



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-14
Date: February 28, 2025

Subject:

Update on the Health Effects of Vaping/Electronic Cigarettes

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the health effects of vaping, local data and Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) programs and services related to vaping/electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

2. Background

2.1 An e-cigarette, or a vape, is a device that uses a battery to heat up a liquid (known as e-juice, e-liquid, or vape juice) which creates an aerosol that can be inhaled through the device's mouthpiece. Vapes come in different shapes and sizes and can look like traditional cigarettes, pens, USB flash drives, and box-like battery devices with a mouthpiece.

2.2 In 2018, the [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#) was implemented, allowing the sale of nicotine-containing vape products. Prior to 2018, nicotine-containing vape products were not approved for sale in Canada.

2.3 Most vape products contain nicotine. The [Nicotine Concentration in Vaping Products Regulations](#) set a maximum nicotine concentration of 20 mg/mL for products manufactured or imported for sale in Canada.

2.4 Vaping was originally marketed as a way for adult smokers to quit smoking tobacco. Now, the vape market has expanded to include adults who had never smoked tobacco previously, especially young adults, as well as youth.

- 2.5 In Canada, many public health agencies and experts, like the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH), have been advocating for stricter regulations on vape products to deter young people from starting to use nicotine vape products. The CCMOH's most recent position is available in its January 20, 2025 public statement on [Nicotine Vaping in Canada as part of the National Non-Smoking Week](#).
- 2.6 The CCMOH remains significantly concerned by the high rates of nicotine vaping among youth. It recommends that the main goal of a regulatory approach to nicotine vaping products should be reducing access to and appeal of these products among young people.
- 2.7 The CCMOH also recommends that population level messaging should focus on approved and evidence-based smoking cessation methods, with greater emphasis on unassisted cessation. However, it also notes that nicotine vaping product manufacturers should be encouraged to submit their products for review and possible approval as smoking cessation aids.

3. Health Effects

- 3.1 Vape products are relatively new, so research on the long-term safety and health risks is not available yet. That means that the risk of cancer, cardiovascular diseases and other long-term health impacts associated with vaping are uncertain.
- 3.2 Cancer Care Ontario's 2023 [evidence summary](#) on vaping products highlights the following observed and potential harms associated with vaping:
 - a. Vaping nicotine can lead to symptoms associated with dependence (e.g., cravings and vaping more than intended).
 - b. Vaping generates direct toxic exposures, but at lower levels than tobacco smoke. Lower levels do not mean there are no risks.
 - c. Anyone who currently vapes or has vaped in the past should monitor themselves for respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, chest pain) and seek medical attention if they have concerns about their health.
 - d. Vaping may increase the likelihood of youth and young adults trying tobacco cigarettes.
 - e. Evidence for vaping as a smoking cessation aid continues to develop. Vaping is not currently recommended as an approved smoking cessation aid in Canada. Vaping might be beneficial for adult smokers who find it hard to quit using recommended smoking cessation aids.
 - f. In terms of second-hand exposure, vaping increases airborne concentrations of particulate matter and nicotine in indoor environments and, therefore, exposure to bystanders. Concentrations of particulate matter and nicotine are lower with vaping than tobacco smoking; however, less harmful does not mean there are no risks.

4. Vaping Trends

- 4.1 In December 2024, Health Canada released a new interactive data dashboard called the [Canadian Substance Use Survey \(CSUS\): Data Tool](#). The CSUS shares the most recent available data on the use of alcohol, tobacco and other substances including vape use among people who live in Canada, as collected through the 2023 CSUS.
- 4.2 The CSUS data tool offers visual presentations of vape use indicators, such as lifetime vaping, past 30 days vaping, frequency of vaping in past 30 days, and primary reason for vaping. These indicators can be broken down by year, age, sex, gender, province, self-rated physical health, self-rated mental health, disability status, race, and other sociodemographic factors.
- 4.3 Vaping trends in adults:
- a. National level results from the 2023 CSUS show that only 3.6 per cent of adults aged 25 and older vaped in the past 30 days. Comparatively, 26.3 per cent of young adults aged 20 to 24 reported vaping in the past 30 days.
 - b. Trends show that young adults are vaping for different reasons than adults aged 25 and older. National results from the 2023 CSUS show that the most common reason for vaping among adults aged 25 and older that vaped in the past 30 days was to quit smoking cigarettes (35.6 per cent among adults 25 to 54, and 50.5 per cent among adults 55 and older). Comparatively, the most common reason for vaping reported by adults aged 20 to 24 that vaped in the past 30 days was because they enjoyed it (33.6 per cent).
 - c. Provincial level results from the [Canadian Tobacco and Nicotine Survey \(CTNS\): summary of results for 2022](#), show that in Ontario only four per cent of adults aged 25 and older reported having vaped in the past 30 days, which is similar to the findings at the national level. Comparatively, 19 per cent of young adults aged 20 to 24 reported vaping in the past 30 days.
 - d. At the local level, results from the [Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System \(RRFSS\) 2022](#) survey show that vaping nicotine is much more prevalent than smoking tobacco among young adults aged 18 to 24 in Durham Region. Almost half (47 per cent) of young adults in Durham Region have tried vaping nicotine at least once and of these young adults, 78 per cent actively vaped within the past year.
 - e. The most common reason for vaping among Durham Region adults aged 25 and older was for harm reduction (i.e., to either help cut back, quit, replace long-term cigarette use or because they believe it is safer than smoking). Comparatively, the most frequently reported reason for vaping among young adults was because of peer pressure (26 per cent) and because of curiosity/experimentation or because they like it (23 per cent). This aligns with national trends.
 - f. The 2023 RRFSS data show that among Durham Region adults who have vaped nicotine, approximately 31 per cent did so to help cut back or quit

smoking cigarettes, whereas 69 per cent had other reasons for vaping, such as curiosity, they like it, peer pressure, or where smoking was not allowed.

4.4 Vaping trends in youth:

- a. CSUS results show that 30.5 per cent of youth across Canada aged 15 to 19 reported vaping in the past 30 days. Of youth aged 15 to 19 that vape, the most common reasons for vaping were because they enjoyed it (34.5 per cent), to reduce stress or calm down (19 per cent) and curiosity (15.6 per cent).
- b. CTNS 2022 results show that 11 per cent of Ontario youth aged 15 to 19 reported vaping in the past 30 days.
- c. Local results from the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey 2019, show that 32 per cent of secondary school students reported vaping in the past year. Seventeen per cent of students in Grades 7 to 12 reported friends or siblings as their usual source of vape products in the past year, and four per cent reported buying it themselves.

5. Local Program Initiatives

- 5.1 DRHD is responsible for enforcing compliance with the requirements under the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#) (SFOA). Under the SFOA, vaping is prohibited in the same places where smoking is prohibited. This includes all enclosed workplaces, enclosed public spaces and other designated places. This is to protect workers and the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke and vapour.
- 5.2 The [Durham Region Smoking and Vaping By-law #28-2019](#), prohibits vaping in the same places where smoking tobacco, cannabis, and water pipes are prohibited (i.e., in enclosed public places and workplaces in Durham Region). This By-law includes prohibitions of smoking and vaping in these areas:
 - a. Any hookah/vape lounge and specialty vape stores.
 - b. Within nine metres of all public entrances/exits at workplaces and public places.
 - c. Within 20 metres of all public park properties in Durham Region.
 - d. On all post-secondary institution properties.
 - e. On all municipal properties.
- 5.3 DRHD manages complaints and concerns about smoking or vaping in public places and workplaces. Complaints can be submitted online via [durham.ca](#).
- 5.4 Under the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability](#), DRHD is mandated to complete inspections and investigations at all tobacco and vapour product retailers. Inspections include display and promotion inspections, as well as youth access test shops conducted by students under the age of 19 who attempt to purchase tobacco or vapour products. If a vendor sells tobacco or vapour products to a minor, the operator and owner of the

store may be charged with selling or supplying tobacco or vapour products to a person who is under 19 years old.

- 5.5 Specialty vape stores continue to operate in Durham Region. As of December 31, 2024, there are 69 registered specialty vape stores.
- 5.6 In 2024, DRHD tobacco enforcement officers (TEO) completed 407 vapour youth access inspections to address youth access concerns.
- 5.7 TEO continue to respond to complaints regarding students vaping on school property. The Smoke Free Enforcement Coordinator and TEO are collaborating with both the Durham District School Board and the Durham Catholic District School Board, along with internal DRHD colleagues, to support the implementation of [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 128](#). This policy focuses on student health as it relates to vape products (as well as recreational cannabis, and tobacco in schools). Joint visits were conducted to provide information and support to secondary schools. Additionally, DRHD is creating an electronic form for secondary schools to report students smoking or vaping on school property to improve efficiencies.
- 5.8 DRHD shares information and resources about vaping and smoking on its social media platform pages, as well as durham.ca. This includes resources to help people quit, and resources to support smoke and vape-free homes, schools, and workplaces, along with other relevant resources.
- 5.9 Additionally, DRHD collaborates with school boards to provide evidence-based health education sessions to school communities (educators, parents, and students). DRHD supports an annual youth-led conference for secondary school students to learn about substance use, harm-reduction strategies, and the connection to mental health.

6. Previous Reports

- 6.1 Report [#2020-INFO-4](#) provided an update on the [Ontario Tobacco Monitoring Report 2018](#), which was released on November 27, 2019.
- 6.2 Report [#2019-INFO-81](#) provided an update on the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health's announcement that as of January 1, 2020, the promotion of vapour products in retail stores will only be permitted in specialty vape stores and cannabis retail stores, which are only open to people aged 19 and over.
- 6.3 Report [#2019-INFO-46](#) provided a notice to Health & Social Services Committee (HSSC) and Regional Council that:
 - a. There was a triple majority (consent from at least 50 per cent of the lower-tier municipalities representing at least 50 per cent of the electors).

- b. The Regional Smoke-Free By-Law is considered passed and By-Law 66-2002, a by-law to Regulate Smoking in Public Places and the Workplace, as amended in 2004 and 2007, is revoked.
- 6.4 Report [#2019-MOH-2](#) provided recommendations from HSSC to Regional Council related to the passing of the Regional Smoke-Free By-Law.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with the following strategic directions and pathways in the 2025-2035 Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Healthy People, Caring Communities
- H1. Implement preventative strategies to support community health, including food security.
 - H2. Collaborate with partners to respond to complex social issues that improve community safety and well-being, including mental health and addictions.
 - H4. Support the development of healthy children and youth, including access to affordable and quality child care.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Although smoking rates among Canadian teens and young adults have been in steady decline since the early 2000s, there is a new generation of young people becoming addicted to nicotine through vape products.
- 8.2 Adults aged 25 and older report vaping for the purposes of harm reduction, but youth and young adults say they vape for other reasons, including because they enjoy it and to relieve stress. Most youth and young adults do not vape to quit smoking.
- 8.3 The Durham Region Smoking and Vaping By-law aligns with CCMOH recommendations with respect to vaping as part of smoke-free restrictions.
- 8.4 DRHD activities focus on prevention and reducing youth access to vape products. Inspection, enforcement and health promotion staff work to reduce youth access to vape products, educate residents about the risks associated with vaping, and protect residents of all ages from unwanted exposure to second-hand vapour.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2025-INFO-15
Date: February 28, 2025

Subject:

Information on funding received from the one-time federal Emergency Treatment Fund.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the successful application the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) made to the federal government's Emergency Treatment Fund.
- 1.2 The Region will receive one-time funding in the amount of \$516,889 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to fund an Opioid Outreach Team.

2. Background

- 2.1 In October 2024, Health Canada announced a call for proposals for the Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) to provide urgent, targeted funding to municipalities to support rapid responses to the overdose crisis.
- 2.2 The federal budget committed \$150 million over three years to the ETF starting in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The maximum funding allowed per recipient is \$2 million per fiscal year with projects guidelines as follows:
 - a. The priority of the ETF is to fund swift action in relation to the overdose crisis. Projects must demonstrate a response to the urgent need in their community with ready to launch programs prioritized.
 - b. Projects cannot duplicate existing services or programs or add additional resources to existing programs.

- c. Projects cannot extend beyond the fiscal year.
- 2.3 Regional staff from Social Services, Finance and Government Relations developed an application for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for \$516,889 that included the following:
- a. The creation of an Opioid Outreach Team that would join Social Services Family Services Division's complement of programs, that includes the Mental Health Outreach Program and the Primary Care Outreach Program (in partnership with the Health Department).
 - b. The team would be staffed by two registered social workers, trained at a master's level to provide a wide range of on-the-spot therapy, addressing addictions and withdrawal management issues.
 - c. The social workers would be deployed in a new fully equipped outreach vehicle.
- 2.4 The Region was notified by Health Canada on January 3, 2025, that our proposal was successful. The program was very oversubscribed with Health Canada receiving more than 300 eligible proposals and only able to fund 60 projects.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 2023-INFO-46 Durham Region Opioid Response Plan Update.
- 3.2 2023-INFO-33 – Mental Health and Opioids in Durham Region includes local trends and strategies to address mental health and opioids in Durham Region.
- 3.3 2024-INFO-44 – The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective. An update on the AMO report on opioids and impacts in municipalities.
- 3.4 2024-INFO-23 – N-Desethyl etonitazene and protonitazepyne: New Nitazene Opioids Circulating in Toronto's Unregulated Opioid Supply.

4. Opioid Use in Durham Region

- 4.1 In 2024, Durham saw a 34 per cent increase in paramedic calls for opioid overdoses. This increase was driven by several factors, including the increasing prevalence of synthetic opioids like fentanyl, which are more potent than natural opioids and often mixed with other drugs, increasing the risk of overdose.
- 4.2 The number of deaths due to opioid toxicity in Durham Region has been increasing over the past nine years. In 2021, there were 129 deaths related to opioid poisoning, seven times the number in 2013. Durham saw 74 opioid toxicity deaths in 2022, and in 2023 the Region had 78 opioid toxicity deaths. The latest data available shows that from January to September 2024, the Region has counted 74 preliminary opioid toxicity deaths, indicating a significant increase from 2023.

- 4.3 In January 2025, paramedic services received 64 calls related to suspected opioid overdoses. In addition to the paramedic calls, the emergency department received 12 preliminary opioid poisoning visits.
- 4.4 Locally, the data shows that most fatal opioid toxicity events occur in private residences. Between 2018 and 2022, 74 per cent of accidental opioid-related toxicity deaths in Durham occurred in a private residence demonstrating the need for an Outreach team that will attend residences.

5. Opioid Outreach Team

- 5.1 The rapid response Opioid Outreach Team can save lives, reduce healthcare costs, and improve the overall well-being of vulnerable individuals.
- 5.2 The Opioid Outreach team will deploy clinicians (registered social workers), to meet clients experiencing opioid addiction where they are.
- 5.3 A two-person social worker team will deploy the Outreach vehicle and will travel to locations where services are needed. They will engage with clients in their homes, and support service engagement for individuals who may have been reluctant to seek services in office settings.
- 5.4 The Opioid Outreach Team will engage clients who are unsheltered or living in encampments. These historically hard to serve populations face other barriers such as transportation, mobility issues that may prevent them from accessing services in an office setting or a distant location.
- 5.5 The mobility of this team will allow for program delivery to rural areas of Durham with fewer services, further emphasizing the ability of this team to reach all people and bring services to exactly where they are needed most.
- 5.6 Program goals include effective counselling to engage in change, service engagement and navigation, substance use and overdose education, housing stabilization and supports to self-sufficiency. Outreach workers will also hand out drug testing strips and naloxone kits while educating on their use.
- 5.7 Expected outcomes include a reduction in the strain on emergency services for calls related to opioid use, increased service engagement, and a reduction in the number of overdoses.
- 5.8 The expenditures related to this application were included in the 2025 Business Plans and Budget, conditional on a successful funding application.

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. Healthy People, Caring Communities
 - H1. Implement preventive strategies to support community health, including food security.
 - H2. Collaborate with partners to respond to complex social issues that improve community safety and well-being, including mental health and addictions.
- b. Strong Relationships
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

7. Conclusion


- 7.1 In October 2024, the federal government announced Emergency Treatment Funding to see swift action to address the opioid crisis in communities.
- 7.2 The Region submitted a successful proposal for \$516,889 to fund an Opioid Outreach Team, consisting of two clinical social workers, a vehicle, and harm reduction supplies.
- 7.3 The team will engage in effective counselling to see behaviour change, engage clients with community services and support them with navigating those services, provide substance use and overdose education, housing stabilization and supports to self-sufficiency.
- 7.4 Expected outcomes include a reduction in the strain on emergency services for calls related to opioid use, increased service engagement, and a reduction in the number of overdoses.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services



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February 20, 2025

Re: Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on February 18, 2025:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax recognizes the significant contributions of Durham College (DC) to our local economy and community through its diverse range of programs and skilled graduates;

AND WHEREAS the recent changes to the International Student Program (ISP) by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) have negatively impacted post-secondary institutions in Ontario, including Durham College, by reducing international student study permits and limiting eligibility for Post-Graduation Work Permits (PGWP) to programs in fields of study identified as having national labour market shortages, irrespective of local labour market needs;

AND WHEREAS the Blue Ribbon Panel report commissioned by the provincial government highlighted the need for long-term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector, noting that Ontario’s colleges are funded at 44% of the national average, with tuition revenue first cut by 10% in 2019 and then frozen for the past six years;

AND WHEREAS the financial sustainability challenges faced by Ontario's post-secondary institutions have been exacerbated by significant wage and cost inflation, as well as the growing reliance on international enrolment;

AND WHEREAS DC has compiled a short list 34 programs not currently PGWP eligible to the IRCC list of fields of study (ATTACHMENT #1) which provide skilled graduates who are vital to growing our local economy, and in some cases, the College relies on international student enrolment in these programs to create financially viable cohorts for domestic students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Ajax Council calls on the federal government to add the 34 programs listed in ATTACHMENT #1 and offered at DC to the IRCC list of fields of study; and
2. Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to enact the recommendation in the Blue Ribbon Panel report to provide long term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector; and
3. A copy of this resolution be sent to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Minister Marc Miller, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Regional Municipality of Durham Chair John Henry, and all lower tier Durham Region municipal Councils.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or Thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities
Durham Regional Chair John Henry
All Durham Region municipalities

Of the 86 programs/CIPs MCU requested IRCC to consider, **34 are offered by DC.**


Major Code	Program Name	Credential	CIP
OFHS	Office Administration - Health Services	Ontario College Diploma	51.0705
DAII	Dental Assisting (levels I And II)	Ontario College Certificate	51.0601
DENT	Dental Hygiene	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	51.0602
DOFA	Dental Office Administration	Ontario College Certificate	51.0705
CMGT	Culinary Management	Ontario College Diploma	12.0504
CSK	Culinary Skills	Ontario College Certificate	12.0503
EVPN	Event Planning	Ontario College Diploma	52.0907
HROM	Hospitality - Hotel and Resort Operations	Ontario College Diploma	52.0901
HSKL	Hospitality Skills	Ontario College Certificate	52.0901
TDMK	Tourism - Destination Marketing	Ontario College Diploma	52.0903
IDCR	Interior Decorating	Ontario College Diploma	19.0605
ARHY	Architectural Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	04.0901
BMTY	Biomedical Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0401
CETC	Civil Engineering Technician	Ontario College Diploma	15.0201
CETY	Civil Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0201
CHEM	Chemical Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0615
CLBT	Chemical Laboratory Technician	Ontario College Diploma	41.0301
ELTC	Electronics Engineering Technician	Ontario College Diploma	15.0303
ELTY	Electronics Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0303
EMTY	Electromechanical Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0403
ENVT	Environmental Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0507
EVTN	Environmental Technician	Ontario College Diploma	15.0507
HBCM	Honours Bachelor of Construction Management	Baccalaureate Degree	52.2001
HCTM	Honours Bachelor of Health Care Technology Management	Baccalaureate Degree	51.0701
METC	Mechanical Engineering Technician	Ontario College Diploma	15.0805
METY	Mechanical Engineering Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	15.0805
NDE	Mechanical Engineering Technician (non Destructive Evaluation)	Ontario College Diploma	15.0805
CYCA	Child and Youth Care	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	44.0702
FPTY	Fire Prevention and Technology	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	43.0201
CORC	Construction and Hoisting Techniques	Ontario College Certificate	49.0206
EDVT	Electric Drive Vehicle Technician	Ontario College Diploma	47.0614
EETN	Electrical Engineering Technician	Ontario College Diploma	15.0303
MPTN	Motive Power Technician - Service And Management	Ontario College Diploma	47.0604
PETN	Power Engineering Techniques - Fourth Class	Ontario College Certificate	15.1702

Monday, January 20, 2025

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RE: Support for an Ontario-wide licencing framework for rideshare companies

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the January 13, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

And Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particiially in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;


Be It Further Resolved that the Town of Goderich Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Huron; and all six neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca

Yours truly,


Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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Enclosed:

1. Policy Note – Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario
2. Eastern Ontario Warden’s Caucus Letter of Support

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The County of Huron and all neighbouring Huron County lower-tier municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

October 24, 2024

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**Re: Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus support for an Ontario-wide
licensing framework for rideshare companies**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus \(EOWC\)](#), representing 103 rural and small urban municipalities across Eastern Ontario, I am writing to request that the Ontario Government strongly consider adopting a province-wide licensing framework for rideshare companies.

Municipalities across Eastern Ontario, including the County of Northumberland and Township of Russell, have been advocating for a provincial licensing framework for rideshare companies that would align Ontario with Quebec and British Columbia. Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across Ontario, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

In many parts of the province, ridesharing is unregulated or regulated in a 'patchwork' manner. Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing. These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.

The benefits of an Ontario-wide licensing framework of rideshare companies include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as electronic vehicle (EV) manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible job opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some individuals to choose to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide people with a safe ride option.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** – As one example of innovative partnerships, the Town of Innisfil and Uber Canada co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.

Premier Ford and Minister Sakaria, we thank you for your consideration of this important issue. As always, the EOWC remains a trusted partner and welcomes continued collaboration and opportunities for open dialogue on behalf of our member municipalities.

Sincerely,



Peter Emon
Chair, 2024
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Info@eowc.org

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Policy Note - Expanding Transportation Options in Ontario

The purpose of this note is to outline the current challenges with respect to the regulation of ridesharing in Ontario and the benefits to the province that could be unlocked through a provincial regulatory framework.

[Context](#)

[Current Challenges](#)

[Municipal Interest in Ontario](#)

[Benefits of Provincial Approach](#)

[Jurisdictional Scan](#)

Context

- Since 2016, dozens of municipalities across Ontario have developed unique bylaws to regulate ridesharing.
- These bylaws cover topics such as licensing scheme, insurance requirements, driver screening standards, vehicle requirements, and fee / payment schedules.
- Currently, there are several ridesharing companies operational in Ontario, including Lyft, U-Ride, Uber and others.
- Ridesharing provides a vital transportation option in communities across the province, but much of the province is still underserved by ridesharing services.

Current Challenges

The current regulatory structure has significant policy challenges that impacts the province's transportation system and economic growth. Challenges include:

- **Patchwork regulatory framework** - As the province recently demonstrated through its [One Fare](#) announcement, transportation does not stop at municipal boundaries and is increasingly regional. The regulation of ridesharing has become a patchwork regulatory system where a driver can pick up in one municipality but may not be able to pick up in the neighbouring municipality, leading to deadheading.
- **Increasing red tape** - For ridesharing companies that wish to expand in Ontario at the moment, they have to go to individual municipalities and develop bespoke compliance systems. This increases red tape and the cost of doing business in Ontario. It severely limits the ability of ridesharing companies to scale across rural Ontario.
- **Lack of rural transportation options** - Many rural municipalities in Ontario are significantly growing as a result of the Government's investment in housing and infrastructure, yet they lack sufficient transportation options for their residents. Even when options exist, they are often only available at limited times of the day.

Municipal Interest in Ontario

Due to the lack of rural transportation options and the benefits of ridesharing services, over the past months, several municipalities that do not currently have ridesharing services have expressed interest in bringing ridesharing to their communities. These include:

- **Municipality of Brighton** - Northumberland-Peterborough South
- **Township of Russell** - Glengarry-Prescott-Russell
- **City of Pembroke** - Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke
- **Township of Southgate** - Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
- **Town of St. Mary's** - Perth-Wellington

Some of these communities, including Brighton, ON have already passed resolutions (see [Appendix A](#) for full resolution) declaring “support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level”.

Benefits of Provincial Approach

A provincial approach to the regulation of ridesharing would have considerable benefits to the Ontario economy and the people of Ontario. These benefits include:

- **Supports economic development** - As Ontario continues to attract investments in areas such as EV manufacturing, communities across the province will need additional transportation options. Ridesharing helps people get around growing communities while also providing part-time flexible work opportunities.
- **Connects communities** - The current patchwork regulatory structure does not reflect the reality of regional transportation, which does not stop at municipal borders. Similar to the One Fare approach of the government, a provincial regulatory framework would allow people to use ridesharing to move seamlessly between communities in the province.
- **Helps reduce impaired driving** - Research shows that the presence of ridesharing in a community can help reduce impaired driving, which is why Uber is a proud partner of MADD Canada. In many rural communities, transportation options are often sparse or unavailable late at night, which can lead some to drive impaired. A provincial regulatory framework would allow ridesharing to expand more easily into these communities and provide citizens with a good reason not to drink and drive.
- **Enables innovative approaches to transit** - Uber and the Town of Innisfil co-designed a custom transit solution, named Innisfil Transit. With a touch of a button, residents are offered flat fare rides to popular destinations, such as the train station, the recreation complex, or the Innisfil Employment Area. Since the launch of Innisfil Transit, thousands of residents have taken trips to connect with the commuter rail station, get to work, go out with friends, or visit their doctor.
- **Connectivity to higher order transit** - As Metrolinx builds out the GO RER expansion and the Ontario Northlander resumes services, more Ontarians and visitors to our

province will use these services to connect with communities. Ridesharing would help boost the success of these services by serving as a “first-mile / last-mile” solution in communities across the RER and Northlander corridors.

Jurisdictional Scan

The majority of other provinces in Canada have adapted a provincial model to the regulation of ridesharing. Some examples of provincial models include:

Province	Legislation	Website / More Information
Newfoundland and Labrador	Transportation Network Company Regulations	Transportation Network Companies (Ride-sharing Service) - Digital Government and Service NL
Quebec	Bill 17, An Act respecting remunerated passenger transportation by automobile - National Assembly of Québec	Authorized drivers or drivers of a vehicle comparable to a taxi - SAAQ
Alberta	Transportation Network Companies Regulation	Ride-for-hire services Alberta.ca
Saskatchewan	Vehicles for Hire Act Vehicles for Hire Regulations	Ridesharing services - SGI

Appendix A: Municipality of Brighton Resolution

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Brighton faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

WHEREAS, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

WHEREAS, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Brighton Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

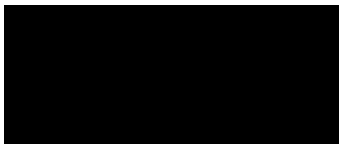
Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	February 24, 2025 8:50 am
Original To:	CIP
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Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
- Leaders of the Opposition Parties
- All Municipalities in Ontario



TOWN OF
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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0025

Title: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Date: February 10, 2025

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.


Mayor Ann Lawlor

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.

Yours truly,



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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February 24, 2025

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Re: Protecting Hamilton’s Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 10.5 of the General Issues Committee Minutes GIC 25-002:

10.5 Protecting Hamilton’s Economy and Jobs: Strengthening Local Procurement and Resilience Amid U.S. Tariff Threats – REVISED

WHEREAS, the United States government, under President Donald Trump, had announced the imposition of 25% tariffs on Canadian goods effective February 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, the potential threat of tariffs on Hamilton's key industries poses significant risk to local businesses, workers, and the overall economic stability of our community;

WHEREAS, these tariffs could potentially reduce the city's GDP by up to \$1.1 billion, impacting key sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and the automotive industry;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's manufacturing sector employs over 28,000 workers locally and over 48,000 within the broader Hamilton CMA, and plays a critical role in the city's economic stability;

WHEREAS, the potential decline in Hamilton’s largest export sector—iron and steel—could result in a \$3.6 billion reduction in export value;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has significant purchasing power through its capital projects and infrastructure investments, which can be leveraged to support local and national businesses during this economic uncertainty;

WHEREAS, although a 30-day pause on the implementation of these proposed tariffs has been agreed upon by President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the potential threat remains, necessitating the exploration of proactive measures to protect and support Hamilton’s local businesses, workers, and families to ensure economic resilience, growth, and long-term prosperity for our city;

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, Council referred Councillor Matt Francis's "Buy Local and Canadian First Procurement Policy" motion to the Procurement Sub-Committee for consideration with the intention to lay the groundwork for prioritizing local procurement;

WHEREAS, the current economic climate and the urgent threat posed by new tariffs necessitate accelerated action to expand on the aforementioned motion and reinforce Hamilton's economic resilience;

WHEREAS, municipalities, while traditionally constrained by trade agreements, can play a pivotal role in supporting Canadian businesses through strategic procurement practices;

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of the imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum products by the United States will have a significant impact on Hamilton's economy, key industries, and the livelihoods of workers in our city;

WHEREAS, Hamilton is a national leader in primary steel production and secondary processing, and local companies have been a vital part of the city's economy and identity for generations;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton remains committed to supporting its local businesses, promoting local procurement, and protecting jobs for Hamiltonians;

WHEREAS, the government of Canada's response to the imposition of tariffs by the U.S. may impact the costs of municipal capital projects and other essential infrastructure investments; and,

WHEREAS, collaboration with all orders of government is critical to mitigate the impact of these tariffs and protect Hamilton's industries and workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

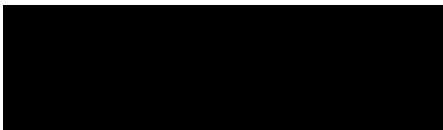
- (a) Staff expedite the review of current procurement policies and report back to GIC on February 26th, 2025 with preliminary recommendations on the feasibility of integrating "Buy Local and Canadian" policies effectively and urgently given the current economic uncertainty;
- (b) The City of Hamilton stands in solidarity with federal and provincial governments to advocate against U.S. tariffs and support a coordinated "Team Canada" response.
- (c) The City of Hamilton calls on the federal and provincial governments to collaborate with municipalities in identifying and removing barriers that prevent local governments from preferring Canadian businesses in procurement processes.

- (d) The City of Hamilton endorses the City of Burlington’s “Buy Canada” resolution, dated January 31, 2025, and that the clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations for their information:
- (i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - (ii) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - (iii) Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
 - (iv) Hamilton Members of Parliament (MPs)
 - (v) Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
 - (vi) Municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- (e) That The Mayor with the support of staff identified by the City Manager’s office further explore opportunities to support our steel industry partners, hardworking Hamiltonians and the backbone of the economy of our City through measures such as but not limited to:
- (i) The re-orienting of our tendering and purchasing processes to build in the priority of sourcing steel and steel products from local companies first, and Canadian companies when necessary (in Sault Ste Marie for example). Also explore the sourcing of Canadian aluminum;
 - (ii) Calling on the senior orders of government to urgently facilitate the development of the supply chains necessary for municipalities around the country to source Hamilton steel and steel products for their capital works projects;
 - (iii) Calling on Ontario and Canada to begin to source their steel and steel products for their capital works projects from Hamilton companies ASAP;
 - (iv) Calling on the Federal and Provincial governments to encourage Canadian municipalities to begin to source Canadian steel and steel products for their municipal works projects and commit to developing programs to cover any cost inflation that may be incurred by municipalities, with or without retaliatory tariffs, to ensuring that any such costs are reimbursed to them by the Federal and Provincial governments;
 - (v) Demanding the Federal Government immediately establish a Canadian Border Service Agency customs office at the Hamilton’s HOPA port, as has been requested by HOPA, to facilitate the movement of steel, steel products and other goods manufactured or grown/produced in Hamilton and surrounding areas to markets across Canada and abroad;

- (vi) Calling on the Federal government to accelerate its efforts to facilitate access to new markets for Hamilton steel and steel products abroad;
- (vii) Calling on the Federal government, and the Ontario government to expedite the construction of the Hamilton LRT as a stimulus initiative and commit to sourcing necessary steel and steel products from Hamilton, and passenger trains built in Canada with a requirement that those trains be manufactured with Hamilton steel and steel products; and,
- (viii) Calling on the Federal Government to eliminate the two-week waiting period for Employment Insurance (EI) applications for workers affected by U.S. tariffs, ensuring they have immediate access to financial support.

The City of Burlington's "Buy Canada" resolution, as endorsed by Hamilton City Council, is appended to this letter for your information.

Hamilton City Council requests your endorsement of this resolution, and circulate your endorsement to the Province of Ontario.



City Clerk
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cc.

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Regular Council

Minutes

Date: January 28, 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, second floor

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
Councillor Kelvin Galbraith
Councillor Lisa Kearns
Councillor Rory Nisan
Councillor Shawna Stolte
Councillor Paul Sharman
Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Hassaan Basit, Chief Administrative Officer
Blake Hurley, Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jacqueline Johnson, Commissioner, Community Services
Curt Benson, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works
Sue Evfremidis, Chief Human Resources Officer
Samantha Yew, City Clerk/Director, Legislative Services
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk
David Thompson, Specialist, Digital Communications
Richard Bellemare, Specialist, Digital Communications

18. Motions of Members

Mayor Meed Ward passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Stolte to chair this portion of the meeting.

18.1 Buy Canadian Resolution (ADM-01-25)

Note: changes in bold were moved as part of the main motion.

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Whereas United States President Donald Trump has indicated he is planning to impose 25% tariffs on Canada February 1st; and

Whereas tariffs would lead to massive job losses and economic instability in both countries; and

Whereas municipalities will be on the frontlines of the economic fallout, and the **City of Burlington** wants to offer our support for a Team Canada response; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through our capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas Burlington's capital program for 2025 is \$100 million; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 - \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Federal and Provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements from giving preference to Buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Now therefore be it resolved that Burlington Council:

Stand with Team Canada to persuade decision-makers that tariffs are not in the best interests of Canadian or American consumers and businesses; and

Endorse the federal and provincial call for Buy Canadian; and

Call on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

Should Tariffs be imposed ask the federal and provincial governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

That the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk forward this resolution to the following organizations along with the request to endorse the same or similar:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
- Big City Mayors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Halton MPs
- Halton MPPs
- Halton Local Municipalities

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 45

Date: February 6, 2025

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives Correspondence list for Information from February 6, 2025;

AND FURTHER that Council directs staff to send letters of support regarding the County of Frontenac's Resolution regarding increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000

CARRIED



DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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705-634-2145, Fax 705-634-2700

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

Louanne Caza
 Elaine Fic
 Annie Keft
 Francine Plante
 Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

Louanne Caza
 Elaine Fic
 Annie Keft
 Francine Plante
 Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 47/2025
DATE : February ¹⁸ 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

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

Signature of Chair:

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



CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ / OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAL RITA - HARTY

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February 18, 2025

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	February 24, 2025 8:48 am
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Please note at their Regular Meeting held February 18, 2025, the Township of Val Rita-Harty Council passed the following resolution: 25-008

Moved by Councillor Roger Lachance
Second by Councillor Alain Tremblay

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and.

Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.



CORPORATION **DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ / OF THE TOWNSHIP OF** **VAL RITA - HARTY**

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Therefore, be it resolved that, the Township of Val Rita-Harty supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;


And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

Be it further resolved that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.


CARRIED



Vickie Boudreau
Clerk/Treasurer



Northumberland County Council Resolution

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SENT VIA EMAIL

February 25, 2025

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)
 Hon. Melanie Joly, (Minister of Foreign Affairs),
 Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),
 Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),
 Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
 Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
 Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
 Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
 Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
 Rebecca Bligh (President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver),
 Robin Jones (President, AMO and Mayor of Westport),
 Christa Lowry (Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association),
 Jeff Leal (Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council),
 John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),
 All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
 All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
 All of Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs'

At a meeting held on February 19, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134, adopting the below recommendation:

Moved by: Councillor Scott Jibb

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"That County Council support the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) regarding 'Canadian and Ontario Governments Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs', and direct staff to send a copy of the resolution to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada),
- Hon. Melanie Joly (Minister of Foreign Affairs),
- Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith (Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities),

- Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party),
- Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
- Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
- Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- Rebecca Bligh (President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver),
- Robin Jones (President, AMO and Mayor of Westport),
- Christa Lowry (Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association),
- Jeff Leal (Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council),
- John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Council Resolution # 2025-02-19-134

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 _____

Seconded By _____

Agenda
Item 8.a

Resolution Number
2025-02-19- 134

Council Date: February 19, 2025

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- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
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- All of Ontario's municipalities.

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carri _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

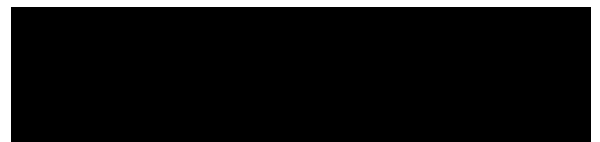
And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
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- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried




Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Item 14(a)

29-02-2025

Date: February 19, 2025

Moved by Katie Grigg

Seconded by ([REDACTED])

WHEREAS speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

WHEREAS infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Zorra Township calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities;

THAT the Township of Zorra specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

AND THAT Zorra Township Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

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

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Recorded Vote
- Deferred


Recorded Vote:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		



Mayor



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**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 16.5.
Resolution Number 25-029
Title: Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers
Date: Friday, February 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Manners
Seconded by: Councillor Barton

WHEREAS the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago's projected capital program for 2025 is \$1.5 million; and

WHEREAS all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Archipelago, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

WHEREAS federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Archipelago adopts the following actions:

1. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and
2. That The Archipelago supports the federal and provincial call to action “Canadian business first” policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and
3. That The Archipelago promotes the policy of “Buy Canadian” to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in The Archipelago and Parry Sound District; and
4. That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by The Archipelago; and
5. That Staff prepare a Council tariff position and policy for Council approval.
6. That The Archipelago participate in the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce survey of businesses on the impact of tariffs and support, where possible, actions that follow.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie - Henvey Inlet First Nation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations in The Archipelago.

Carried

February 26, 2025

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


EMAIL: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.


Sincerely,



Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
MPP Thompson - lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



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February 24, 2025

The Chair and Members of the
 Finance and Administration Committee
 Regional Municipality of Durham
 PO Box 623, 605 Rossland Road East, Oshawa, ON L1N 6A3

RE: Kawartha Conservation 2025 Operating and Capital Budget

Dear Chair and Members of the Finance and Administration Committee:

We are pleased to provide our 2025 Operating and Capital Budget, supported by our Board of Directors by Resolutions #17/25 & #18/25:

RESOLUTION 1: APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL APPORTIONMENT (RECORDED WEIGHTED VOTE)

RESOLVED, THAT, the municipal apportionment in support of the 2025 General Operating and Category 1 Mandatory Programs and Services be set at \$1,885,249 and apportioned between partner municipalities as follows:

- City of Kawartha Lakes \$ 1,050,181
- Region of Durham \$ 753,582
- Municipality of Trent Lakes \$ 74,660
- Township of Cavan Monaghan \$ 6,825

AND;
THAT, the 2025 Category 3 Other Programs and Services be set at \$90,850 and apportioned between partner municipalities as follows:

- City of Kawartha Lakes \$ 53,693
- Region of Durham \$ 32,991
- Municipality of Trent Lakes \$ 3,817
- Township of Cavan Monaghan \$ 349

AND;

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Our Watershed Partners:
 City of Kawartha Lakes • Region of Durham • Township of Scugog • Municipality of Clarington • Township of Brock • Municipality of Trent Lakes • Township of Cavan Monaghan





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THAT, the 2025 Category 2 Municipal Programs and Services of \$689,894 proceed as the required funding is approved by the benefiting municipalities.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2: FINAL BUDGET VOTE (RECORDED VOTE)

RESOLVED, THAT, the 2025 Operating and Capital budgets are approved by the Board of Directors.

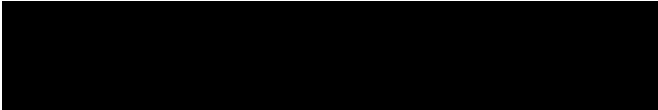
CARRIED

The 2025 Budget document outlines the programs and services approved for delivery in 2025 in accordance with our Strategic Plan, and associated funding requirements.

Notice of Apportionment and invoices will be provided separately by email to your respective Treasurers.

If you have any comments, or if we can provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 215 or Wanda Stephen, Interim Director, Corporate Services, at extension 233.

Yours truly,



Mark Majchrowski
Chief Administrative Officer

Encls.

2025 Operating and Capital Budget

cc: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Harras, Regional Clerk
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning and Budgeting

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Our Watershed Partners:

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**KAWARTHA
CONSERVATION**

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Guiding Principles

Our Vision

Engaged communities that love, respect and appreciate our natural environment.

Our Mission

To champion watershed health as the recognized leader in natural asset management.

Our Corporate Values

Our values shape our organization and guide our actions and our decision-making:

- Act with Integrity
- Value Knowledge
- Promote Teamwork
- Achieve Performance Excellence
- Foster Innovation

RESTORE & PROTECT

ENGAGE & INSPIRE

INNOVATE & ENHANCE

Governance

The municipalities within the boundaries of the watershed govern Kawartha Conservation through a Board of Directors comprised of nine representatives. Directors are responsible for making decisions as a collective, working for the benefit of the whole watershed. They act as liaisons between their municipalities and Kawartha Conservation.

2025 Board of Directors

CHAIR

Pat Warren
City of Kawartha Lakes

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We would like to acknowledge that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which we are located.

Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that our watershed forms a part of the treaty and traditional territory of the southeastern Anishinaabeg.

It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we live and work. To honor this legacy, we commit to being stewards of the natural environment and undertake to have a relationship of respect with our Treaty partners.

Member Municipalities

City of Kawartha Lakes

Region of Durham

Township of Scugog

Municipality of Clarington

Township of Brock

Municipality of Trent Lakes

Township of Cavan Monaghan

2025 Budget Overview

The 2025 Kawartha Conservation budget focuses on supporting critical operational and capital needs while addressing long-term sustainability and environmental stewardship. This budget aligns with strategic priorities under three main categories: Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1), Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2), and Other Programs and Services (Category 3).

Operating Budget

The 2025 Operating Budget totals approximately \$1.8 million, reflecting a 2.5% increase in the municipal operating levy. This increase supports Category 1 programs such as flood forecasting, natural hazards, and conservation lands, as well as Category 3 initiatives that enhance community engagement and environmental outreach ensuring safety and environmental health.

Special Benefiting and General Benefitting

General Benefitting projects improve the overall organization and are funded by municipalities, projects include Asset Management Plan and Environmental Monitoring Strategy.

The Category 2 programs are funded through special levies contributed by benefiting municipalities. Key special benefiting projects include Lake Management Plan Implementation, Lake Health Monitoring as well as Forestry initiatives to improve the municipalities environmental health.

Capital Budget

The Capital Budget totals \$110,000 and prioritizes projects that ensure safe and efficient operations. Highlights include:

- Ken Reid Road Study
- UTV Vehicle Replacement
- Fencing for New Property Acquisitions
- Walkway Rehabilitation and Sidewalk Repair

Supporting Sustainability

The funds provided through municipal levies and partnerships directly support our ability to deliver high-quality services, implement strategic initiatives, and maintain critical infrastructure.

These investments strengthen our resilience in protecting watersheds, ensuring public safety, and providing enriching outdoor experiences for our communities.

The 2025 budget demonstrates our commitment to transparency, collaboration, and long-term planning to sustain the natural environment and meeting community needs.

Categories of Programs and Services

Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services

These programs are required under Ontario Regulation 686/21 and include activities like managing natural hazards, conserving lands owned by Kawartha Conservation, and implementing source protection responsibilities under the Clean Water Act. They also cover duties related to provincial groundwater and stream monitoring programs. These essential services are funded using municipal levies or agreements and ensure compliance with provincial mandates.

Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services

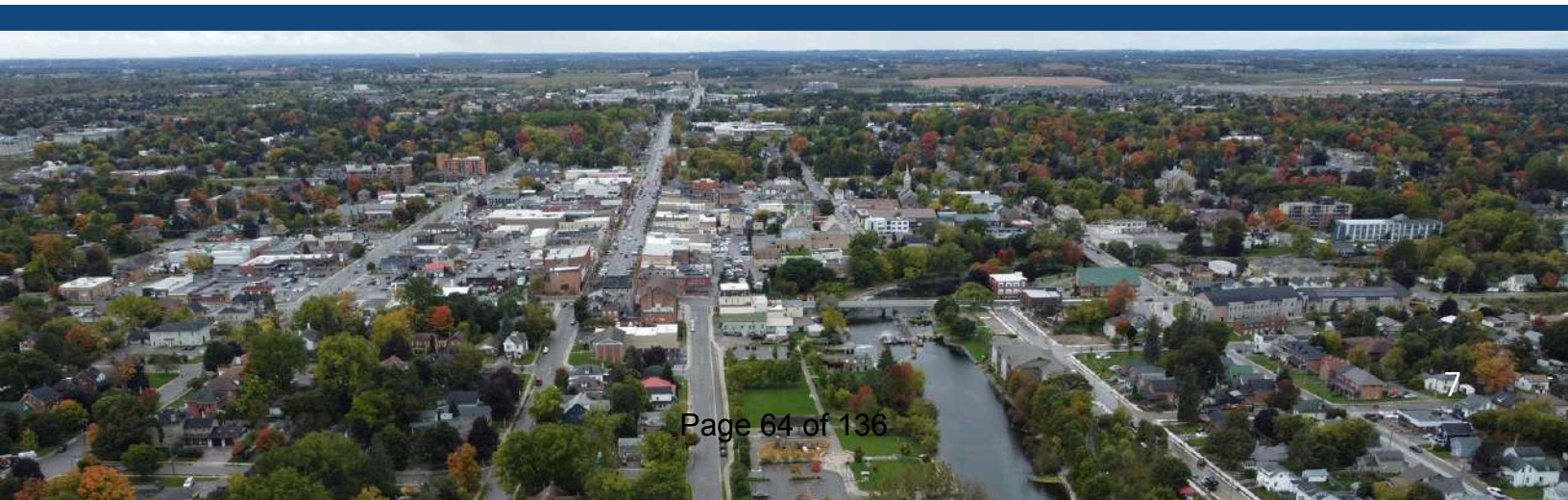
Programs in this category are designed to address specific priorities or challenges identified by municipal partners. These services, funded through municipal agreements, often focus on unique local needs like lake management, Risk Management Official services, stormwater management, or other tailored initiatives. Municipal programs leverage funding partnerships and deliver measurable benefits to participating municipalities.

Category 3: Other Programs and Services

These programs support broader conservation goals beyond provincial and municipal requirements. They include initiatives like community engagement, education programs, and local environmental monitoring. Funded through municipal levies or external agreements, these programs help enhance the overall health and sustainability of the watershed.

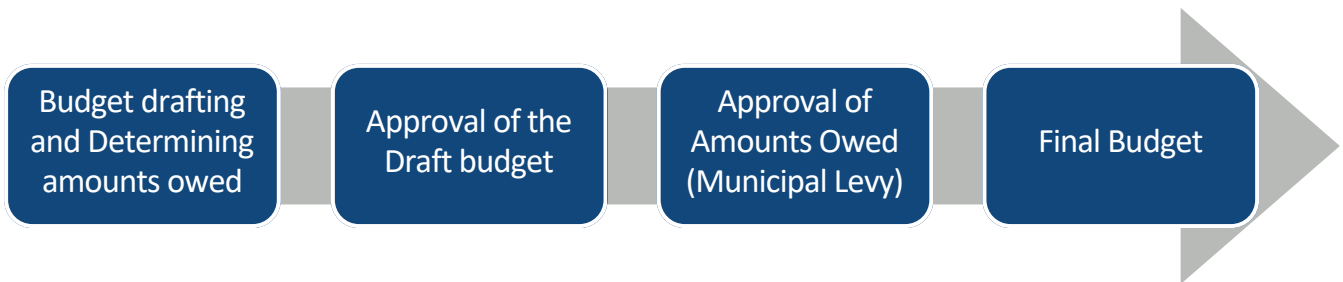
General Operating Expense or Capital Cost

General operating expense or capital cost refers to any operating or capital expense that is not directly associated with delivering a specific program or service provided by an authority.



2025 Budget Process Overview

The budget process is divided into four key phases, ensuring transparency, collaboration, and compliance with provincial regulations:



Budget Drafting and Determining Amounts Owed

Revenues and expenditures are forecasted, with costs categorized as Category 1, 2, 3, or general. Expenses are apportioned either across all participating municipalities or among benefiting municipalities.

Approval of the Draft Budget

The drafted budget is reviewed and voted on by the Board using a "one-member-one-vote" method. Once approved, the draft is shared with municipalities and published online for consultation.

Approval of Amounts Owed

Municipalities are given a minimum 30-day notice to review and consult on the draft budget. The Board then votes on the budget and levy using a weighted voting system based on the Current Value Assessment apportionment.



Weighted Vote

The 2025 weighted vote is distributed amongst Directors for amounts owed by municipalities:

Region of Durham		City of Kawartha Lakes	
1st of 4 representatives	11.0985	1st of 3 representatives	16.6667
2nd of 4 representatives	11.0985	2nd of 3 representatives	16.6667
3rd of 4 representatives	11.0985	3rd of 3 representatives	16.6667
4th of 4 representatives	11.0984		
Municipality of Trent Lakes		Township of Cavan Monaghan	
1 representative	5.1365	1 representative	0.4696

Final Budget Approval

Following the consultation and voting process, the final budget is approved, ensuring all legislative requirements are met.



Municipal Levy Apportionment

Municipal Levy - Summary

The overall municipal levy apportionment for the 2025 budget is provided below. Levy requests for all categories of programs and services are summarized which include the general operating budget, projects performed in agreement with municipalities and generally benefiting projects.

	Proposed 2025 Levy					Approved 2024	Year over Year	
	Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (MCVA)	Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (Agreement)	Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services	Category 3: Other Programs and Services	2025 Total Municipal Levy	Total Municipal Levy	Levy Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Levy Percentage Increase (Decrease)
City of Kawartha Lakes	\$1,050,181	-	474,519	\$53,693	\$1,578,393	\$1,512,513	\$65,880	4.4%
Region of Durham	645,282	108,300	215,375	32,991	\$1,001,948	935,227	66,721	7.1%
Municipality of Trent Lakes	74,660	-	-	3,817	\$78,478	75,359	3,118	4.1%
Township of Cavan Monaghan	6,825	-	-	349	\$7,174	6,943	231	3.3%
Total	\$1,776,949	\$108,300	\$689,894	\$90,850	\$2,665,993	\$2,530,042	\$135,951	5.4%

Municipal Operating Levy

The municipal operating levy for the 2025 budget is provided below. This portion of the 2025 budget is for general expenses, mandatory programs and services identified by the Province, and programs and services beneficial to carry out for local watershed purposes.

MUNICIPAL OPERATING LEVY				Proposed 2025 Levy			Approved 2024	Year over Year	
	2024 MCVA Apportionment	2025 MCVA Apportionment	Increase (decrease)	Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (MCVA)	Category 3: Other Programs and Services	Total Operating Municipal Levy	Total Operating Municipal Levy	Levy Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Levy Percentage Increase (Decrease)
City of Kawartha Lakes	59.1160	59.1002	(0.0158)	\$1,026,187	\$38,917	\$1,065,104	\$1,039,382	\$25,722	2.5%
Region of Durham	36.3071	36.3140	0.0069	630,538	23,913	\$654,451	638,354	\$16,097	2.5%
Municipality of Trent Lakes	4.1908	4.2016	0.0108	72,955	2,767	\$75,721	73,683	\$2,038	2.8%
Township of Cavan Monaghan	0.3861	0.3841	(0.0020)	6,669	253	\$6,922	6,788	\$134	2.0%
Total	100.00	100.00	(0.00)	\$1,736,349	\$65,850	\$1,802,199	\$1,758,208	\$43,991	2.5%



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Variance to 2024 Budget
REVENUE			
Municipal levy			
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (MCVA)	\$ 1,669,218	\$ 1,776,949	\$ 107,731
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (Agreement)	132,660	134,700	2,040
Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services	1,041,875	846,050	(195,825)
Category 3: Other Programs and Services	128,990	90,850	(38,140)
	<u>2,972,743</u>	<u>2,848,549</u>	<u>(124,194)</u>
Municipal Agreements			
CKL, Risk Management Official, Clean Water Act	60,000	60,000	-
County of Haliburton, Floodplain Mapping	25,000	-	(25,000)
Region of Durham, Climate Change Funding	9,000	18,000	9,000
Township of Scugog	47,000	46,450	(550)
	<u>141,000</u>	<u>124,450</u>	<u>(16,550)</u>
Self-Generated Revenue			
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (MCVA)	588,500	587,000	(1,500)
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (Agreement)	-	300	300
Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services	83,500	82,000	(1,500)
Category 3: Other Programs and Services	131,550	136,250	4,700
	<u>803,550</u>	<u>805,550</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Donations, Grants and Transfers			
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (MCVA)	113,700	126,300	12,600
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services (Agreement)	51,150	78,300	27,150
Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services	153,325	239,000	85,675
	<u>318,175</u>	<u>443,600</u>	<u>125,425</u>
Reserve Funds			
Transfer from (to) Capital Asset Replacement	(3,900)	-	3,900
Transfer from (to) Windy Ridge	11,250	12,850	1,600
	<u>7,350</u>	<u>12,850</u>	<u>5,500</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 4,242,818	\$ 4,234,999	\$ (7,819)

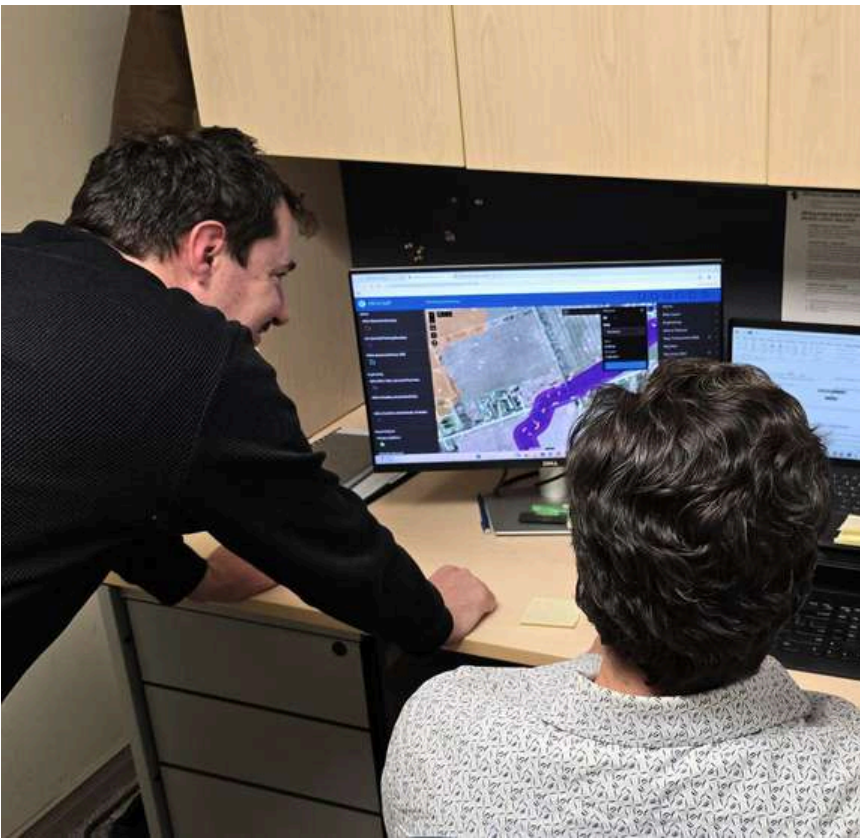
	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Variance to 2024 Budget
EXPENDITURES			
General Operating Programs and Services			
Corporate Services	\$ 908,718	\$ 971,600	62,882
Integrated Watershed Management	219,250	226,549	7,299
Amortization of tangible capital assets	70,000	70,000	-
Vehicle and equipment pool	(25,000)	(25,000)	-
	<u>1,172,968</u>	<u>1,243,149</u>	<u>70,181</u>
Category 1: Mandatory Programs and Services			
Planning and Development Services	\$ 662,150	\$ 673,150	11,000
Integrated Watershed Management	171,800	172,950	1,150
Stewardship and Conservation Lands	540,460	590,450	49,990
Drinking Water Source Protection	64,100	81,700	17,600
	<u>1,438,510</u>	<u>1,518,250</u>	<u>79,740</u>
Category 2: Municipal Programs and Services			
City of Kawartha Lakes	695,250	686,700	(8,550)
Region of Durham	290,150	253,950	(36,200)
Municipality of Trent Lakes	114,300	-	(114,300)
City of Kawartha Lakes & Region of Durham	235,000	290,850	55,850
	<u>1,334,700</u>	<u>1,231,500</u>	<u>(103,200)</u>
Category 2: Municipal Agreements			
CKL, Risk Management Official	60,000	60,000	-
County of Haliburton, Floodplain Mapping	24,250	-	(24,250)
	<u>84,250</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>(24,250)</u>
Category 3: Other Programs and Services			
Integrated Watershed Management	85,540	77,300	(8,240)
Stewardship and Conservation Lands	171,850	149,800	(22,050)
	<u>257,390</u>	<u>227,100</u>	<u>(30,290)</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,287,818	\$ 4,279,999	\$ (7,819)
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (45,000)	\$ -

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OVERVIEW STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

SOURCES OF REVENUES	Budget			Total
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	
Municipal Levy	\$ 1,911,649.00	\$ 846,050.00	\$ 90,850.00	\$ 2,848,549.00
Municipal Agreement	-	124,450	-	124,450
Provincial Transfers	101,300	-	-	101,300
Employment Grants	25,000	10,000	-	35,000
Federal Grants	78,300	15,000	-	93,300
Other Grants	-	214,000	-	214,000
Reserve Funds	12,850	-	-	12,850
Self Generated Revenues	49,800	82,000	136,250	268,050
Permits and Fees	232,500	-	-	232,500
Large Scale Fill	10,000	-	-	10,000
Planning Fees	225,000	-	-	225,000
Interest income	70,000	-	-	70,000
Total Revenue	2,716,399	1,291,500	227,100	4,234,999

SOURCES OF EXPENDITURES	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Total
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 2,218,749.00	\$ 633,250.00	\$ 116,400.00	\$ 2,968,399.00
Administration and Overhead (Schedule A)	254,350	-	-	254,350
Advertising and Communications	8,600	6,650	1,950	17,200
Board of Directors & Governance	7,050	-	-	7,050
Contracted services	31,000	152,000	-	183,000
Cost of sales	-	43,000	-	43,000
Equipment	20,350	33,650	3,150	57,150
Infrastructure maintenance and repairs	25,850	-	-	25,850
Laboratory Fees	-	108,720	-	108,720
Landowner Grants	-	90,000	-	90,000
Legal	12,500	-	-	12,500
Membership	3,750	-	-	3,750
Professional Development & Training	20,600	500	2,000	23,100
Professional services	15,000	2,000	31,700	48,700
Property Taxes	8,600	-	-	8,600
Road and parking lot maintenance	31,500	-	-	31,500
Supplies and materials	127,450	80,800	23,280	231,530
Travel	20,750	23,730	4,820	49,300
Utilities	5,700	-	-	5,700
Program administration	26,800	117,200	18,800	162,800
Program administration, cost recovery	(162,800)	-	-	(162,800)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	45,000	-	-	45,000
General Benefitting	40,600	-	25,000	65,600
Total Expenditures	2,720,799	1,291,500	227,100	4,279,999



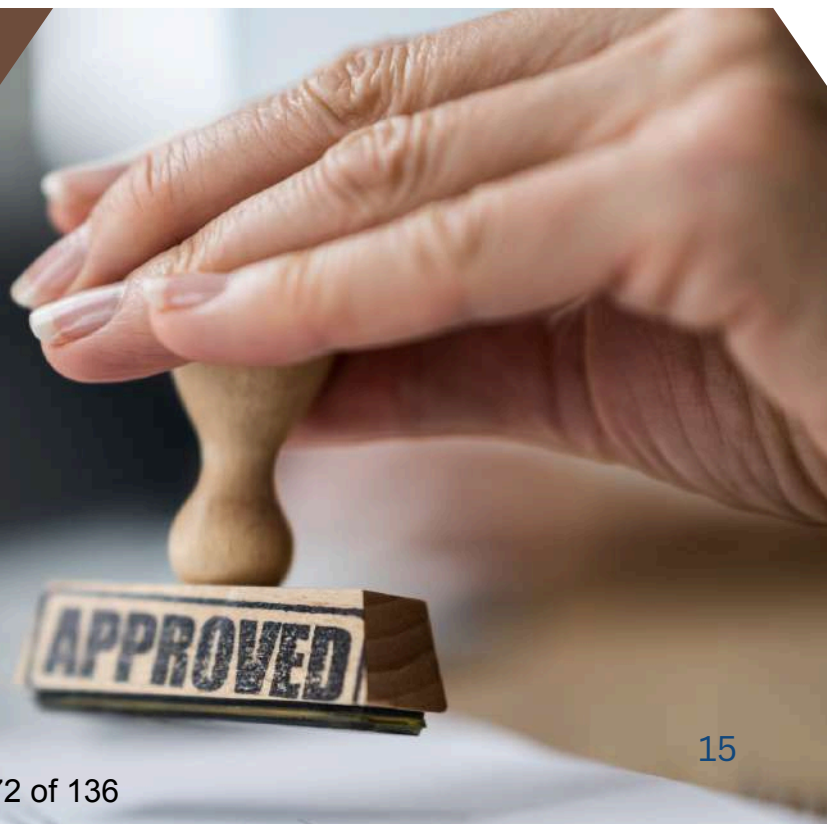
Planning and Development Services

The Planning and Development Services department is dedicated to ensuring that development within the watershed adheres to provincial legislation and environmental standards, protecting people and infrastructure from floodplains, steep slopes, unstable soils and other areas that pose risks to development. The team reviews permit and planning applications, providing expert guidance to support sustainable growth, the protection of natural resources and drinking water. Through collaboration with municipalities, landowners, and stakeholders, the department plays a key role in balancing development needs with the long-term health and sustainability of the watershed.

2024 Highlights

The following programs and services are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1).

- Integrated new LiDAR data into updated floodplain and natural hazard mapping, enhancing accuracy and usability for stakeholders.
- Hosted a public consultation meeting to educate residents about updated mapping regulations under Ontario Regulation 41/24.
- Commented on over 260 planning submissions
- Conducted over 120 permitting pre-consultation meetings to support landowners and applicants in understanding regulatory processes.
- Issued over 300 permits, protecting development from natural hazards
- Updated Hearing Guidelines to incorporate the legislative changes enacted through Ontario Regulation 41/24
- Updated internal systems and policies, user forms and regulation content to incorporate legislative changes enacted through Ontario Regulation 41/24.



A Look Ahead to 2025

In 2025, the Planning and Development Services department envisions a streamlined, proactive approach to supporting development within the watershed. By utilizing updated mapping, ongoing staff training, and improved processes, the team will provide accurate, efficient, and timely reviews of permit and planning applications. With a focus on compliance with provincial legislation, the department will continue to assist municipalities in their development approvals, and landowners who invest in their properties in an environmentally safe way. Through collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to environmental integrity, Planning and Development Services will ensure that development aligns with the principles of safety, sustainability, and community well-being.

Key Deliverables:

The following deliverables are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1) and Other Programs and Services (Category 3).

- Advance floodplain mapping with improved LiDAR data to enhance natural hazard management and inform community planning.
- Support municipal partners by administering and enforcing Section 28 permitting and compliance under the Conservation Authorities Act.
- Host a public consultation session to educate stakeholders on regulated area mapping, source water, planning and permitting processes.
- Progress opportunities to assist local municipalities to enhance service delivery.
- Update Plan Review and Development policy document to conform with legislative changes.
- Deliver a minimum of 90% success rate of meeting Client Service Standards for Conservation Authority Plan and Permit Review timeframes.

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Natural Hazard Planning Services
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 99,650	\$ 101,300	\$ 1,650
Planning Fees	225,000	225,000	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 324,650	\$ 326,300	\$ 1,650

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 276,400	\$ 294,300	\$ 17,900
Contracted services	5,000	5,000	-
Legal	2,500	10,000	7,500
Membership	750	1,000	250
Professional Development & Training	3,000	3,500	500
Professional services	30,000	5,000	(25,000)
Supplies and materials	5,500	6,000	500
Travel	1,500	1,500	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 324,650	\$ 326,300	\$ 1,650

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Section 28 Permit Administration and Compliance
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 102,500	\$ 104,350	\$ 1,850
Permits and Fees	225,000	232,500	7,500
Large Scale Fill	10,000	10,000	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 337,500	\$ 346,850	\$ 9,350

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 322,000	\$ 329,100	\$ 7,100
Contracted services	5,000	5,000	-
Legal	2,500	2,500	-
Membership	250	250	-
Professional Development & Training	500	2,000	1,500
Supplies and materials	5,500	6,000	500
Travel	1,750	2,000	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 337,500	\$ 346,850	\$ 9,350

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Drinking Water Source Protection
Category 1
Apportionment Method: N/A

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Provincial Transfers	64,100	76,700	12,600
Employment Grants	-	5,000	5,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 64,100	\$ 81,700	\$ 17,600
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 53,400	\$ 69,400	\$ 16,000
Supplies and materials	4,400	4,400	-
Travel	500	500	-
Program administration	5,800	7,400	1,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 64,100	\$ 81,700	\$ 17,600

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*City of Kawartha Lakes Risk Management Official, Clean Water Act Part IV, Enforcement
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Agreement*

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Agreement	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 52,300	\$ 52,300	\$ -
Supplies and materials	2,000	1,500	(500)
Travel	500	1,000	500
Program administration	5,200	5,200	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -

Note: This budget is funded through a municipal agreement and is not considered part of the municipal levy for the City of Kawartha Lakes.



Integrated Watershed Management

The Integrated Watershed Management department plays a vital role in protecting and improving the health of our watershed. Through science, technology, and collaboration, the team monitors environmental conditions, analyzes data, and develops strategies with our community to address challenges like flooding, water quality, and climate change. From tracking water levels to planning for a changing climate, Integrated Watershed Management's work helps ensure that our natural resources remain healthy and sustainable for future generations. Their efforts support not just the environment, but also the people and communities who depend on the watershed every day.

2024 Highlights

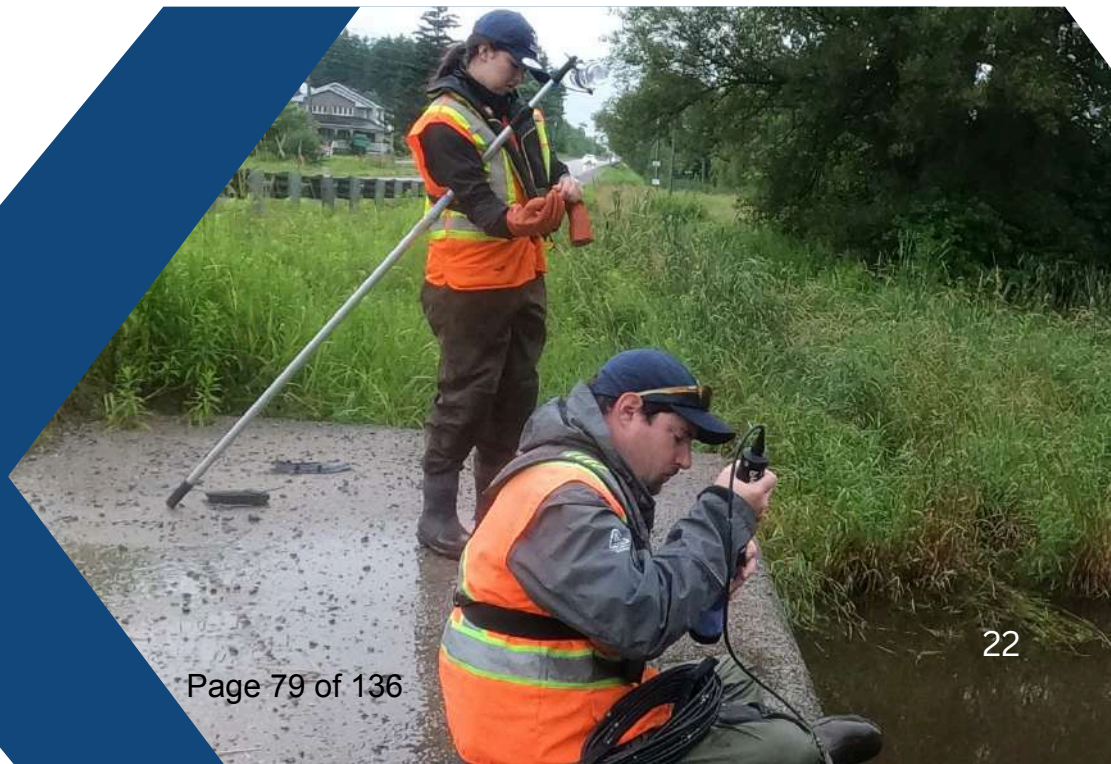
The following programs and services are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1) and Other Programs and Services (Category 3) and provide successes achieved in the past year.

General Programs and Services

- Completed the Watershed-Based Resource Strategy to guide future decision making.
- Implemented Feature Manipulation Engine (FME) Software to automate data processing and integrate it with geographic information systems, improving workflow efficiency.
- Updated the Ecological Land Classification (ELC) to 2023 for the Kawartha watershed.
- Strengthened climate resiliency by completing a comprehensive Climate Vulnerability Assessment, laying the foundation for proactive solutions.

Local Monitoring

- Sampled 15 urban stream sites for aquatic invertebrates, highlighting areas for improvement through stormwater management.
- Deployed 32 water temperature data loggers on sensitive coldwater streams, identifying vulnerabilities to climate change.



Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring

- Monitored water quality across 11 sites for the Provincial (Stream) Water Quality Monitoring Network program and conducted groundwater sampling on 13 wells under Provincial Ground Water Monitoring Network.
- Collaborated with Health Canada and Trent University on groundwater studies for pesticides and microplastics.

Flood and Water Level Monitoring

- Issued 17 flood messaging statements, supporting proactive watershed safety.
- Installed a real-time all-weather station at Ken Reid Conservation Area and upgraded the Durham East Cross Forest well site with precipitation monitoring.
- Enhanced forecasting capabilities with a new internal real-time precipitation and water levels dashboard.
- Released two educational videos to raise flood awareness: “Is Your Area at Risk?” and “Flood Forecasting with Kawartha Conservation.”
- Partnered with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation for rainfall data collection and engaged 13 volunteers in the Climate Change Action Program.

Special Projects:

The following programs and services are a part of Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2).

CKL Lake Management Implementation, Science

- Erosion and Sediment Control
 - Developed a drone policy to enhance monitoring of construction sites for erosion control, reducing dirty runoff into lakes and streams.
 - Conducted construction site inspections and partnered with contractors to improve compliance measures.
- Community Science Monitoring
 - Advanced community science with 14 volunteers collecting nearshore water samples from local lakes, supported by a \$3,000 grant from the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First Nation.
- Stormwater Monitoring
 - Expanded the monitoring network along Sinister Creek, sampling multiple sites for nutrients, fecal matter, salts, and heavy metals.
 - Deployed an auto sampler at Sinister Creek's outlet, supported by the new climate station at Ken Reid CA, to track water quality during rain events.
 - Collected continuous hydrology and water quality data at Jennings, Distillery, Albert St., and Sinister Creek, identifying contamination sources and assessing the Scugog River's sensitivity to stormwater inputs.

CKL Lake Dalrymple Management Plan

- Finalized the Lake Dalrymple Management Plan with 42 actions for long-term health and hosted public open houses with strong community participation.

Region of Durham – Lake Management Implementation, Science

- Completed the 20th year of Lake Scugog monitoring, while engaging with over 500 stakeholders through consultation surveys and community events.

Region of Durham – Watershed Planning

- Assessed Lake Scugog’s shoreline, identifying key areas of ecological importance and invasive species.



A Look Ahead to 2025

With a focus on innovation, collaboration, and environmental stewardship, our 2025 initiatives aim to strengthen watershed health, engage the community, and build a sustainable future for the Kawartha Lakes region.

Key Deliverables:

The following deliverables are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1) and Other Programs and Services (Category 3).

General Programs and Services

- Launch an interactive ArcGIS online web app to make Integrated Watershed Management content more accessible and educational.
- Begin development of an Open Data Strategy to enhance transparency and data sharing.
- Finalize and publish the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and report.

Flood Forecasting and Water Level Monitoring

- Continue daily monitoring of precipitation, water levels, and watershed conditions to provide accurate flood forecasting.
- Strengthen expertise through participation in Provincial and GTA Flood Forecasting workshops.
- Expand the Climate Change Action Program by recruiting new volunteers to help fill data gaps brought about by changing climates.

Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring

- Monitor water quality and quantity at 24 sites, establish a new logger site, and ensure high-frequency data collection with monthly groundwater monitoring and bi-monthly conductivity logging.

Key Deliverables Special Projects:

The following deliverables are part of Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2).

CKL Lake Health Monitoring

- To administer routine collection of lake health data to provide critical information about the ongoing state of the lakes and to monitor progress on the planning targets set out in every Lake Management Plan.
- Track key indicators of lake health through water quality, nutrient loading, aquatic plant and shoreline development characterization across priority tributaries and lakes, including Sturgeon, Balsam, Cameron and Pigeon Lakes
- Development of an online dashboard to highlight key findings
- Dissemination of key findings through social media posts, media releases and annual report.

CKL Lake Management Implementation, Science

Erosion and Sediment Control

- Pilot sediment tracking technologies with local developers to improve construction site runoff management.
- Conduct 20 construction site inspections to assess and enhance erosion control measures while expanding expertise by certifying additional staff as Inspectors of Sediment and Erosion Control. Inspections will be performed by CIESC certified staff.

Stormwater Monitoring

- Expand stormwater monitoring to five urban streams, leveraging loggers and autosamplers to track high-loading rain events.

Community Science

- Engage 70 community volunteers in nearshore water sampling across priority lakes, sharing results through dashboards, reports, and social media.

Bobcaygeon Dam Project

- Collaborate with Parks Canada and partners to assess fish spawning habitat, water flow, and wetland conditions downstream of the Bobcaygeon Dam.
- Conduct spring Walleye Watch surveys and habitat assessments to identify opportunities for ecological improvement.

Region of Durham – Lake Management Implementation, Science

Water Quality Monitoring

- Conduct upstream investigative water quality sampling on 11 historical sites and reestablish 3 water level sites across Nonquon River Watershed.
- Evaluate the need, future proposals and study design, as applicable, to update the Lake Scugog Environmental Management Plan following 15 years since the approval of the plan in 2010.

Lake Scugog Enhancement Project

- Provide ongoing project management and technical support, including tendering, permits coordination, and regulatory collaboration with First Nations and other agencies.
- Begin implementing the fisheries offsetting plan, pending final regulatory approvals.
- Support the Healthy Lake Scugog Steering Committee with updates and engagement.

Watershed Planning

- Update and verify 59 km² of wetland mapping and assess 82 km of Lake Scugog shoreline for land use sensitivity and aquatic plant distribution.



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Integrated Watershed Management Support
General Operating
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 213,750	\$ 226,049	\$ 12,299
Employment Grants	5,000	-	(5,000)
Self Generated Revenues	500	500	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 219,250	\$ 226,549	\$ 7,299
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 186,250	\$ 202,449	\$ 16,199
Membership	2,500	2,500	-
Professional Development & Training	3,250	2,000	(1,250)
Supplies and materials	26,500	18,900	(7,600)
Travel	750	700	(50)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 219,250	\$ 226,549	\$ 7,299

KAWARTHA CONSERVATION
2025 Budget

Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 51,300	\$ 55,150	\$ 3,850
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 51,300	\$ 55,150	\$ 3,850
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 39,500	\$ 46,200	\$ 6,700
Equipment	4,200	3,750	(450)
Professional Development & Training	600	600	-
Supplies and materials	4,300	1,250	(3,050)
Travel	2,700	3,350	650
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 51,300	\$ 55,150	\$ 3,850

KAWARTHA CONSERVATION
2025 Budget

Flood Forecasting and Warning and Low Water Response
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 61,400	\$ 78,200	\$ 16,800
Provincial Transfers	24,600	24,600	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 86,000	\$ 102,800	\$ 16,800
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 76,300	\$ 93,100	\$ 16,800
Equipment	2,800	2,800	-
Professional Development & Training	1,500	1,500	-
Supplies and materials	2,200	2,200	-
Travel	3,200	3,200	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 86,000	\$ 102,800	\$ 16,800

KAWARTHA CONSERVATION
2025 Budget

Local Environmental Monitoring
Category 3
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 3	\$ 47,440	\$ 52,000	\$ 4,560
Self Generated Revenues	300	300	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 47,740	\$ 52,300	\$ 4,560
 EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 33,700	\$ 35,900	\$ 2,200
Equipment	1,000	1,000	-
Professional Development & Training	2,000	2,000	-
Supplies and materials	5,000	5,000	-
Travel	1,700	3,600	1,900
Program administration	4,340	4,800	460
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 47,740	\$ 52,300	\$ 4,560

**Lake Management Implementation, Science
 Category 2
 Apportionment Method: Benefits Based**

<i>Science</i>	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	121,784	121,784	-
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	111,116	57,966	(53,150)
Employment Grants	2,500	5,000	2,500
Federal Grants	-	15,000	15,000
Other Grants	40,000	40,000	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 275,400	\$ 239,750	\$ (35,650)
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 105,600	\$ 111,350	\$ 5,750
Equipment	37,200	12,100	(25,100)
Laboratory Fees	81,900	79,420	(2,480)
Professional services	5,300	-	(5,300)
Supplies and materials	11,100	9,600	(1,500)
Travel	9,300	5,480	(3,820)
Program administration	25,000	21,800	(3,200)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 275,400	\$ 239,750	\$ (35,650)

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City of Kawartha Lakes Lake Health Monitoring
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Benefits Based

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	-	15,700	15,700
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ -	\$ 95,700	\$ 95,700
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ -	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000
Equipment	-	5,250	5,250
Laboratory Fees	-	14,400	14,400
Supplies and materials	-	1,700	1,700
Travel	-	4,650	4,650
Program administration	-	8,700	8,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 95,700	\$ 95,700

**Region of Durham Lake Management Implementation, Science
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Benefits Based**

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ 79,000	\$ 85,900	\$ 6,900
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	62,300	23,800	(38,500)
Municipal Agreement	47,000	40,000	(7,000)
Employment Grants	5,000	5,000	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 193,300	\$ 154,700	\$ (38,600)

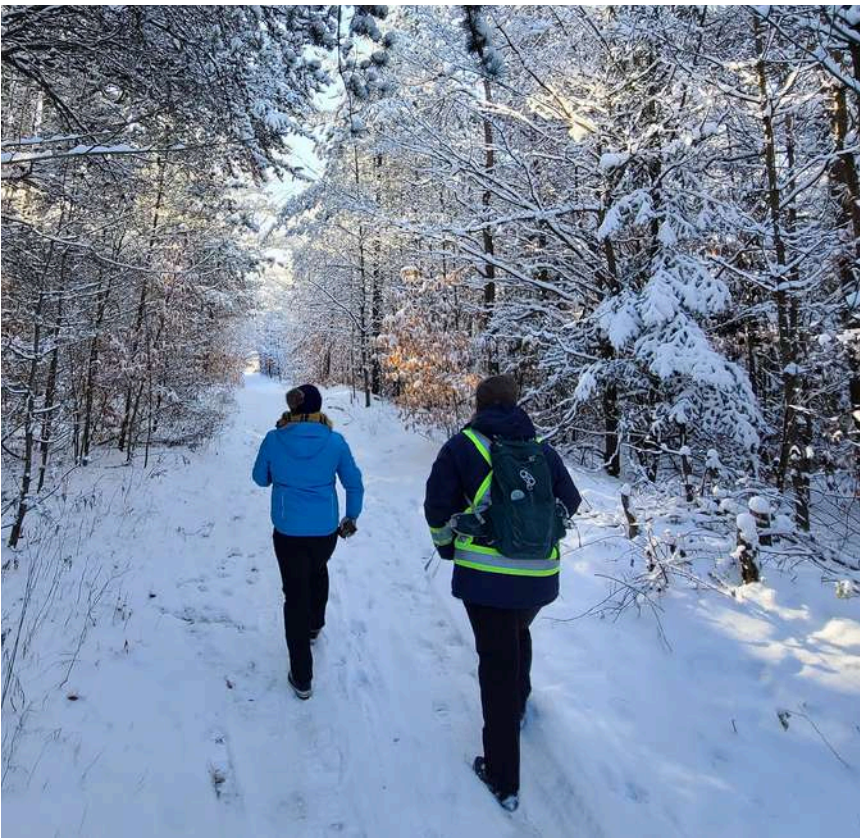
EXPENDITURES

Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 65,500	\$ 34,700	\$ (30,800)
Equipment	10,900	13,250	2,350
Laboratory Fees	20,000	14,900	(5,100)
Professional services	-	2,000	2,000
Supplies and materials	5,500	1,500	(4,000)
Travel	5,200	2,950	(2,250)
Lake Scugog Enhancement Project	68,600	71,300	2,700
Program administration	17,600	14,100	(3,500)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 193,300	\$ 154,700	\$ (38,600)

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Region of Durham Watershed Planning
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Benefits Based

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,400	\$ (100)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,400	\$ (100)
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 24,200	\$ 22,900	\$ (1,300)
Equipment	1,600	3,000	1,400
Supplies and materials	500	500	-
Travel	1,400	1,200	(200)
Program administration	2,800	2,800	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,400	\$ (100)



Stewardship and Conservation Lands

The Conservation Lands and Stewardship departments work together to protect and enhance Kawartha Conservation's properties and natural resources, creating vibrant, accessible, and ecologically healthy spaces for the community. By maintaining trails and facilities, promoting outdoor recreation, and fostering environmental stewardship, these teams inspire connections with nature while supporting biodiversity and habitat protection. Through initiatives like tree planting, habitat restoration, and landowner grants, they empower individuals and communities to take action, improving water quality and ecological resilience. By balancing public access with environmental care, they play a vital role in ensuring the long-term health of our natural resources and deepening the bond between people and the environment.

2024 Highlights

The following programs and services are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1) and Other Programs and Services (Category 3).

Conservation Areas

- Completed the Conservation Areas Strategy
- Secured the Tuck'd Away Conservation Area in Durham Region.
- Improved infrastructure at Ken Reid Conservation Area including a new foot bridge, boardwalk repairs, signage upgrades and fencing.
- Welcomed over 40,000 visits to our conservation areas in 2024
- Hosted the At Last Forest School at Ken Reid Conservation Area, providing valuable outdoor education opportunities to area schools.

Durham East Cross Forest

- Secured \$87,000 in funding for a 2-year restoration project at Durham East Cross Forest

Fleetwood Creek Natural Area

- Invasive species management for Dog Strangling vine across the east and west trails.

Education and Outreach

- 800 people at Fall Fest
- World Migratory Bird Day – 50 participants
- 250 children participated in educational sessions
- 6 Summer Hikes
- 5 corporate forest therapy walks
- 7 community forest therapy walks



Special Projects:

The following programs and services are a part of Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2).

Durham Region Lake Management Implementation Stewardship

- Awarded \$20,000 in landowner and community grants to support 10 water quality improvement projects on the ground. Projects leveraged \$93,900 in landowner and community investment. Projects include:
 - 4 well upgrades / decommissioning
 - 2 septic upgrades
 - 1 educational signage
 - 1 naturalization project
 - 1 rain garden
- Management and maintenance of the bioswale demonstration site in port perry
- Invasive species control measures on 712 square meters for Japanese Knotweed in Port Perry

Joint Project – Forestry and Tree Planting Stewardship

- 63,335 trees planted across the watershed
- Raised over \$197,300 in grants and self-generating revenues
- Estimated 372.4 tonnes of carbon sequestered through tree planting in 2024

CKL Lake Management Implementation Stewardship

- Awarded \$70,000 in landowner and community grants to support 26 water quality improvement projects on the ground. Projects leveraged \$263,000 in landowner and community investment. Projects include:
 - 5 tree planting projects
 - 4 urban rain gardens
 - 1 stormwater management project
 - 2 shoreline naturalization project
 - 3 agricultural projects
 - 6 well upgrades / decommissioning
 - 2 septic upgrades
 - 3 educational projects
- Major partner in the Showcase Kawartha Lakes, International Plowing Match installation attracting more than 51,000 people over 5 days

- 2,317 community members engaged through site visits and presentations
- 310 m of stream bank restored
- 3,378 native plants sold for restoration projects
- Raised \$79,000 in grants to support stewardship projects
- Implemented a large stormwater LID demonstration project including rain gardens, bioswales, and a French drain.



A Look Ahead to 2025

In 2025, our Stewardship and Conservation Lands departments envision a vibrant and engaged community, united in protecting and enhancing our natural environment and conservation lands. Through expanded tree planting programs, innovative restoration projects, enhanced trails, and upgraded facilities, we will create vibrant, accessible spaces that inspire a deep connection with nature. By providing increased support to landowners, fostering partnerships, and delivering hands-on initiatives, we will empower individuals to take meaningful action while balancing public access with the preservation of vital habitats and biodiversity. Together, these efforts will ensure a legacy of thriving ecosystems, vibrant communities, and cherished natural spaces for generations to come.

Key Deliverables:

The following deliverables are part of Mandatory Programs and Services (Category 1) and Other Programs and Services (Category 3).

Education and Outreach

- Attract 900 attendees to the Kawartha Fall Fest event
- Engage 350 children in educational sessions throughout the year
- Successfully launch the Neon Nights Glow-in-the-Dark Disc Golf event
- Host 10 guided summer hikes to connect participants with nature
- Facilitate 5 corporate forest therapy walks to promote wellness and team building
- Organize 7 community forest therapy walks to enhance public engagement and mental health

2025 cont.

Conservation Areas

- Undertake a road improvement study for Ken Reid Conservation area to improve access to green space and address ongoing road maintenance issues
- Install upgraded trail signage at Windy Ridge Conservation Area
- Infrastructure improvements on trails including foot bridges and re-routing degraded trails
- Anticipate welcoming 50,000 visits to our conservation areas in 2025
- Conduct invasive species management at Ken Reid Conservation Area

Durham East Cross Forest

- Signage update on trails
- Habitat restoration in the sand dune area including invasive species control and tree planting

Fleetwood Creek Natural Area

- Invasive species management for Dog Strangling vine across the east and west trails

Key Deliverables Special Projects:

The following deliverables are part of Municipal Programs and Services (Category 2).

Durham Region Lake Management Implementation Stewardship

- Award \$20,000 in landowner and community grants
- Management and maintenance of the bioswale demonstration site in Port Perry
- Implement the second year of the Invasive species control measures on 712 square meters for Japanese Knotweed in Port Perry



2025 cont.

Joint Project – Forestry and Tree Planting Stewardship

- 67,500 trees anticipated to be planted across the watershed
- Raise over \$220,000 in grants and self-generating revenues
- Sequester an estimated 395 tonnes of carbon sequestered through tree planting in 2025

CKL Lake Management Implementation Stewardship

- Award \$70,000 in landowner and community grants
- Engage 3,000 community members through site visits and presentations
- Restore 500 m of stream bank
- 5,000 native plants sold for restoration projects
- Leverage \$55,000 to support agricultural stewardship projects through matching grant dollars
- Leverage \$39,500 to support urban LID project implementation through matching grant dollars



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Conservation Areas and Lands
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 272,400	\$ 295,300	\$ 22,900
Employment Grants	20,000	20,000	-
Reserve Funds	11,250	12,850	1,600
Self Generated Revenues	53,000	49,000	(4,000)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 356,650	\$ 377,150	\$ 20,500

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 276,400	\$ 286,000	\$ 9,600
Advertising and Communications	5,500	6,000	500
Equipment	12,000	7,400	(4,600)
Infrastructure maintenance and repairs	6,350	13,850	7,500
Professional Development & Training	1,500	1,500	-
Property Taxes	2,100	2,600	500
Road and parking lot maintenance	26,500	28,500	2,000
Supplies and materials	18,300	21,100	2,800
Travel	2,900	5,100	2,200
Utilities	5,100	5,100	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 356,650	\$ 377,150	\$ 20,500

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Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area
Category 1
Apportionment Method: Agreement Method (Region of Durham)

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 105,750	\$ 108,300	\$ 2,550
Municipal Levy, Category 1, Deferred	26,910	26,400	(510)
Federal Grants	51,150	78,300	27,150
Self Generated Revenues	-	300	300

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 183,810	\$ 213,300	\$ 29,490
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EXPENDITURES

Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 103,600	\$ 100,100	\$ (3,500)
Advertising and Communications	500	1,100	600
Contracted services	7,000	21,000	14,000
Equipment	3,600	6,400	2,800
Infrastructure maintenance and repairs	15,000	12,000	(3,000)
Professional Development & Training	1,000	3,000	2,000
Property Taxes	6,000	6,000	-
Road and parking lot maintenance	-	3,000	3,000
Supplies and materials	27,360	37,300	9,940
Travel	2,450	3,400	950
Utilities	600	600	-
Program administration	16,700	19,400	2,700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 183,810	\$ 213,300	\$ 29,490
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Conservation Education and Community Outreach
Category 3
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 3	\$ 43,750	\$ 13,850	\$ (29,900)
Self Generated Revenues	113,850	117,800	3,950
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 157,600	\$ 131,650	\$ (25,950)
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 63,300	\$ 65,900	\$ 2,600
Advertising and Communications	1,800	1,950	150
Equipment	1,500	1,500	-
Professional services	58,100	31,700	(26,400)
Supplies and materials	18,200	18,100	(100)
Travel	400	500	100
Program administration	14,300	12,000	(2,300)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 157,600	\$ 131,650	\$ (25,950)

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Fleetwood Creek Natural Area
Category 3
Apportionment Method: N/A

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Self Generated Revenues	\$ 8,850	\$ 8,850	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,850	\$ 8,850	\$ -
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 7,600	\$ 7,600	\$ -
Equipment	150	150	-
Travel	300	300	-
Program administration	800	800	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,850	\$ 8,850	\$ -

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Habitat Compensation Program
Category 3
Apportionment Method: N/A

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Self Generated Revenues	\$ 8,550	\$ 9,300	\$ 750
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 8,550	\$ 9,300	\$ 750
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 4,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,600
Equipment	-	500	500
Supplies and materials	50	180	130
Travel	250	420	170
Program administration	700	1,200	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,400	\$ 9,300	\$ 3,900

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**City of Kawartha Lakes Lake Management Implementation, Stewardship
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Benefits Based**

Stewardship	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ 265,000	\$ 236,060	\$ (28,940)
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	26,875	58,690	31,815
Other Grants	34,325	39,500	5,175
Self Generated Revenues	16,000	17,000	1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 342,200	\$ 351,250	\$ 9,050
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 181,000	\$ 147,900	\$ (33,100)
Advertising and Communications	7,400	2,400	(5,000)
Contracted services	25,000	70,000	45,000
Cost of sales	14,000	15,000	1,000
Equipment	50	50	-
Landowner Grants	70,000	70,000	-
Supplies and materials	9,700	9,300	(400)
Travel	3,950	4,700	750
Program administration	31,100	31,900	800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 342,200	\$ 351,250	\$ 9,050

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Joint Project Forestry and Tree Planting Stewardship
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Agreement Method (CKL & Durham)

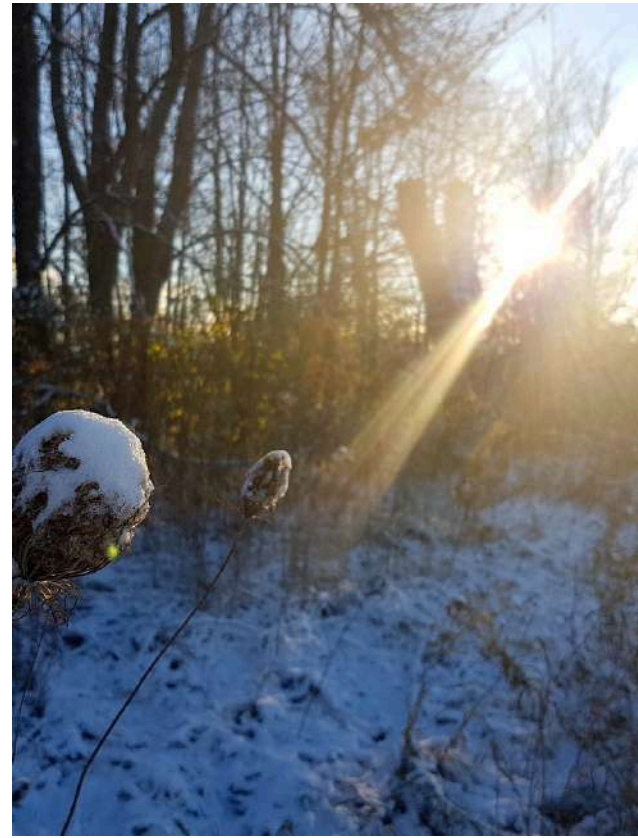
	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ 6,000	\$ 73,350	\$ 67,350
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	81,000	-	(81,000)
Municipal Agreement	9,000	18,000	9,000
Other Grants	71,500	134,500	63,000
Self Generated Revenues	67,500	65,000	(2,500)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 235,000	\$ 290,850	\$ 55,850

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 90,200	\$ 93,300	\$ 3,100
Advertising and Communications	3,100	3,250	150
Contracted services	44,800	82,000	37,200
Cost of sales	28,000	28,000	-
Supplies and materials	44,500	54,900	10,400
Travel	3,000	3,000	-
Program administration	21,400	26,400	5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 235,000	\$ 290,850	\$ 55,850

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2025 Budget

Region of Durham Lake Management Implementation, Stewardship
Category 2
Apportionment Method: Benefits Based

Stewardship	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 2	\$ 61,100	\$ 62,400	\$ 1,300
Municipal Levy, Category 2, Deferred	5,250	-	(5,250)
Municipal Agreement	-	6,450	6,450
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 66,350	\$ 68,850	\$ 2,500
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 37,100	\$ 38,500	\$ 1,400
Advertising and Communications	1,000	1,000	-
Landowner Grants	20,000	20,000	-
Professional Development & Training	-	500	500
Supplies and materials	1,500	1,800	300
Travel	750	750	-
Program administration	6,000	6,300	300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 66,350	\$ 68,850	\$ 2,500



Corporate Services

The Corporate Services department is the foundation of Kawartha Conservation, providing essential support to ensure the organization operates effectively and efficiently. From managing infrastructure and technology to overseeing financial systems and governance, the team plays a critical role in enabling the success of programs and services across all departments. By prioritizing innovation, resilience, and sustainability, Corporate Services ensures that the organization remains adaptable to changing needs while maintaining a commitment to fiscal responsibility and operational excellence. Their work supports a thriving, future-focused organization that serves the watershed and its communities.

2024 Highlights

The following programs and services are essential general expenses required to run the organization, support its offerings, and highlight successes achieved in the past year.

- Launched a new, more customer-focused website
- Set up secure backups for Microsoft 365 to protect against cyber threats and ensure quick recovery from ransomware attacks.
- Reviewed and improved internal processes, including onboarding/offboarding procedures and accessibility guidelines for documents.
- Updated the Board's hearing guidelines for permit approvals to align with recent legislative changes.
- Refined quarterly financial statements to align with new legislative frameworks and improve monitoring of budget categories.

A Look Ahead to 2025

In 2025, the Corporate Services department envisions a streamlined, innovative, and resilient organization that supports the delivery of exceptional programs and services. By prioritizing infrastructure upgrades, enhancing cybersecurity, and improving operational efficiency, the department will ensure that Kawartha Conservation remains adaptable to evolving needs. Through strategic investments in technology, facilities, and processes, Corporate Services will empower staff, strengthen organizational capacity, and maintain a commitment to sustainability and fiscal responsibility.

Key Deliverables:

The following deliverables are part of general expenses required to run the organization, and benefit the programs and services offered by the organization.

- Refine financial reporting and governance processes to ensure accuracy, transparency, and alignment with legislative requirements.
- Implement the first phase of the 10-year Asset Management Plan to ensure long-term sustainability of critical infrastructure.
- Enhance cybersecurity measures, including expanded backup systems and ransomware recovery protocols, to safeguard organizational data and operations.
- Upgrade IT systems to improve efficiency and support seamless access to resources for staff and stakeholders.
- Deliver professional development opportunities for staff to enhance skills and maintain high standards of service delivery.
- Complete the walkway rehabilitation and sidewalk repairs at the administration building to improve safety and accessibility for staff and visitors.

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Corporate Services
General Operating
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Municipal Levy, Category 1	\$ 818,718	\$ 876,000	\$ 57,282
Interest income	75,000	70,000	(5,000)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 893,718	\$ 946,000	\$ 52,282

EXPENDITURES			
Salaries, wages & benefits	\$ 750,600	\$ 798,100	\$ 47,500
Administration and Overhead (<i>Schedule A</i>)	254,950	254,350	(600)
Advertising and Communications	1,500	1,500	-
Board of Directors & Governance	7,050	7,050	-
Professional Development & Training	6,500	6,500	-
Professional services	20,000	10,000	(10,000)
Supplies and materials	24,800	30,300	5,500
Travel	958	1,000	42
Program administration, cost recovery	(172,640)	(162,800)	9,840
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 893,718	\$ 946,000	\$ 52,282

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Schedule A General Administration and Overhead
General Operating
Apportionment Method: Modified Current Value Assessment

	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
EXPENDITURES			
Administration building utilities	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -
Administration building maintenance	32,500	33,500	1,000
Office equipment leases and maintenance	3,000	3,000	-
Telephone & internet	14,200	14,200	-
Audit & legal	33,750	35,300	1,550
Banking & administration fees	4,700	3,600	(1,100)
Insurance	58,000	60,000	2,000
Website hosting, licenses, ecommerce	11,500	9,000	(2,500)
Conservation Ontario membership	25,500	26,300	800
Information Technology & Corporate Software	45,000	45,000	-
Human Resources & Safety	13,800	11,450	(2,350)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 254,950	\$ 254,350	\$ (600)



General Benefitting Projects

The General Benefitting Projects section of the 2025 budget outlines initiatives that provide broad value across all participating municipalities, supported through a levy apportioned by the Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA) method. These projects align with Kawartha Conservation's strategic goals and long-term sustainability objectives.

General Benefitting Projects

2025 Project Highlights

Climate Change Strategy (Year 1 of 10)

Budget: \$15,000

This new initiative begins the implementation of a 10-year Climate Change Strategy to address environmental challenges and enhance community resilience from our contributions.

Project	Category	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
Climate Change Strategy (Year 1/10)	Mandatory P&S	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

Environmental Monitoring Strategy Implementation (Year 3 of 10)

Budget: \$25,000

Continuing the phased rollout of the Environmental Monitoring Strategy, this initiative supports critical data collection and analysis to guide decision-making for natural hazard management and watershed health.

Project	Category	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
Environmental Monitoring Strategy Implementation (Year 3/10)	Other P&S	25,000	25,000	-

Asset Management Plan Implementation (Year 1 of 10)

Budget: \$25,600

Initiating the first phase of a long-term Asset Management Plan, this initiative establishes a foundation for sustainable funding and consistent levy contributions, ensuring Kawartha Conservation's infrastructure and resources are effectively managed for the future.

Project	Category	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
Asset Management Plan Implementation (Year 1/10)	Mandatory P&S	-	25,600	25,600

Key Changes

The Digitization of Corporate Records project, funded at \$15,000 in 2024, has been completed and removed from the 2025 budget.

The total budget for General Benefitting Projects increased from \$40,000 in 2024 to \$65,600 in 2025, reflecting new priorities and ongoing strategic commitments.

Municipal Contributions (2025 Levy Apportionment)

City of Kawartha Lakes: \$38,770 (59.1%)

Region of Durham: \$23,822 (36.3%)

Municipality of Trent Lakes: \$2,756 (4.2%)

Township of Cavan Monaghan: \$252 (0.4%)

These contributions support projects that enhance shared environmental stewardship, infrastructure management, and community well-being, ensuring equitable distribution of costs among participating municipalities.



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General Benefitting Projects
Apportionment Method: MCVA

Project	Category	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget Variance
Digitization of Corporate Records	Mandatory P&S	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ (15,000)
Climate Change Strategy (Year 1/10)	Mandatory P&S	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Environmental Monitoring Strategy Implementation (Year 3/10)	Other P&S	25,000	25,000	-
Asset Management Plan Implementation (Year 1/10)	Mandatory P&S	-	25,600	25,600
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 40,000	\$ 65,600	\$ -

Municipality	2025 MCVA Apportionment	2024 Levy	2025 Levy	Variance
City of Kawartha Lakes	59.1002	\$ 23,646	\$ 38,770	\$ 15,123
Region of Durham	36.314	14,523	23,822	9,299
Municipality of Trent Lakes	4.2016	1,676	2,756	1,080
Township of Cavan Monaghan	0.3841	154	252	98
Total	100	\$ 40,000	\$ 65,600	\$ 25,600

2025 Capital Projects

Explanatory Note: Capital Budget Funding

The Capital Budget for 2025 is fully funded through reserves. These reserves are funds that have been specifically set aside in previous years to support long-term investments and organizational needs.

2025 Project Highlights

Walkway Rehabilitation and Sidewalk Repair

Budget: \$10,000

The gravel walkway from the parking lot to the administration building has become overgrown and unsafe, requiring rehabilitation to ensure safe public access and redirect foot traffic away from the roadway. Repairs are also needed for the concrete walkway, where freeze-thaw cycles have created tripping hazards.

Ken Reid Road Study

Budget: \$15,000

The roadway into our flagship Conservation Area and Administration building is degrading rapidly, requiring frequent and increasingly unsustainable maintenance. A geotechnical evaluation is needed to determine solutions to address this issue. This project is a continuation from 2024.

UTV Vehicle

Budget: \$25,000

The current Utility Task Vehicle (UTV), used for essential off-road tasks and transportation, is aging and requires replacement. Maintenance costs to keep it operational are rising exponentially, making replacement a more cost-effective solution.

Fencing - New Property Acquisition

Budget: \$60,000

Kawartha Conservation has acquired land through a 2024 donation, as directed by the Board of Directors. To define the boundaries with neighboring properties, approximately 2,500 feet of perimeter fencing is needed.

DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES

Location

Virtual

Date & Time

February 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Durham Nuclear Health Committee was held on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.

Comments and questions from members of the public observing the meeting can be emailed to dnhc@durham.ca.

Attendance

Members

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) (Chair)
Anthony DiPietro, DRHD
David Keene, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Philip Dunn, MECP
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)
Loc Nguyen, OPG
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member
Veena Lalman, Public Member
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Public Member
Susan Ebata, Public Member
Jane Snyder, Public Member
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member
Bill Rattan, Alternate Public Member

Presenters & Staff

Dianne San Juan, DRHD (Secretary)
Helen Tanevski, DRHD
Roger Inacio, Region of Durham, IT- Service Delivery
Mary LaChapelle, Durham Emergency Management (DEM)
Paulo Correia, DRHD
Ghulam Khawaja, OPG
Aditi Bhardwaj, OPG
Lindsay Hamilton, OPG

Regrets

Caitlyn Paget, DRHD
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University (OTU)
Hardev Bains, Public Member
Dr. Seewoosunkur Gopaul, Public Member

Madisen Wood, Youth Public Member
Madison Kidd, Youth Public Member

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement by Dr. Kyle.

Dr. Kyle mentioned that observers who have questions concerning presentations should email or discuss their requests with Dianne San Juan, DNHC Secretary, at dnhc@durham.ca.

Dianne will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the observers' questions. Dianne will report back to Dr. Kyle the outcomes of the questions received.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 29, 2024 meeting were adopted as written.

3. Correspondence

There has been no correspondence received by Dr. Robert Kyle's office since the last DNHC meeting.

4. Presentations

All meeting presentations will be made available on the [Council and Committee Meetings Calendar](#). PDF files for each presentation can be accessed using the agenda HTML link and a video recording of the meeting can be viewed using the webstreaming link that will be provided approximately two weeks after this meeting date.

4.1 Durham Emergency Management (DEM) Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Program Update

Presented by Mary La Chapelle, Acting Deputy Director, DEM

Highlights of the presentation

- Overview of nuclear program activities, including: nuclear plans, training, exercises and drills, committees and working groups, and public education and alerting
- Nuclear Emergency Support Function for Emergency Worker Centres and Regional Traffic Management Centre (draft) discussed

- Training: Emergency Management Certificate for completion of EM100, EM200, EM300 and Certificate for Emergency Workers for completion of Radiation Basics and Emergency Workers Centre training discussed
- Launched new Nuclear Emergency Preparedness guides and continue to encourage residents to order At the Ready guides
- Public alerting campaign for those within 10 km of the Darlington and Pickering nuclear generating stations (NGS) to improve awareness of the testing and where to obtain more information; took place on October 29-30, 2024; involves indoor (phone calls) and outdoor alerting (sirens)
- 2025 priorities include:
 - Annual review and revision of the Durham Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (DNERP)
 - Implement any changes related to the updated Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP)
 - Participation in the Ministry of Transportation-led evacuation planning subcommittee and develop site-specific plans for Pickering and Darlington
 - Deliver training to Regional staff and other organizations that may have to respond to a nuclear radiological emergency
 - Updating Nuclear Public Education Plan, in collaboration with City of Toronto and OPG
- More information and reports are available at durham.ca/nuclearpreparedness

Questions

Dr. Kyle: Do you have any insight as to the status of the revised PNERP?

Mary La Chapelle: DEM was given a short window to provide comments on the revised PNERP and has not heard further

Dr. Kyle: Would it be reasonable to expect we would have a revised PNERP for the upcoming exercise in the fall?

Mary La Chapelle: As long as the PNERP is received with sufficient time to implement in our DNERP, we would want to exercise that.

Loc Nguyen: Who can take the training and is there a fee (courses DEM provides for emergency workers or workers participating in command centre, etc.)?

Mary La Chapelle: The training discussed during this presentation is for the Regional control group and staff responding in the emergency operations centre (staff that will be responding in the unlikely event of a nuclear incident and facilitating the Regional response).

Jane Snyder: Does IHSA (safety organization) work with your team for businesses to be aware of your emergency training? Any comments about making emergency training available for businesses?

Mary La Chapelle: A general emergency preparedness course for the public has been developed and available upon request. It is about a 2-hour presentation. If interested, please email the DEM office.

Dr. Kyle: DNHC can also help facilitate this, please email DNHC@durham.ca.

Deborah Kryhul: Regarding the 3-part training, did all individuals complete the first portion?
Mary La Chapelle: All 125 individuals completed the 3 courses in 2024.

4.2 Potassium Iodide (KI) Tablet Distribution Program Update

Presented by Paulo Correia, Manager, Health Protection Division, Durham Region Health Department

Highlights of the presentation

- Provided an overview of KI tablet program and how it works
- What is KI and how does it help protect human health in the unlikely event of a radioactive release at a nuclear generating station: KI fills the thyroid with stable iodine which prevents the uptake of radioactive molecules to decrease the risk of thyroid cancer
- Instruction for taking KI tablets will come from the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, in conjunction with the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre and the local Medical Officer of Health
- Discussed requirements for KI tablets to be available for those in the detailed planning zone (DPZ) (within 10 km of a nuclear generating station (NGS)) and ingestion planning zone (IPZ) (within 50 km of a NGS)
- In the DPZ, over 200,000 KI tablet packages mailed to residents within Pickering NGS (PNGS) and Darlington NGS (DNGS)
- Able to order KI tablets through [PrepareToBeSafe.ca](https://www.preparetobesafe.ca) or obtain from a designated pharmacy if within 50 km; will need to enter postal code to determine if eligible
- Health Department also distributes KI tablets to first responders and institutions – current supply will expire in 2029
- KI public awareness campaigns in January, May and September discussed; May campaign is the largest of these campaigns and coincides with Emergency Preparedness Week; targets residents and businesses in DPZ and IPZ
- Durham Health Connection Line – staffed by experienced public health inspectors knowledgeable in KI and its distribution, and can assist the public with ordering KI tablets when requested
- For more information, please go to: durham.ca/KI

Questions

Deborah Kryhul: The KI distributed to 200,00 households in 2015 will be expiring in 2025. Are they going to be remailed or are households required to request them?

Paulo Correia: We are currently working with OPG and planning for redistribution.

Susan Ebata: Does this program supply schools and daycares?

Paulo Correia: Schools and daycares are part of the institutions that we support; we provide all institutions within 50 with KI tablets; we also provide childcare centres with a newsletter (e.g., [WeeCareFallWinter2024](#)), where we share information, including KI updates.

4.3 Progress Report by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2024 and its Plans for 2025 in Durham Region

Presented by Ghulam Khawaja, Senior Manager, Emergency Preparedness, OPG

Highlights of the presentation

- Enterprise Emergency Management (EEM) mandate and regulatory requirements discussed; they ensure that OPG is ready to respond to any nuclear emergency by practicing their ability to respond through drills and exercises throughout the year
- Nuclear emergency preparedness incorporates over 1200 OPG staff who are also trained and drilled as emergency response officers
- Ontario's nuclear emergency framework discussed; PNERP briefly discussed
- Actions the province can take in the event of a nuclear emergency discussed, such as different alert types and orders (sheltering in place, evacuations, ingestion of KI pills, and ingestion control measures)
- Public notification through different means, such as Alert Ready, outdoor sirens, radio, TV, and social media discussed
- OPG's tiered response structure, including site management centres and Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) discussed
- At a minimum, OPG executes 10 drills annually to evaluate every duty response team at DNGS and PNGS
- Every 3 years, each at Darlington and Pickering, a full-scale inter-operability exercise is completed involving regional and provincial authorities
- 2024 accomplishments and 2025 priorities, including drill and exercise schedule discussed
- Visit opg.com/nuclearsafety for general information on nuclear safety
- Visit youtu.be/PGTgxXAJSpS for a brief summary of an OPG nuclear emergency exercise

Questions

There were no questions received during the meeting.

4.4 Darlington Relicensing Update

Presented by Aditi Bhardwaj, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, OPG

Highlights of the presentation

- Power reactor operating licence (PROL) granted by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is set to expire this year
- Darlington submitted a licence renewal application in May 2024
- March 26, 2025: Part 1 license renewal hearing (virtual – technical review, CNSC only)

- May 8, 2025 deadline for intervenor submissions
- June 24-26, 2025: Part 2 license renewal hearing (in-person – CNSC and intervenors)
- OPG is requesting a 30-year license period and proposing a Periodic Safety Review every 10 years
- Darlington is completing the fourth and final refurbishment of their units - major component replacements and system upgrades ensure safe and reliable operations
- Annual CNSC Regulatory Oversight meetings – reporting, enforcement and regular assessment of compliance and performance
- Darlington Relicensing process workshops
 - Monday, March 17: Stakeholder Workshops
 - Thursday, March 20: Public Information Session (Virtual at 6:30 p.m.)
 - Thursday, April 3: Public Information Session (6:30 p.m. at the Darlington Information Centre)
 - Stop in at our Public Information Centre: open Monday-Friday (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
 - Give us a call: 905-623-7272/Toll Free: 1-800-461-0034
 - Visit us at one of many upcoming community events: across Durham Region (opg.com/durham)
 - Visit our website (opg.com): to learn more about Darlington’s application
 - Visit the CNSC website: to learn about the CNSC public hearing process (cnscccsn.gc.ca)

Questions

Dr. Kyle: In Europe, are there periodic check-ins with the Commission, where intervenors would have opportunities to comment on performance? What happens over the 30 years, in terms of oversight and public input, if the 30-year licence is approved?

Aditi Bhardwaj: In France and Romania, their plants do not have a fixed licence; they look at periodic safety reviews every 5 or 10 years. Periodic Safety Reviews are required to be submitted by utilities to their regulators. In Canada, the annual CNSC regulatory oversight review meetings can incorporate intervenor submissions, and the deadline for submission for this is 6 months prior to the meeting. The CNSC reviews all the submissions and poses these questions to the utilities.

Dr. Kyle: If a committee member wants to attend or participate in any of these relicensing events, visit OPG.com/durham for more information.

Aditi Bhardwaj: OPG is happy to answer any further questions from committee members and can send an email directly to OPG or visit one of the stakeholder workshops.

5. Communications

5.1 Community Updates at Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear

Lindsay Hamilton, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Projects, Corporate Affairs, OPG, provided community updates for Pickering and Darlington NGS:

- Community engagement activities discussed such as the DRPS Food and Toy Drive
- Electrifying Education program – visited schools across the Region of Durham and will continue the program into 2025
- Bring Back the Salmon program aims to restore Atlantic Salmon to Lake Ontario and educate students on the Atlantic Salmon
- March Break Blitz – March 10-14 – various free programs, more information on opg.com
- Neighbors Newsletter will be distributed in March
- Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) – license to construct hearing concluded in January 2025; update to be provided to DNHC once CNSC come to a decision

6. Other Business

1) Dates for the remaining 2025 DNHC meetings are as follows:

- April 25, 2025, 1:00 PM
- June 20, 2025, 1:00 PM
- September 26, 2025, 1:00 PM
- November 28, 2025, 1:00 PM

Meetings will continue to be held virtually via the TEAMS platform and available for the general public to observe via livestream at www.durham.video.

2) The Terms of Reference for the Durham Nuclear Health Committee is undergoing review by our committee members. An updated Terms of Reference will be uploaded on our website durham.ca/DNHC at the conclusion of this review.

3) Reminders:

- All meeting presentations will be made available on the Regional Council and Committee Meetings Calendar. This can be navigated to via the “DNHC meetings, agendas, presentations and minutes” tab on our webpage durham.ca/dnhc. A video recording of meetings can also be viewed using the webstreaming link in the Regional calendar. The presentation files for this meeting will be made available approximately two weeks after this meeting.

7. Next Meeting

Date & Time

April 25, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Virtual via Teams

8. Adjournment

2:10 PM

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 11, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: B. Hulshof, Uxbridge
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture
M. Somerville, Member at Large
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor

Staff

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Growing Agri-Food Durham Annual Update – Lori Talling & Allison de Vos, Invest Durham

Lori Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, and Allison de Vos, Program Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Growing Agri-Food Durham Annual Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Goal Areas
 - Goal 1: Retain and expand local food businesses
 - Goal 2: Streamline the regulation and approval process for agri-food businesses
 - Goal 3: Enable and encourage agriculture related and on-farm diversified uses related to agriculture
 - Goal 4: Advocate for infrastructure support
 - Goal 5: Support businesses to increase agri-food processing capacity
 - Goal 6: Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food sector
 - Goal 7: Provide resources for aging and young farmers
 - Goal 8: Partner with agriculture organizations to deliver and expand agriculture literacy in the Region
 - Goal 9: Enable a culture of innovation in agriculture and food
 - Goal 10: Enhance urban agriculture
- Annual Reporting and 2025 Priorities

L. Talling and A. de Vos responded to questions with regards to whether Windcrest Meat Packers processes meat; any prospects for abattoirs opening in Durham Region; whether a small abattoir could be considered as an on-farm diversified use (OFDU); the possibility of high schools taking part in the Durham Agriculture Leadership Program; the status of the North Durham Agriculture-Related and On Farm Diversified Uses Project; the timeline for the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan; the potential challenging of managing the 10 goals as

outlined in the presentation; the definition of a local food business within Goal 1 and whether they have to sell an end-use product; how data is being collected from farms; and whether in-person Business Count data collection for farms will reconvene.

Discussion ensued with regards to the need for more abattoirs in Durham Region; keeping abattoirs open with consistent customers; opening up the Durham Agriculture Leadership Program to the southern municipalities; the progress on the application toolkit and planner toolkit for the North Durham Agriculture-Related and On Farm Diversified Uses Project; farm numbers declining in Durham Region; data being collected through the agriculture census; and collecting data from Agricorp.

In response to a question from Z. Cohoon on how the Committee could assist with delivering on the goals of the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan , A. de Vos advised the Committee's advocacy support and feedback has been a great help and asked the Committee to continue to do so.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

A. De Vos reminded Committee members that there is still an opportunity to sign up for the remaining three Durham Agriculture Leadership Program modules.

B) Enabling Agricultural Related Uses & On Farm Diversified Uses Update

A. De Vos advised there is no further update at this time (current status was provided under the Growing Agri-Food Durham annual update).

C) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

T. Barrie provided the following update:

- There were two new members appointed to the Clarington Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- Darryl Lyons, Deputy CAO, Planning and Infrastructure Services, David Speed, Director of Emergency and Fire Services, and Matt Muirhead, Fire Prevention Officer, were in attendance at the January 9, 2024 meeting to answer questions with regards to migrant worker housing.
- A subcommittee was formed to investigate migrant worker housing issues in Clarington.

Discussion ensued with regards to issues around migrant worker housing throughout Durham Region.

D) Durham Farm Fresh Update

J. McKay provided the following update:

- The Annual General Meeting had a small turnout.
- The new website for Durham Farm Fresh will be going live soon.
- Long term board members Rob Alexander and Garry Geissberger have both stepped down from the Board of Directors.
- The Durham Farm Fresh brochures will be going out soon and more were printed this year compared to last year.
- There are now 20 weeks of Durham Farm Fresh radio advertisements being broadcasted with paid farmers.

E) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

M. Scott advised that there has been no Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance meeting since DAAC last met.

F) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

M. Shiers was not in attendance to provide the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update.

G) 2025 DAAC Area Municipality Outreach

M. Scott encouraged Committee members to be aware of Official Plan reviews being conducted at their lower tier municipalities. M. Scott provided a brief overview of the Official Plan reviews that have begun.

M. Scott responded to questions with regards to future plans for the lands that were previously designated for an airport in the City of Pickering; and the shift in responsibility from the Region of Durham to the lower tier municipalities with respect to excess dwelling severances.

Discussion ensued with regards to providing agricultural input for the previously designated airport lands in Pickering; potential opportunities for the land in Pickering; and potential difficulties for the Northern municipalities having different planners and policies to conform to.

M. Scott also provided a brief overview of the draft presentation that is to be provided to each lower tier municipality by Committee members.

Discussion ensued on the presentation with regards to providing numbers based on Durham Region as a whole rather than each individual municipality; focusing the presentation to each municipality's local issues and how the Committee can

help the municipalities; and including information about using the Committee as a resource.

H) 2025 DAAC Farm Tour Discussion

D. Risebrough advised that the 2025 DAAC Farm Tour will be taking place on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at the Kabota Warehouse and will focused on equipment supply source and education for technicians.

6. Information Items

A) #2025-COW-2 – Durham Region’s 2025-2035 Strategic Plan

A copy of Commissioner’s Report #2025-COW-2 of the Chief Administrative Officer was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda and received.

B) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness News Release – Ontario Increasing Support for Farmers

A link to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness News Release – Ontario Increasing Support for Farmers was provided as Attachment #3 to the agenda and received.

C) Council Correspondence – Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan

Correspondence from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk regarding Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan was provided as Attachment #4 to the agenda and received.

D) Appointment to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee

Memorandum from Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services and Regional Clerk regarding Appointment to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was provided as Attachment #5 to the agenda and received.

E) #2025-EDT-3 – Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan Annual Report

A copy of Commissioner’s Report #2025-EDT-3 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development was provided as Attachment #6 to the agenda and received.

F) New Release: Minister of Transport announces the Pickering Lands will not be used for a future airport site

A link to the news release: Minister of Transport announces the Pickering Lands will not be used for a future airport site was provided as Attachment #7 to the agenda and received.

7. Other Business

A) Mighty Harvest

N. Guthrie encouraged Committee members to visit D. Stevenson's vertical farm, Mighty Harvest, and take a tour of the facility.

B) Free Family Day Skate

N. Guthrie advised the Brooklin Spring Fair Association is sponsoring a free Family Day skate on Sunday, February 16 from 2:30-4:30 PM at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena.

C) Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association

T. Barrie advised that Jason Mauck from Pennsylvania will be attending the April 4, 2025 Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association meeting.

D) Introduction to Mental Health in Agriculture

In response to a question from D. Risebrough, M. Scott advised he would reach out to Agriculture Wellness Ontario regarding a workshop for Committee members that are interested.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:26 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: B. Basztyk, Brock
G. Carpentier, Scugog, Second Vice-Chair
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
K. Murray, Clarington, attended the meeting at 7:26 PM
M. Nasir, Ajax
Councillor Shahid, attended the meeting at 7:21 PM
B. Widner, Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student
J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa

Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Senior Planner, Integrated Growth Management & Policy,
Community Growth & Economic Development Department
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
N. Halim, Policy Advisor, Climate Change, Community Growth & Economic
Development Department
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
***all staff members participated electronically**

In the absence of J. Cuthbertson, Chair, G. Carpentier, Second Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the agenda for the February 20, 2025, 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 B. Baszyk, Seconded by K. Lui,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

A) Oswald Sharpe, Reducing Carbon Pollution

Oswald Sharpe was not in attendance when called upon for their delegation.

B) Jeanette Miller, Cost of Climate Mitigation

Jeanette Miller appeared before the Committee with respect to the cost of climate mitigation.

J. Miller stated that climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific. She stated that scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of their policy measures.

J. Miller referenced information shared on the Climate Intelligence (CLINTEL) and Canadians for Sensible Climate Policy websites in their delegation.

6. Presentations

A) Erin Kerr, Terrestrial Biologist, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Presenting on the Durham Region Phragmites Management Area Working Group

Erin Kerr, Terrestrial Biologist, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Durham Region's Phragmites Management Area Working Group (PMAWG).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- About Phragmites
- Economic Impact of Phragmites
- Invasive Phragmites Control Fund
- Ontario Phragmites Action (OPA) Program
- Purpose of OPA
- Phragmites Management Areas (PMA)

- Durham Region PMAWG
- First Durham Region PMAWG Meeting
- Where to Next?

E. Kerr responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether any post-secondary institutions represent PMAWG; if PMAWG would consider collaborating with secondary schools and clubs to assist in controlling phragmites; whether they have considered collaborating with the Township of Scugog; and if timing of phragmite control is considered to avoid disturbing the habitats of other wildlife in the area.

7. Items for Discussion

A) District Energy Update

N. Halim, Policy Advisor, Climate Change, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to District Energy Update.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Courtice District Energy System (DES) – Updates
- Ajax Downtown Area De-Feasibility Study
- Pickering City Centre De-Feasibility Study
- Durham District Energy and Heat Master Plan

B) Youth Member Recruitment Update

A. Bathe provided the Committee with an update on the recruitment of a youth member for the DECAC.

A. Bathe advised the Committee that once the successful candidate has been endorsed by the Community Growth and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council, they will be invited to join DECAC.

C) Appoint New DECAC Representative on Friends of Second Marsh Board

Discussion ensued regarding the background of the Friends of Second Marsh organization.

A. Bathe advised the Committee that if they are interested in serving as a representative on the Friends of the Second Marsh Board, to reach out to receive more information about the role's responsibilities.

D) Establish 2025 Environmental Achievement Awards Subcommittee

A. Bathe advised that the Environmental Achievement Awards Subcommittee is looking for representatives from DECAC.

It was the consensus of the Committee that K. Lui, K. Murray, and B. Widner join the 2025 Environmental Achievement Awards Subcommittee.

E) DECAC 2025 Webinar Series

In the absence of J. Cuthbertson, it was the consensus of the Committee to defer Item 7. E) DECAC 2025 Webinar Series to the March 20, 2025, DECAC meeting.

F) Call for DECAC Volunteers for Spring Seed Giveaway Events

A. Bathe updated the Committee on the progress of the seed packages and the scheduled dates for the Spring Seed Giveaway Events.

Discussion ensued with regards to the Committee providing their availability for assisting with events.

8. For Information

A) Report #2025-INFO-01: Regional Staff Comments in Response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-9209, Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park Preliminary Management Plan

A copy of Report #2025-INFO-01 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development was received.

B) Durham Region Wins FCM 2024 Sustainable Communities Award

A copy of the announcement regarding Durham Region winning the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2024 Sustainable Communities Award was received.

C) Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impact of Solar Ultraviolet Radiation

A copy of the Climate Change and Health in Durham Region: Assessing the Impact of Solar Ultraviolet Radiation document was received.

D) Durham Active Transportation Committee Seeking Township of Scugog Representative – Public Service Announcement

A link to the Durham Active Transportation Committee Seeking Township of Scugog Representative public service announcement was received.

E) Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the January 14, 2025, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by K. Murray,
That Information Items 8. A) to 8. E) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

A) Update on Climate Change Round Table

G. Carpentier requested that J. Cuthbertson present a brief overview of the Climate Change round table he attended on February 20, 2025, at the March 20, 2025 DECAC meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on March 20, 2025, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

G. Carpentier, Second Vice-Chair, Durham
Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk