine the fair market value and compensation for the lands. Negotiations with the property owners have stalled, although efforts will continue.
- 3.3 While the Region attempts to obtain land requirements through amicable negotiations, there are situations where negotiations become lengthy, or an agreement cannot be reached with the property owners. Where lengthy negotiations are not an option due to project timelines or an agreement cannot be reached with the landowners, Regional staff may need to consider the option to commence the expropriation process to complete the project in a timely manner.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Regional staff will continue negotiating with the property owners to acquire the necessary lands. Should these negotiations fail, this approval will permit staff to commence expropriation proceedings to ensure the timelines are met, allowing the projects to proceed to construction.
- 4.2 Should Regional staff exercise the option to commence expropriation pursuant to the authority being sought through this report, staff will seek further authority from Regional Council to expropriate the property requirements and proceed to serve notices on affected property owners as mandated by the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.26.

- 4.3 This report has been reviewed by Legal Services – Office of the CAO.
- 4.4 For additional information, contact Christine Dunkley, Director, Corporate Infrastructure and Strategic Business Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3475.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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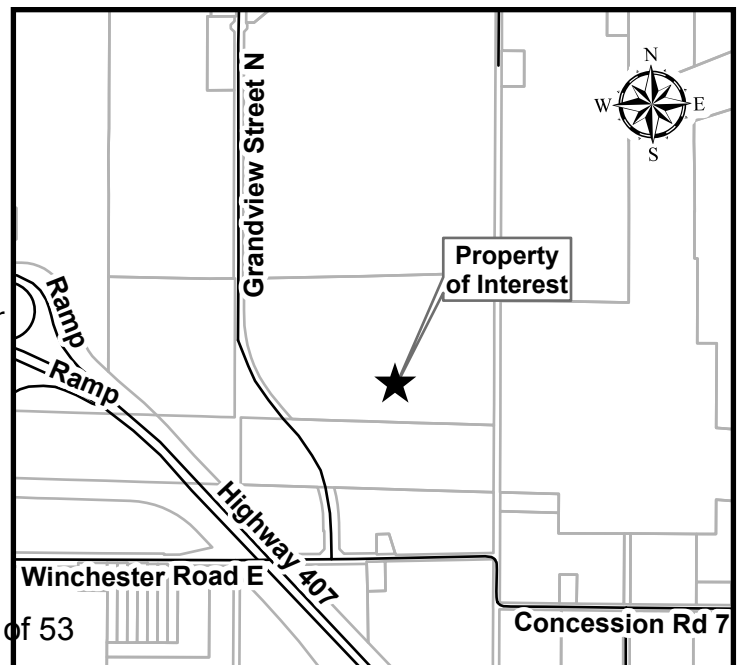


Location Map 2981 Grandview Street North, City of Oshawa

-  Ownership Parcels
-  To be acquired for the Region's Reservoir
-  Assessment Pin # 181307000500110
-  Temporary Easement for Staging & Construction



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October 15, 2024

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 13, 2025 8:36 am
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Re: Heritage Advisory Committee

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 355-2024
Moved By: Aaron Neeb
Seconded by: Marissa Vaughan

Whereas the South Huron Heritage Advisory Committee has presented a letter to South Huron Council outlining concerns regarding heritage preservation in South Huron; and

Whereas prior to Royal Assent of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act provided Council of a Municipality the opportunity to give a notice of intention to designate a property within 90 days of a prescribed event; and

Whereas the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 amended Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act to provide that Council may give notice of intention to designate a property only if the property is listed in the register under subsection 27 (3), or a predecessor of that subsection, as of the date of the prescribed event; and

Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has noted concerns regarding this amendment limiting the authority of municipal councils to designate properties with the potential to undermine the effectiveness of heritage preservation efforts across the province; and

Whereas the Heritage Advisory Committee has provided correspondence, attached hereto, to South Huron Council in relation to the concerns requesting Council support and to communicate these concerns to the Province and forward a copy of this motion to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province, and Provincial MPP.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation for the Municipality of South Huron request the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act; and that this motion and attached correspondence be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province and MPP Thompson

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra, Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org; Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Hon. Michael Ford, Michael.Ford@pc.ola.org; MPP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, info@acwtownship.ca, Municipality of Bluewater, info@municipalityofbluewater.ca, Municipality of Central Huron, info@centralhuron.com, Town of Goderich, townhall@goderich.ca, Township of Howick, clerk@howick.ca, Municipality of Huron East, clerk@huroneast.com, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, mail@morristurnberry.ca, Township of North Huron, clamb@northhuron.ca, Municipality of North Perth, info@northperth.ca, Township of Perth South, lscott@perthsouth.ca, Township of Perth East, acarater@pertheast.ca, Municipality of West Perth, clerk@westperth.com, Town of St. Marys, clerksoffice@town.stmarys.on.ca, City of Stratford, clerks@stratford.ca, Municipality of Brook-Alvinston, idenkers@brookealvinston.com, Township of Dawn-Euphemia, clerk@dawneuphemia.on.ca, Township of Enniskillen, dmctavish@enniskillen.ca, Municipality of Lambton Shores, clerks@lambtonshores.ca, Village of Oil Springs, clerk@oilsprings.ca, Town of Petrolia, petrolia@petrolia.ca, Town of



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July 31, 2024

The Heritage Advisory Committee for the Municipality of South Huron wishes to thank South Huron Council for their support of resolution 128-2024 of March 18, responding to the Town of Coburg's request of February 28 for support regarding a proposed amendment to subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

In addition to the concerns South Huron council supported in resolution 128-2024, our committee would like to add that we have additional concerns about amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act implemented by Bill 23 that have direct impact on our local community and - more broadly - the Province of Ontario.

Specifically, subsection 29 (1.2) of the Heritage Act traditionally provided that if a prescribed event occurs, a notice of intention to designate a property must be given within 90 days of the prescribed event. These prescribed events include the submission of development applications under the Planning Act, for example. However, with changes from Bill 23, this subsection is re-enacted to also provide that the municipality may only give a notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days if the property was already included in the register under subsection 27 (3) as of the date of the prescribed event.

This raises significant concerns for our committee. Specifically, we are troubled by the proposed amendments that would limit the authority of municipal councils to designate properties that are not already listed on a municipal register. In South Huron, like many other municipalities around Ontario, there are countless significant structures that are not yet listed under subsection 27 (3), and these changes significantly limit efforts of council to react to proposed demolitions of significant heritage properties in our municipality after planning applications are made.

We believe that these changes have the potential to undermine the effectiveness of heritage preservation efforts in our community and across the province. By weakening the protections afforded to heritage properties and reducing the ability of municipalities to designate and safeguard significant sites, we risk irreparable loss to our built and cultural heritage.

We urge council to carefully consider the implications of the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act under Bill 23 and to advocate for amendments that strengthen rather than weaken heritage preservation efforts. Specifically, we would ask that the province re-establish the 90 day period that had previously been a part of the Ontario Heritage Act for all properties, not just those already listed in the register under subsection 27 (3).

We ask that you pass a resolution to add our specific concerns to those you have already supported, and communicate these to the Province of Ontario. We also ask that you circulate this letter and seek the support of other municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

South Huron Heritage Advisory Committee

Sample Resolution:

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Jerry Acchione

Mayor


City of Woodstock

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The Honorable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
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 Via email premier@ontario.ca

The Honorable Michael Parsa
 Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
 438 University Ave.
 Toronto, ON M5G 2K8
 Via email MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Dear The Honorable Doug Ford and The Honorable Michael Parsa,

I am writing on behalf of Woodstock City Council to express the urgent and pressing need for adequate and sustainable funding for the Children’s Aid Society of Oxford County and other child welfare agencies throughout Ontario. These organizations play a vital role in safeguarding and enhancing the health, well-being, and safety of our children, youth, and families and deserves appropriate support and attention from our elected officials.

Our community, like many across the province, relies on the Children’s Aid Society and other child welfare agencies to not only protect children and youth from abuse or neglect, but provide critical crisis intervention, early intervention, and preventative services. Their work ensures children receive necessary care at the most crucial times, close to their own homes, allowing families to remain intact and thrive together.

The lack of access to healthcare, mental health supports, poverty reduction initiatives and affordable housing is taking a toll on families and caregivers. These systemic shortfalls propel child welfare agencies into roles they were never intended to assume, filling gaps in services to ensure the well-being of children, youth, and families.

Without sufficient financial backing, these agencies are strained to a breaking point. They operate without the ability to deny families the services they desperately need. They cannot turn clients away, manage waitlists, or declare services unavailable. Yet, even with remarkable community partnerships, these agencies lack the means to expedite or ensure access to necessary treatments for those in their care.

The repercussions of this funding deficit extends well beyond individual families, affecting the community at large. Our local Children’s Aid Society is supporting an ever-increasing number of youth exhibiting complex behaviors. These challenges translate into higher intervention costs, increases costs for and pressure on police and emergency service providers.

The lack of access to critical early intervention services is correlating to a distressing rise in youth homelessness. The financial sustainability and stability of the child welfare sector can no longer be deferred

for debate. It is imperative the funding formula is updated to prioritize trauma-informed, culturally relevant and proactive care.

On behalf of Woodstock City Council, I urge the province to prioritize and support the financial needs of these vital agencies. All levels of government must work together to improve upstream intervention and support to prevent the tragic outcomes we are seeing as a result of inadequate funding.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter that affects our community and its future generations.

Sincerely,




Mayor Jerry Acchione
City of Woodstock

Cc:

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org


Safe and Well Oxford - safewelloxford@gmail.com

Children's Aid Society Oxford County - info@casoxford.on.ca



January 9, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
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Re: Motion regarding Opposition to Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes and Support for Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 8, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced legislation requiring provincial approval for new cycling lanes;

AND WHEREAS this legislation would compel municipalities to demonstrate that proposed cycling lanes will not negatively impact vehicle traffic;

AND WHEREAS cycling infrastructure is crucial for environmental transportation, road safety, and public health, and provincial oversight in this matter represents an unwarranted intrusion into municipal authority;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer is evolving an active transportation plan to enhance walking and cycling infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has strongly criticized this proposed legislation as a "significant overreach" into municipal jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS AMO has stated that none of its 444 member municipalities were consulted or shown evidence justifying the province's proposed veto power over new bike lanes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town of Aylmer strongly opposes the proposed provincial legislation governing bicycle lanes and affirms its support for maintaining municipal jurisdiction over cycling infrastructure decisions.

2. That the Town of Aylmer endorses the AMO's position that municipalities are better positioned than the Ministry of Transportation to make decisions about local transportation matters based on local knowledge and community input.

3. That the Town of Aylmer calls on the Government of Ontario to withdraw the proposed legislation and respect the established authority of municipalities to make informed decisions about local transportation needs, including the implementation of cycling lanes.

4. That the Town of Aylmer reaffirms its commitment to its transportation plan and the continued development of safe, environmentally friendly, efficient cycling infrastructure for the benefit of all residents.

5. That the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Member of Provincial Parliament representing constituencies within the Elgin-Middlesex-London region, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

6. That the Town of Aylmer calls upon municipalities across Ontario to adopt similar resolutions in defense of local decision-making authority and sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly transportation planning.

Thank you,


Owen Jaggard

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Hon. Doug Ford
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January 9th, 2025

Re: Improvements to Catch and Release System

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on January 8th, 2025, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Cobalt regarding Improvements to the Catch and Release System:

Motion #15

Moved by John van Klaveren

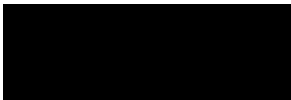
Seconded by Netty McEwen

That Council support correspondence item 'h' from the Town of Cobalt regarding Improvements to Catch and Release.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,



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Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Rural Ontario Municipal Association, roma@roma.on.ca
Associations of Municipalities Association, amo@amo.on.ca
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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF COBALT

December 12, 2024

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

Sent Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Cobalt passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-218

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Lafleur


WHEREAS Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system;

AND WHEREAS the “catch and release” system is needlessly increasing the policing costs to the Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt will send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system;

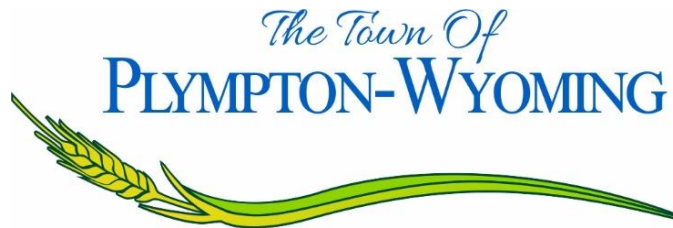
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant federal and provincial authorities, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you,



Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
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Hon. Doug Ford
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Hon. Stephen Lecce
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Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy
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January 9th, 2025

Re: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on January 8th, 2025, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties:

Motion #14

Moved by Bob Woolvett

Seconded by John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,



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

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Council Meeting

Motion # 12/11/24 - 02

Title: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by: Rory Cavanagh

Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

