



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, March 28, 2025

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**Resolution of Council  
City Council Meeting**

**Title:** Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding  
**Date:** February 24, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved:**


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

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.  
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk



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**Resolution of Council  
City Council Meeting**

**Title:** Tariff Motion  
**Date:** February 24, 2025

**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 Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and 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, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement 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 equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and**

**Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.**

**Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and 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.**

And that the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;

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
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.

  
John Kennedy, City Clerk





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**Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier**  
**Councillors:**  
 Mark Bell  
 Michael Moore  
 Chris Olmstead  
 Connie Tabbert  
 Joey Trimm

## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount**

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.**

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

P.O. Box 40,  
44 Main Street  
Cobden, ON  
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Sincerely,

Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

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- Mayor Neil Nicholson**  
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## Certified True Copy

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

**Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program**

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support 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 Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

(613) 646-2282



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

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February 20, 2025

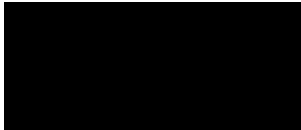
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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



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**

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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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**TOWNSHIP OF JOLY**

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 Tel: 705-384-5428

March 11, 2025

**RESOLUTION** 

**Resolution # 2025-0077**

**Agenda Item # 5.1 Blood Collection - No paid Plasma**

**Moved By :** Bill Black

**Seconded By :** Tom Bryson

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby, supports Member Motion Item 23.1 by Toronto and the City of Hamilton Public Health Committee Report 24-005 (June 3, 2024).

**WHEREAS** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly expresses its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies.

**AND FURTHER** Direct the Clerk to forward this resolution to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

**Carried**

**Original Copy Signed  
 Mayor  
 Township of Joly**



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**  
**P.O. BOX 99**  
**VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**  
**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 # 80/2025  
DATE : March 11, 2025

**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 level 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 procurement 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 COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY** supports the Canadian and Ontario government 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 government remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

**AND THAT** Canadians and Ontario government take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and supports Canadian businesses.

**AND THAT** the Canadians and Ontario government 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 government continues 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
- 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 Mayor’s Caucus
- All regional, Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario members of Parliament
- All of Ontario’s municipalities for their support

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


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<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.*



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[www.conmee.com](http://www.conmee.com)

Please be advised that Conmee Township Council passed the following resolution at its regular meeting held March 11, 2025:

**RESOLUTION 2025-053**

Moved by: Councillor Kresack  
 Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society;  
 AND WHEREAS, since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi swastika, also known as the hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate and its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation,  
 AND WHEREAS eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Conmee Township Council supports B’nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze). Specifically, the Council supports demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:


1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze); and
2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Conmee Township Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected;  
 AND, FURTHER, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the originating municipality, the Regional Municipality of Durham, Priemer Doug Ford, MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North, MPP for Thunder Bay-Atikokan, and the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities).

Thank you,  
 Karen Paisley – Municipal Clerk



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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

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At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid  
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)  
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**MUNICIPALITY**

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm

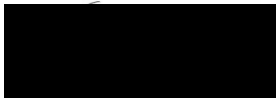
- a) Agenda Item 6. G) Request for Support – Municipality of Durham to Ban the Nazi Swastika

**#055-03-2025            J. Hooper – R. Maguire**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the Region of Durham regarding the B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with certain exceptions the public display of Nazi symbols and iconology.

**Carried**

Certified True Copy



Stasia Carr

Clerk

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
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Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm  
 Agenda Item 6. J) Request for Support – US Tariffs, Buy Local

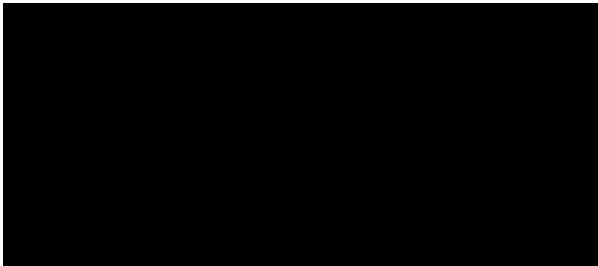
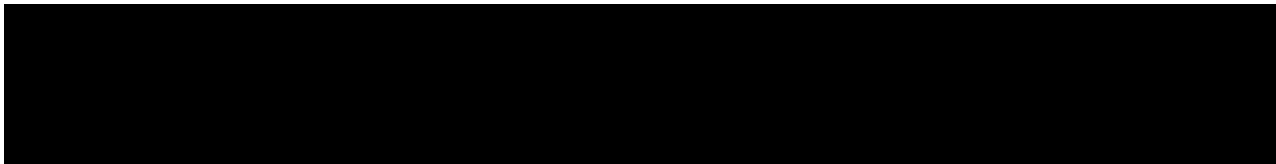
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Assiginack, in response to foreign countries recent actions on tariffs to Canada, Council supports the Provincial and Federal Governments call to action of a “Canadian Business First” policy;

AND THAT Council recognizes there may be circumstances where this may not be possible;

AND THAT in situations where Canadian goods are not available staff, our suppliers, and those held in contract with the Township will source from countries that do not have tariffs applied to Canada.

**Carried**



 <b>Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division</b>	
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On March 20, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Chair write a letter to Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing formally requesting funding increases and policy adjustments to alleviate income insecurity in York Region, including:
  - a. Implement living wage and basic income policies.
  - b. Increase and index Ontario Works rates with inflation to meet life's basic needs.
  - c. Include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies.
  - d. Provide permanent long-term and predictable benefit programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit beyond 2029 along with multi-year and sustained funding to expand access to affordable housing of all types.
  - e. Work collaboratively with Service Managers to develop a comprehensive and sustainable community housing funding model, with increased and predictable Provincial funding for new supply and capital repairs.
2. Council include information about socio-economic, health and well-being trends and service pressures when meeting with provincial ministries and elected officials to raise awareness of the need.
3. Council direct staff to work with Human Services Planning Board, other community

partners and municipal counterparts to identify innovative and collaborative solutions and advocate to senior levels of government for poverty reduction and housing stabilization initiatives and funding.

4. Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of the local municipalities, City of Toronto, Region of Peel, Durham Region, Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Children, Community and Social Services, York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Regional Police Services Board, Human Services Planning Board and United Way Greater Toronto.
5. The Region work with Local Municipalities to distribute this report and Attachment 1 to local non-profit and community organizations.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Mary Boushel, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78389 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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

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The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1  
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March 25, 2025

Office of the Prime Minister  
 80 Wellington St  
 Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Prime Minister Mark Carney:

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
Date & Time Received:	March 25, 2025 1:41 pm
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Re: Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

This is to confirm that at the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



Justin J. Paylove  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk  
[jpaylove@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jpaylove@westlincoln.ca)

JJP/jmt

cc. Premier Doug Ford  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Dean Allison, MP  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP  
Chris Bittle, MP  
Tony Baldinelli, MP  
Vance Badawey, MP  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP  
Wayne Gates, MPP  
Jeff Burch, MPP  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford,  
 Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
Date & Time Received:	March 26, 2025 10:30 am
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**Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure**

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver  
 SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle  
Deputy City Clerk


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Cc:  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Premier of Ontario,  
Ontario Minister of Finance,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,  
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,  
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,  
MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North,  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),  
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all 444 municipalities in Ontario



March 24, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney,  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 (sent via email: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca))

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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**RE: Enabling a Municipal Response to Tariffs**

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

The County of Bruce continues to monitor the situation with respect to proposed tariffs by the United States. Tariffs and the corresponding responses are inherently macro-economic in nature. Given this fact, the tools available to municipalities are limited.

The County of Bruce is adopting a strategy to respond to the impacts of tariffs locally which includes implementation of procurement policies focused on purchasing from Canadian sources, where permitted by trade agreements.

The County calls on the federal and provincial governments to take action to ensure that municipalities have the tools they need to protect Canadian consumers and businesses and ensure the continued prosperity of the Canadian economy. The attached resolution provides the details of the County's formal request.

Regards,



Luke Charbonneau,  
Warden  
[warden@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:warden@brucecounty.on.ca)

- cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca))  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) ([policy@amo.on.ca](mailto:policy@amo.on.ca))  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) ([resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto:resolutions@fcm.ca))  
All Ontario Municipalities

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 6, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Call to Order & Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

V. Walker read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair  
B. Astley, Oshawa  
A. Heywood\*, Pickering  
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kerr  
K. Mirani\*, Brock

**\* denotes members participating electronically**

Absent: P. Smith, Uxbridge  
T. Van Helsdingen, Ajax

#### Staff

Present: D. Culp, Project Planner, Transportation Planning  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations  
C. Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning, Community Growth and Economic Development  
F. Mannan\*, Project Manager, Rapid Transit Office

K. Vickers, GIS & Data Specialist  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\* denotes staff participating electronically**

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,  
That section 8. A) of the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on December 12, 2024, be amended by replacing the last sentence with the following:

“He advised that the Township of Uxbridge indicated in 2024 that they would provide trail monitoring commencing in 2025, however no confirmation has been received indicating they would be commencing in 2025.”

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by B. Astley,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on December 12, 2024, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Fariha Mannan, Project Manager, Durham Region, re: Regional Active Transportation Project Updates

Fariha Mannan, Project Manager, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Regional Active Transportation Project Updates.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2024 Active Transportation (AT) Implementation
- AT Infrastructure Projects Completed in 2024
- 2025 Active Transportation Implementation
- 2025 AT Infrastructure Projects
- 2025 Standalone Infill Projects
- Durham Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project
- BRT – AT Infrastructure Projects
- Federal Active Transportation Fund Application

F. Mannan responded to questions from the Committee with regards to the active transportation fund application and the purpose of funding a multi-use path (MUP) on a private laneway along Winchester Road to Simcoe Street in the City of Oshawa (which was clarified as from the private laneway to



Simcoe Street); and whether there would be an opportunity to add green cycle route signage to the Simcoe Street project at Coates Road in the City of Oshawa.

B) Danielle Culp, Project Planner, Durham Region, and Kody Vickers, GIS & Data Specialist, Durham Region, re: Durham Region Active Transportation Map Viewer

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Danielle Culp, Project Planner, Durham Region, and Kody Vickers, GIS & Data Specialist, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham Region Active Transportation Map Viewer.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Key Functions
- Demo of the Draft Viewer
- Next Steps

D. Culp and K. Vickers responded to feedback and questions from the Committee with regards to open data and data layers; the source of cyclist count data; the addition of local area municipalities' active transportation infrastructure into the map viewer; the methods that will be used to promote the map viewer; if the Durham Cycling Coalition is expected to be a tester or primary user; whether the map viewer will have the capability to generate routes; whether there is an ability to add bus routes, bus stops and bike parking locations; whether the map viewer will meet accessibility standards; whether definitions of different types of roadways will be defined within the map viewer; and how community members can provide user feedback following the launch of the map viewer.

C) Danny Pimentel, Senior Project Manager, City of Hamilton, re: City of Hamilton Sustainable Mobility Program

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Danny Pimentel, Senior Project Manager, City of Hamilton, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the City of Hamilton Sustainable Mobility Program.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Sustainable Mobility Programs: Focus Areas
- Sustainable Mobility Ecosystem
  - Workplaces
  - Schools
  - Hamilton Bike Share
  - Commercial E-Scooter Program
  - Shared-use Mobility
  - Social Marketing & Events
  - End of Trip Facilities

- Policy & Developments
- Active Transportation (AT) Infrastructure Planning
- Relationships
- Smart Commute Regional Coordination

D. Pimentel responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether testimonials were collected that effectively demonstrate the positive outcome of the program; how the City of Hamilton arranges for residents to access their homes where access is affected by planned street closures in front of schools; whether Bill 212: Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 is expected to have any impacts on completed active transportation infrastructure projects such as the Hunter Street cycle track where a traffic lane was removed to install a bicycle lane; whether Metrolinx provides a pathway through the Hamilton GO Station parking lot to support cyclists arriving at the station via the adjacent on-road cycle track; whether Metrolinx provides bicycle parking at Hamilton GO Station; and how cycling facilities and infrastructure are maintained during winter months.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**7. Discussion Items**

There were no discussion items to consider.

**8. Information Items**

A) DATC Committee Member Recruitment Process Update – Scugog Vacancy

D. Culp provided an update with regards to the recruitment of a Scugog representative and stated that an application has been reviewed by Regional staff and forwarded to the Township of Scugog. She advised that Township Council will consider the application at its next meeting and decide whether to nominate the applicant for appointment to the DATC.

B) 2025 Share the Road Cycling Coalition Bike Friendly Status Update

D. Culp provided an update with regards to the Bike Friendly Communities Award Program application that was submitted in 2024 and advised that Region staff are awaiting a response from the program organizers as to an anticipated timeframe for receiving a decision. She stated that a further update will be provided as it becomes available.

C) Ontario Bike Summit

D. Culp stated that the Ontario Bike Summit is Canada’s largest cycling and active transportation conference which will be taking place in Windsor from May 27 – 30. She further stated that the event will be hosted by the Share

the Road Coalition with partners from across Canada in an effort to make the province more bike friendly.

D. Culp stated that Region staff will be in attendance at the conference and advised that there is an opportunity for a Committee member to attend.

D) Region of Durham Bike Month Update and Motion to Proclaim June Bike Month

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C. Leitch stated that Bike to Work Day will be taking place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Region of Durham Headquarters and will feature booths by Durham Tourism, the Regional Health Department, United Way, Cycle Life, and the Durham Region Cycling Coalition.

C. Leitch stated that the event will also include the following activities:

- Breakfast and giveaways for participants;
- Bike raffle tickets and cookbooks will be available for purchase as a fundraiser through United Way;
- A planned bike ride from Whitby GO Station to Regional Headquarters;
- A Durham Region Transit (DRT) bus will be parked at Regional Headquarters to demonstrate how to use the bicycle racks on the front of the bus and allow participants to practice; and
- A helmet demonstration by Parachute Canada.

C. Leitch further stated that various communications will be published on the Region's social media channels and newsletters to promote the event.

C. Leitch advised that other activities being considered for bike month include a bike month pledge; bingo for residents; and an active and sustainable transportation "walk and roll to school" campaign.

C. Leitch responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether the Region is coordinating its bike month initiatives with the area municipalities; the bike month activities being planned by the area municipalities; and the timing for publishing communications to promote bike month in the Region.

R. Lalonde stated that in previous years the Region has endorsed the Committee's advocacy for bike month.

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,  
That we recommend to the Community Growth and Economic  
Development Committee for approval and subsequent  
recommendation to Regional Council:

Whereas June is Bike Month;

And whereas Durham Regional Community Growth staff have organized numerous bike friendly activities annually for over a decade to educate residents about cycling safety, promote the benefits of cycling, and encourage residents to bike more by participating in Bike Month throughout the month of June;

And whereas the Durham Active Transportation Committee fully supports the Region of Durham's planned Bike Month activities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Active Transportation Committee request Regional Council's support of the planned Regional Bike Month activities and proclaim the month of June as Bike Month in the Region of Durham.

CARRIED

E) 1 Metre Campaign to Promote Cycling Safety and Educate Other Road Users of the Requirement to Keep a 1 Metre Buffer Between Vehicles and Cyclists on the Road

D. Culp stated that the Durham Region Cycling Coalition is interested in partnering with the Region on a cycling safety campaign which would promote keeping a 1-metre buffer for vehicles passing cyclists on the road, which is enforceable by law under the Highway Traffic Act. She further stated that the campaign would focus on raising awareness and education on cycling safety and advised that there may be an opportunity for Vision Zero to also collaborate on the campaign.

D. Culp stated that more details will be shared as they become available.

F) Bike for Health

D. Culp stated that the Bike for Health event has recently been renamed Ride for the Ridge. She advised that the event will be taking place on May 25<sup>th</sup> and is organized in partnership with the four founding foundations of Lakeridge Health to raise money to support healthcare in the Region.

D. Culp advised that further details for the event will be shared when they become available.

G) Bicycle Parking Guidelines Update

D. Culp stated that Regional staff are currently preparing a request for proposal to seek consulting services to assist with the development of a bicycle parking guideline for the Region. She further stated that the guideline would assist Regional and local area municipal staff, along with developers and stakeholders, with identifying locations and best practices for implementing and managing bicycle parking infrastructure across the Region.

H) Durham Regional Trails Map Update

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C. Leitch stated that the Community Growth and Economic Development department, in collaboration with the GIS and visualization teams, are working towards enhancing and updating the Region's trails map brochure and online map viewer. He further stated that the current online platform being used will soon be decommissioned and the updated trails map will be integrated into the Region's online map viewer platform. C. Leitch welcomed Committee members to provide input and feedback.

Brief discussion ensued with regards to previous updates to the trails map; and coordinating with the area municipalities.

C. Leitch responded to a question from the Committee with regards to the trails that are included in the trails map resources.

9. **Other Business**

A) Member Motion regarding Motor Vehicle Window Tinting and License Plate Visibility

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B. Astley stated that window tinting on motor vehicles that are not compliant with the specifications set by legislation hinders adequate visibility and poses risks for both drivers and pedestrians.

B. Astley further stated that license plates in a deteriorated condition may not be legible to police and other users of the road which can cause difficulties with vehicle identification.

B. Astley suggested that police be required to assess window tinting and license plate conditions during routine police safety stops and issue fines for non-compliance, in order to mitigate these safety concerns. He advised that a resolution relating to this matter is being prepared and will be presented to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting and welcomed input from the Committee.

Discussion ensued with regards to the jurisdiction and responsibilities of Durham Region Police Services (DRPS) and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in regulating and enforcing these matters; the Highway Traffic Act; whether raising these issues with the DRPS Board would be helpful; and whether this matter may be of interest to the Region's Vision Zero team.

B) Active Transportation Network in City of Oshawa

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Councillor Kerr provided an update with regards to the City of Oshawa's vision to implement an active transportation network that safely connects the City of Oshawa from Lake Ontario up to Highway 407, with connections to the Oshawa GO station, post-secondary institutions, and the downtown core.

Councillor Kerr provided details of the following elements of the network that are being considered by City staff that would be implemented in stages, if approved:

- Erecting street signage on Mary Street to only permit parking on one side of the street during rush hours to accommodate cyclists;
- Implementing parking pads for e-scooters in specific locations to encourage residents to utilize e-scooters as a mode of transportation to access downtown Oshawa;
- Ensuring adequate lighting is offered throughout the Michael Starr Trail;
- Implementing cross-rides and multi-use paths (MUPs) where appropriate to connect the Durham College and University of Information Technology campuses in north Oshawa to the adjacent residential neighbourhoods; and
- Replacing the bridge to the GO station to allow cyclists to safely access the station. The installation of a pedestrian MUP bridge is also being considered in this location that would eliminate the need to replace the bridge.

Councillor Kerr stated that discussions with City staff remains ongoing to further develop the plan and address challenges in implementing a comprehensive active transportation network.

C) Interim Staff Liaison for Durham Active Transportation Committee

R. Lalonde stated that Danielle Culp will be taking over the role of staff liaison and welcomed her to the Committee.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation  
Committee

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:06 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair  
B. Baszyk, Brock  
O. Chaudhry, Pickering attended the meeting at 7:24 PM  
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student attended the meeting at 7:20 PM  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
K. Lui, Member at Large  
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
M. Nasir, Ajax  
Councillor Shahid attended the meeting at 7:41 PM  
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair  
B. Widner, Whitby

#### Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Senior Planner, Community Growth & Economic Development  
Department  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
S. Logan, Policy Advisory, Climate Change, Office of the CAO  
S. Vamathevan, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
**\*all staff members participated electronically**

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

#### 5. Delegations

##### A) Oswald Sharpe, Reducing Carbon Pollution

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Oswald Sharpe appeared before the Committee with respect to reducing carbon pollution.

O. Sharpe suggested that in order to help reduce carbon pollution and use less fuel, that garbage trucks should stop as few times as possible. O. Sharpe suggested that for residents located in an area that share a boulevard, that they all place their garbage together (ex. One large community bin on the boulevard) to decrease the amount of stops for the driver. They suggested that this would also help to decrease the amount of illegal dumping in the Region.

#### 6. Presentations

##### A) Fallon Hayes, Project Coordinator, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Presenting on the Rural Clean Water Program

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Fallon Hayes, Project Coordinator, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Rural Clean Water Program (RCWP).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Table of Contents
- 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario
- What is a Watershed?
- Rural Clean Water Program Origin Story
- How can Agriculture Effect Water Quality?
- What is the Rural Clean Water Program (RCWP)?
- Full List of RCWP Cost-Share Funding Categories
  - Peel Region Farms
  - York Region Farms
- Funding Categories Corresponding Benefits
- Past Project Examples
- Natural Area Creation Project Example: Wetland
- Project Goals and Benefits
- We Have Completed Over 300 RCWP Projects to Protect our Watersheds!
- Summary of Some of our Accomplishments

F. Hayes responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there have been any problems identified with any of the RCWP projects; whether chemical testing of well water has been considered due to the infiltration of pesticides into the groundwater (chemical contamination) around the wells that supply water to families and animals; whether there are pre/post measurements taken on water quality to measure the impact of each project; and whether TRCA works to identify potential hotspots that would benefit from the RCWP.

A. Bathe advised that Durham staff are actively working with TRCA staff to bring a similar program to Durham rural landowners.

B) Shannon Logan, Policy Advisor, Region of Durham, Presenting on Proposed Enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program

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Shannon Logan, Policy Advisor, Region of Durham provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Presentation Outline
- Durham Greener Homes (DGH)
  - DGH Performance to Date
  - Energy Coaching is Highly Successful
  - New Virtual Home Energy Audit Tool
  - Carbon Emissions in Durham Region
  - Durham's Low Carbon Pathway – Key Strategies
  - Extreme Weather – Unprecedented Cost Pressures on Home and Building Owners
  - Extreme Weather Impacts in Durham Region
  - Opportunity to Leverage New Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Funding
  - Opportunity to Leverage Municipal Lending
- Proposed Climate Resilience (“Weather Ready”) Services
  - Helping Residents get “Weather Ready”
  - Proposed Program
  - Multi-Hazard Home Resilience Assessment
  - Targeted Approach to Reducing Financial Barrier
  - Working List of Possible Rebates/Incentives
  - Communication and Community Engagement
  - Industry Collaboration
- Proposed Municipality to Homeowner Financing Program
  - Durham Greener Homes Loan Features
  - Loan to Support Full Range of Climate Action
- Next Steps

S. Logan responded to questions from the Committee regarding details of the Virtual Home Energy Assessment Tool; whether there are plans for designing more efficient new-build homes in the future; who provides the financing for the DGHP and whether the program is Durham led; and when the anticipated start date of the program would be.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by K. Murray,  
That we recommend to the Committee of the Whole:

That the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC) supports the proposed enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program (DGHP).

CARRIED

## 7. Items for Discussion

### A) DECAC 2025 Webinar Series

J. Cuthbertson suggested that DECAC host another webinar series this year as was done previously during COVID on a variety of green topics, as the series was well received and well attended.

Discussion ensued on a variety of topics such as a sustainable perennial nursery owner, sustainable gardening at home, and youth activists such as Climate Justice Durham.

A. Bathe advised that staff would create a shared document for committee members to input potential webinar topics and contact information if available.

### B) Pollinator Seed Distribution Volunteers Reminder

A. Bathe advised that volunteers will be needed for distributing the pollinator seeds at this year's Compost Giveaway Events.

A. Bathe advised a shared document would be created for committee members to sign up for each of the giveaway events.

### C) 2025 DECAC Awards Update

A. Bathe advised that they are currently working with corporate communications to create a social media plan for the DECAC awards. She advised that a date has not been determined by Ontario Tech University yet but that it will take place in the Fall. She added that a fully online form has also been developed where nominators can attach any relevant information to the application.

A. Bathe advised that staff would inform the Committee once the nomination form was live, and it is anticipated to be ready by April 1, 2025.

A. Bathe responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether a link to the past winners could be included on the nomination form. She also advised that she would forward information on the nomination process to Councillor Shahid to include on their monthly newsletter.

**8. For Information**

A) Commissioner Report #2025-CG-4: Smart Mobility Durham 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan

A copy of Report #2025-CG-4 of the Commissioner of Community Growth & Economic Development was received.

J. Cuthbertson raised a concern regarding the amount of congestion and idling of cars that takes place at Holy Trinity High School in Courtice during drop-off and pick-up hours, and noted there could be a good opportunity to reduce carbon emissions and increase safety in that area by implementing a roundabout as a potential solution. Councillor Shahid offered to forward the concern to R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works for consideration.

A. Bathe shared that the Transportation Planning Department has a program titled, "Active and Sustainable School Travel Program", where staff observe and assess concerns raised by residents, in person. She noted that the principal of the school needs to be on board with participating and signing up for the program. A. Bathe advised that she would follow up with the program lead regarding this concern as well.

B) Commissioner Report #2025-WR-2: Update on the Automated Cart-Based Garbage Collection Pilot Project and Future Waste Collection Contract Delivery

A copy of Report #2025-WR-2 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

C) Congratulations to DECAC Member Bill Basztyk for Receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal for Economic Development Activities and Diplomatic Service, Including Bioscience and Environmental Activities

Congratulations was given to Bill Basztyk, DECAC member, for receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal for Economic Development Activities and Diplomatic Service, including Bioscience and Environmental Activities.

D) DECAC Seed Giveaway Projects makes the Durham College Chronicle: Link to Article

A copy of the "DECAC Seed Giveaway Projects" Article in the Durham College Chronicle was received.

E) Ontario Professional Planners Institute: Climate Change Adaptation Practice Guide

A copy of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute: Climate Change Adaptation Practice Guide was received.

F) Engagement Opportunity: Whitby Urban Forest Management Plan

A copy of the Engagement Opportunity: Whitby Urban Forest Management Plan was received.

A. Bathe advised that the Town of Whitby is currently working through the development of a Whitby Urban Forest Management Plan and they have been invited to present at a future DECAC meeting. She further advised that Town of Whitby staff have reached out to inform DECAC of the opportunity to participate in consultations for Phase 2 of the plan.

A. Bathe advised that the expected date for the posting of Phase 2 is May 12, 2025, and that a link will be provided to the Committee once available. She advised that there will be a fully virtual external parties/stakeholders workshop held on May 28, 2025, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM, and a hybrid community information session held on May 28, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Town of Whitby's Council Chambers.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by P. Cohen,  
That Information Items 8. A) to F) inclusive, be received for information.  
CARRIED

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business considered.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on April 10, 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 O. Chaudhry,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM

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

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk