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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2025-INFO-21
Date: April 11, 2025

Subject:

Annual Reporting of Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the 2024 Fiscal Year

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the details of the Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the year ending December 31, 2024, in accordance with the Region's Commodity Price Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals and Ontario Regulation 653/05.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 On June 20, 2007, Regional Council approved the Commodity Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals for the Region of Durham ([Report #2007-F-53](#)). This policy provides the Region with an appropriate framework and guidelines for considering commodity price hedging agreements which can assist in providing greater price stability and certainty during periods of price volatility.

2.2 On September 27, 2023, Regional Council through [Report #2023-F-18](#), approved amendments to the Region's Statement of Policies and Goals which modernized the policy including allowing for a wider range of risk control measures for particular commodity price hedging policy agreements.

2.3 In accordance with the policy, staff reports to Council annually on Commodity Price Hedging Agreements. The 2023 report ([Report #2024-INFO-68](#)) was presented on October 25, 2024.

3. Reporting Requirements

- 3.1 As noted in the Statement of Policies and Goals, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer shall report to Council annually with respect to any and all commodity price hedging agreements that are in place. The report shall contain, as a minimum, all requirements as set out in Ontario Regulation 653/05 and will consist of:
- A summary of any contingent payment obligations under the commodity price hedging agreement that, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, would result in a material impact for the municipality, including agreement termination provisions, equipment loss, equipment replacement options and guarantee indemnities; and
 - A summary of the assumptions applicable to any possible variations in the commodity price hedge agreement payment and contingent payment obligations.

4. The Region's Current Natural Gas Consulting Agreement

- 4.1 Through [Report #2019-F-40](#) (Request for Proposals RFP #348-2019), Blackstone Energy Services Inc. was awarded the contract for the provision of consulting and related services for the supply of natural gas for the Region for a three-year term with an option to extend for up to two additional one-year terms.
- 4.2 With the last of the two additional one-year terms having been exercised and the contract expiring on October 31, 2024, the Region issued a new competitive Request for Proposals (RFP #348-2024), which saw the contract awarded to Blackstone Energy Services Inc. for a three-year term with an option to extend for up to two additional one-year terms. The new contract commenced on November 1, 2024.

The Region's Current Natural Gas Price Hedging Strategy

- 4.3 The Region currently has almost 24,300 m³/day of natural gas volumes committed to the distribution system through its Direct Purchase Agreement. The Region was billed for just over 9.7 million m³ in total natural gas volumes for the 2024 calendar year at an estimated cost of almost \$5.1 million (including all applicable taxes) across all Enbridge accounts including DRLHC locations (approximately \$4.3 million excluding DRLHC accounts).¹
- 4.4 In the 2024 fiscal year, to hedge against seasonal volatility, the Region entered into the following fixed price transactions:

¹ DRLHC accounts receive natural gas through either the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) natural gas bulk purchase program or through OEB-approved system gas rates (approved and updated on a quarterly basis).

2024 Fixed Block Transactions for Natural Gas Supply for Regional Managed Pools

Start Date	End Date	GJ/day	Cost per Unit	
11/01/2023	03/31/2024	100	\$4.61/GJ	\$0.177/m ³
11/01/2023	03/31/2024	50	\$4.82/GJ	\$0.185/m ³
11/01/2023	03/31/2024	50	\$4.93/GJ	\$0.190/m ³
11/01/2023	03/31/2024	95	\$4.33/GJ	\$0.167/m ³
11/01/2023	10/31/2024	125	\$6.57/GJ	\$0.253/m ³
11/01/2022	10/31/2024	65	\$6.21/GJ	\$0.239/m ³
11/01/2023	10/31/2024	60	\$6.42/GJ	\$0.247/m ³
11/01/2023	10/31/2024	100	\$4.29/GJ	\$0.165/m ³
11/01/2023	10/31/2024	50	\$4.42/GJ	\$0.170/m ³
11/01/2023	10/31/2024	50	\$4.53/GJ	\$0.174/m ³
11/01/2024	03/31/2025	140	\$4.99/GJ	\$0.192/m ³
11/01/2024	10/31/2025	120	\$4.91/GJ	\$0.189/m ³
11/01/2024	03/31/2025	120	\$5.24/GJ	\$0.202/m ³
11/01/2024	03/31/2025	165	\$3.95/GJ	\$0.152/m ³
11/01/2024	10/31/2026	150	\$4.31/GJ	\$0.166/m ³

Notes: Costs are landed, not including local tolls from CDA Enbridge to Union Dawn. Gigajoule (GJ) conversion to cubic metres (m³) assumes 1 GJ = 26 m³.

- 4.5 Overall, through the execution of the hedges for 2024, it is estimated that the Region's hedging activity resulted in costs that were approximately \$0.098/m³ higher than otherwise would have been incurred securing supply at prevailing index/spot market pricing under the Region's Direct Purchase Agreement (for applicable hedged volumes in amount of approximately 206,500 GJ for the year).
- 4.6 For the 2024 fiscal year overall, it is estimated that the Region's natural gas acquisition costs were approximately \$0.162/m³ (weighted average), inclusive of transportation costs for its Ontario landed natural gas including all index and balancing transactions as well as fixed-block purchases. The Region's weighted average cost of gas was comparable to other natural gas pricing options and programs such as:
- Default Enbridge system gas rate as approved by the Ontario Energy Board with a 2024 estimated simple average of \$0.096/m³ including rate rider adjustments, and \$0.144/m³ including transportation;
 - Local Authority Services (LAS) Natural Gas Program price of \$0.136/m³ (not including transportation and priced at western Canada hub) for the 2023-24 program year and \$0.140/m³ for the 2024-25 program year.² With transportation

² The LAS program year starts on November 1st and concludes on October 31st of the following year. Estimates assume transportation to Dawn at OEB-approved Rate 6

to Union Dawn ranging between approximately \$0.046/m³ to \$0.051/m³ during 2024, the total all-in cost was estimated to be in the range of \$0.182/m³ and \$0.189/m³ during 2024; and

- Housing Services Corporation (HSC) Bulk Purchase Program with a 2024 program commodity price of almost \$0.173/m³ plus transportation rate of almost \$0.054/m³ for total landed price of just over \$0.226/m³.³

4.7 With supporting market intelligence and analysis as provided by Blackstone Energy Services, Regional staff are kept up to date regarding market conditions and proactively secure natural gas supply for Regional accounts where deemed financially beneficial to do so. Any price hedge is incurred primarily to ensure a secure source of supply and cost certainty given supply constraints are more often experienced over the winter heating season.

5. The Region's Current Electricity Consulting Agreement

5.1 Since March 1, 2024, following award through a competitive bid process (RFP #529-2023), the Region has been utilizing the services of ECNG Energy Group to provide strategic electricity procurement and account management services to the Region for a three-year term. Among the services provided by ECNG Energy Group is support and input to annual electricity budgets and forecasts, peak demand monitoring and curtailment notifications, and the development of procurement strategies through obtaining competitive bids for the supply of electricity to the Region's facilities using commodity price hedging agreements, where deemed appropriate.

5.2 The Region's facilities, including Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and DRLHC properties, are estimated to have consumed over 195.5 million kWh of electricity in 2024 (metered and not adjusted for losses), at an estimated total cost of almost \$25.7 million across almost 700 individual end-use accounts (including applicable taxes).⁴

The Region's Current Electricity Price Hedging Strategy

5.3 There are currently no fixed price hedging arrangements in place for any of the Region's electricity accounts as spot market electricity pricing has not reached a consistent level that would pose a significant risk to the Region.

transportation rates although LAS may also secure its own transportation component for associated natural gas volumes.

³ Annual HSC program price is a function of the term selected at time of program enrolment. Program price provided is indicative of one year term.

⁴ Duffin Creek WPCP electricity consumption and cost values are total for the plant before recoveries from the Regional Municipality of York. Duffin Creek WPCP is jointly owned by the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York.

- 5.4 In addition to facilitating hedges (where required), the Region's electricity advisor also provides services such as strategic advice in account structures, pricing and exiting the Regulated Price Plan (RPP, either tiered or Time-of-Use) and shifts to spot market pricing. While the Region has used such retail billing agent services in prior years, no Regional accounts were enrolled in such services in 2024.
- 5.5 The Region's electricity advisor also provides support for load curtailment events to allow the Region to undertake peak shifting and/or reduction activities during grid-wide high electricity demand peak periods which benefits accounts which are deemed eligible for Class A designation under the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) program with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) (generally classified as 1MW average demand or greater). From July 2015 to January 2025 (inclusive), it is estimated that the Region's Class A accounts have avoided almost \$39.4 million in Global Adjustment charges as a result of being Class A accounts and reducing peak demand during system-wide peak periods.

6. Potential Variations in Commodity Price Hedge Agreement Payment and Contingent Payment Obligations

- 6.1 Hedging arrangements provide for fixed commodity pricing. In entering into these arrangements, the Region only contracts with credit-worthy counterparties which adhere to the requirements of the Region's Commodity Hedging Policy. Given this, there are no reasonably expected variations in the price payment of related contingent payment obligations related to commodity hedge transactions(s).
- 6.2 Given the Region transacts with natural gas suppliers on a regular basis, it has in place active base supply agreements with three (3) natural gas suppliers (Direct Energy, BP Corporation North America and Suncor Energy) which ensures a competitive process for all supply transactions. Where possible, Regional staff continues to work with Blackstone for the purposes of onboarding additional credit-worthy counterparties to further enhance competitiveness among the Region's natural gas suppliers.
- 6.3 For electricity-related transactions, while options are often reviewed, the Region does not currently have any active base agreements with any electricity suppliers although the Region is currently working with its current electricity advisor, ECNG Energy Group, to onboard prequalified electricity suppliers to allow for future transacting, should such market opportunities deem it financially beneficial to do so.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction and Pathway in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Strong Relationships
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

- 7.2 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 For the 2024 fiscal year, while there were no hedges in place for the Region's electricity accounts, the Region did enter into a number of fixed price transactions for its natural gas accounts for the purposes of providing enhanced price stability and overall cost certainty. While the resultant transacted volumes were secured at a price premium in contrast to the prevailing spot market pricing that may have otherwise been available, the final weighted average cost of transacted natural gas for the year was still within a price range comparable to other natural gas pricing options and programs.
- 8.2 Regional staff continue to work collaboratively with the Region's respective energy advisors and, with evaluation of market conditions and supporting price and account analysis, will consider opportunities for additional commodity price hedging arrangements, where appropriate and where considered financially beneficial to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Finance



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2025-INFO-22
Date: April 11, 2025

Subject:

2025 Provincially Mandated Municipal Tax Ratio for the New Aggregate Extraction Property Class

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Regional Council of the 2025 municipal tax ratio for the new provincially mandated aggregate extraction property class and the property tax shifts associated with this provincially mandated tax ratio.

2. Background

2.1 On October 3, 2024, the Ministry of Finance announced that, starting in 2025, the province would be creating a new property tax class for aggregate extraction sites within the broad industrial property class.

2.2 The Ministry of Finance also announced that, following the return of the roll for 2025, they would be setting a municipal tax ratio and education tax rates for this new property class to provide a tax reduction to this sector.

2.3 On December 18, 2024, through [Report #2024-COW-52](#), Regional Council approved the 2025 property tax ratios. At the time of drafting the report, the province had not yet announced the 2025 property tax ratio for the new aggregate extraction property class, Council approved that the ratio be set at the provincial maximum and that staff report back on the final municipal tax ratio and the resulting property tax shifts once the regulation was released and the analysis completed.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Through the 2025 Strategic Property Tax Study ([Report #2024-COW-52](#)), Regional Council set the 2025 municipal tax ratio for the new provincial mandated aggregate extraction property class at the provincial maximum. Sections 5.20 to 5.30 of the 2025 Strategic Property Tax Study provide additional background on the property tax appeals for the aggregate extraction properties within the Region and the provincial establishment of the aggregate extraction property class.

4. 2025 Aggregate Extraction Municipal Tax Ratio and the Resulting Property Tax Shifts

- 4.1 As a result of municipally initiated property tax appeals of aggregate properties, it was estimated that the 2023 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) year-end adjustments for the aggregate extraction properties resulted in a Regional property tax increase of \$650,000. This increase was the result of both an increase of approximately 50 per cent in the MPAC determined land value as well as considerable shifts of acreages from the residential property class to the industrial property class.
- 4.2 On December 10, 2024, the Province published Ontario Regulation 510/24 which defined the maximum 2025 municipal tax ratio for the Region of Durham for the aggregate extraction property class to be 1.646535.
- 4.3 The Durham Region ratio of 1.646535 is below the provincial-wide budgetary levy restriction threshold of 2.63 which means the ratio will not be forced down over time by annual budgetary increases. The ratio is above the provincial-wide range of fairness which means Durham is not permitted to increase the ratio except where permitted by legislation to address reassessment class shifts.
- 4.4 Prior to the provincial establishment of the aggregate extraction property class, property parcels included in this new property tax were in the industrial tax class. The provincially mandated maximum municipal tax ratio for the aggregate extraction property class is 18.6 per cent lower than the municipal tax ratio for the industrial property tax (industrial municipal tax ratio of 2.0235 compared to the aggregate extraction municipal tax ratio of 1.646535).
- 4.5 The municipal ratio reduction of 18.6 per cent for the aggregate extraction class and the reduced provincial education tax rate has resulted in an estimated 2025 total property tax decrease of \$445,000 for the 81 regional properties included in the new aggregate extraction property class. This reduction includes an estimated \$150,000 in regional property taxes, \$83,000 in lower-tier property taxes and \$212,000 in education property taxes.
- 4.6 The 2025 ratio reduction results in a loss of approximately one quarter of the Regional property tax increases from the 2023 year-end adjustment. The ratio reduction results in a property tax shift from properties in the new aggregated extraction property class to all other properties in the Region. The impacts of this

property tax shift are different for the Regional (upper-tier) portion of the property tax bill and the lower-tier portion of the property tax bill.

- 4.7 The estimated annual increase on the Regional portion of the property tax bill is \$0.54 for a residential property with a 2025 current value assessment (CVA) of \$483,100.
- 4.8 The estimated increase on the lower-tier portion of the property tax bill varies depending on the share of the assessment within the aggregate extraction property class in each local municipality. The following are the estimated impacts on the lower-tier portion of the property tax bill for an average residential home:
- a. In Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa the impact is less than \$0.01;
 - b. In the Municipality of Clarington the estimated annual impact is \$0.40 (0.02 per cent on an average residential home with a CVA of \$424,700);
 - c. In the Township of Scugog, the estimated annual impact is \$0.50 (0.03 per cent on an average residential home with a CVA of \$437,400);
 - d. In the Township of Brock, the estimated annual impact is \$2.70 (0.18 per cent on an average residential home with a CVA of \$300,200); and
 - e. In the Township of Uxbridge the estimated annual impact is \$4.40 (0.23 per cent on an average residential home with a CVA of \$572,000).
- 4.9 The Province reduced the education tax rate on the aggregate extraction property class by 42 per cent, from 0.88 per cent to 0.511 per cent. It is worth noting that this is one of very few exceptions to the common province-wide business education tax rates established in 2021.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction and Pathway in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Strong Relationships
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Through Ontario Regulation 510/24, the province set the maximum municipal tax ratio for the new aggregate extraction property tax class at 1.646535 for the Region of Durham. This new ratio has resulted in a property tax shift from properties in the new aggregate extraction property tax class to all other properties in the Region. The estimated increase in the Regional portion of the property tax bill for the average residential home in the Region is \$0.54 (0.02 per cent). The estimated annual increase in the lower-tier portion of the property tax bill for an average residential property ranges from less than \$0.01 in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa to \$4.40 (0.23 per cent) in Uxbridge.

6.2 The overall property tax benefit to the aggregate extraction properties within Durham Region is \$445,000 with a resulting tax impact to the rest of the Regional tax base.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-23
Date: April 11, 2025

Subject:

Ontario Cancer Statistics 2024

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report titled [Ontario Cancer Statistics 2024](#), released by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) on March 28, 2025.

2. Background

2.1 Ontario Health was created through the amalgamation of 22 organizations, including Cancer Care Ontario (CCO).

2.2 This report is the fifth in a series of reports released every two years by Ontario Health (formerly CCO) since 2016 and provides information about incidence, mortality, survival and prevalence in Ontario.

2.3 The series serves as an important cancer surveillance tool for Ontario.

2.4 The series has informed Ontario Cancer Plans, including the [Ontario Cancer Plan 6 \(2024-2028\)](#), a roadmap for ensuring an integrated cancer system across the province.

2.5 [Ontario Cancer Registry](#), one of the largest and most frequently used cancer registries in North America was the main data source used in the report.

3. Report Findings

COVID-19 and Cancer

- 3.1 The first chapter in the report explores the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on cancer outcomes in Ontario.
- 3.2 People with cancer were more susceptible to severe COVID-19 disease due to immunosuppression, comorbidities, or ongoing treatment compared to the general population.
- 3.3 In Ontario, there were substantially more deaths in people with cancer in 2020 compared with 2019, which could be directly or indirectly related to the impact of COVID-19.
- 3.4 Ontario had lower-than-expected new cancer cases during the first year of the pandemic due to the pausing of screening programs, less access to diagnostic services and fewer people interacting with the healthcare system. These impacts were greatest during the first year of the pandemic, and substantial catch-ups occurred by 2022.
- 3.5 Survival for several common cancers appeared to have decreased in 2020, but only one decrease appeared to be statistically significant, which was the two-year survival rate for colorectal cancer.

Cancer Incidence

- 3.6 The second chapter is about cancer incidence (i.e., the number of new cancer cases diagnosed in a specific timeframe).
 - a. According to 2024 estimates, breast, lung, prostate, and colorectal cancer will continue to account for almost half (approximately 44 per cent) of all new cancer cases diagnosed. The greatest number of new cases is expected to be in people aged 60 to 79 (57 per cent), while the rate of new cases will be highest in people aged 80 and older.
 - b. From 1986 to 2019, there was a 143 per cent increase in new cancer cases; however, population aging and growth have contributed far more to the number of new cases than actual changes in cancer risk and cancer control practices.
- 3.7 Nearly one out of every two people (approximately 43 per cent), is expected to develop cancer in their lifetime.
 - a. There is a slightly higher likelihood for males to develop cancer than females (approximately 45 percent compared to approximately 43 per cent respectively).

- 3.8 Since 2006, age-standardized incidence rates for all cancers combined have been decreasing for all ages. In children, age-standardized incidence rates for all cancers combined have been decreasing since 2015.
- 3.9 From 2018 to 2020, the median age at cancer diagnosis for all cancers was 69 for males and 67 for females. Cancers with the lowest median age (below 50) were testicular, Hodgkin lymphoma, and cervical cancer.
- 3.10 Among children, the cancer types with the lowest median age at diagnosis from 2019 to 2022 were retinoblastoma, hepatic tumours, and neuroblastoma.
- 3.11 Different types of cancers have shown differing trends in recent years.
- Cancers with increasing trends include cervical, kidney, oral cavity and pharynx, testicular, and uterine.
 - Cancers with decreasing trends include laryngeal, leukemia, liver, and thyroid.

Cancer Mortality

- 3.12 The third chapter focuses on mortality. Although the number of deaths from all cancers combined in Ontario has increased over the past three decades, the mortality rate has decreased for much of this period.
- 3.13 In 2024, an estimated 31,575 people in Ontario are expected to die from cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). This represents an age-standardized rate of 167 per 100,000 people. Although the number is increasing, the mortality rate peaked in 1988 and has decreased every year since 1999.
- 3.14 Lung cancer is expected to continue to account for the greatest percentage of cancer deaths in 2024 (22 per cent).
- 3.15 People between the ages of 60 to 79 will continue to account for the greatest number of cancer deaths. People aged 80 and older will account for the highest rate of cancer deaths.
- 3.16 In 2020, 30,054 people died from cancer at a significantly higher rate in males than in females.
- 3.17 From 2018 to 2020, the median age at death for cancer was 75 and in 2020, about half of all cancer deaths were in people aged 60 to 79.
- 3.18 The four most commonly diagnosed cancers (breast, colorectal, lung, and prostate) were responsible for 45 per cent of all cancer deaths in 2020.

Cancer Survival

- 3.19 The fourth chapter focuses on cancer survival. Survival statistics are a key indicator of population-level prognosis and the effectiveness of cancer control programs.

- 3.20 Cancer survival in Ontario continues to improve, but the rate of improvement has slowed over time.
- 3.21 Relative survival rate (RSR) refers to the likelihood of surviving a certain amount of time after a cancer diagnosis compared with similar people in the general population. The first five years after diagnosis are critical for examining survival because this is when someone is most likely to access health care services. After five years, use of the health care system and the chance of recurrence decrease.
- 3.22 For cancers diagnosed from 2016 to 2020, the five-year RSR was:
- More than half (67) per cent higher for all cancer combined.
 - Higher in females (68 per cent) than males (65 per cent).
 - Decreasing with advancing age from an 89 per cent RSR for people aged 15 to 39, compared to 45 per cent among people aged 80 to 99.
- 3.23 Cancer survival depends on factors such as cancer type, sex, age at diagnosis, stage at diagnosis, and type of treatment.
- 3.24 From 2016 to 2020, the five-year survival in males and females combined was:
- Highest for thyroid cancer (98 per cent), melanoma (88 per cent), and Hodgkin lymphoma (88 per cent).
 - Lowest for pancreatic (15 per cent), esophageal (19 per cent), liver (23 per cent), and lung (29 per cent).

Cancer Prevalence

- 3.25 The fifth chapter explores cancer prevalence, which refers to the number of people newly diagnosed with cancer and previously diagnosed, who are still living with cancer.
- 3.26 Trends in cancer prevalence can help determine how to efficiently distribute diagnostic, treatment and care resources.
- 3.27 The prevalence of cancer in Ontario has been increasing, with an estimated 14.2 million people in 2021. Prevalence increased because the number of people newly diagnosed with cancer has increased and so has survival.
- 3.28 By the end of 2020, more than half a million people had been diagnosed with cancer in the previous 30 years and were still alive. Of those:
- 419,355 people were diagnosed within the last ten years.
 - There were slightly more females (54 per cent) than males (46 per cent).
 - The majority (53 per cent) were people aged 60 to 79.
 - Females with breast cancer were the largest group, accounting for 148,752 survivors.

3.29 Among major cancer types, the ten-year prevalence counts increased each decade from 2000 to 2020 for most cancers, with a few exceptions.

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

4.1 Report [#2023-INFO-99](#) provided an update on the report: [Canadian Cancer Statistics 2023](#), released by the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and the Government of Canada (GoC) on November 8, 2023.

4.2 Report [#2024-INFO-4](#) provided an update on the report: [Ontario Cancer Screening Performance Report 2023](#), which was released on January 2, 2024.

4.3 Report [#2024-INFO-60](#) provided an update on a policy position statement: [Alcohol and Cancer Risk](#), released by the World Cancer Research Fund International in September 2024.

4.4 Report [#2024-INFO-86](#) provided an update on the report: [Canadian Cancer Statistics: A 2024 special report on the economic impact of cancer in Canada](#), released by the CCS and the GoC on December 9, 2024.

4.5 Report [#2025-INFO-03](#) provided an update on the report: [Alcohol and Cancer Risk, 2025](#), released by the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on January 3, 2025.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction(s) and Pathway(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Healthy People, Caring Communities

- H1. Implement preventive strategies to support community health, including food security.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Ontario Health's report focuses on statistics and trends, but the foreword reminds readers that there are real human lives behind the numbers in the report.

6.2 Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) shares local statistics on cancer rates and screening using the [Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker](#). The tracker provides information about cancer incidence and mortality for Durham Region and Ontario.

a. From 2010 to 2020, there were 38,943 newly diagnosed cases of cancer and 13,342 cancer deaths among Durham Region residents.

6.3 Federal, provincial, and local data inform DRHD's chronic disease prevention programs.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2025-INFO-24
Date: April 11, 2025

Subject:

CMHC Housing Design Catalogue

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the [Housing Design Catalogue](#) released by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) on March 7, 2025.

2. Background

2.1 The CMHC created the Housing Design Catalogue (“Catalogue”) as one way to help simplify how housing can be delivered. The concept is to offer builders pre-vetted architectural options to help reduce the cost, time and uncertainty involved in new housing development.

2.2 The Catalogue was prepared following a consultation period, culminating in the summer, 2024 “Housing Design Catalogue - What We Heard Report”. In general, the Report highlighted the following themes that informed the preparation of the Catalogue:

- a. Focus on designs that encourage density - Given the urgent need for more homes to be built faster, the catalogue will yield more impactful results if it focuses on higher density forms of housing within existing communities – such as four or six-unit multiplexes and accessory dwelling units.
- b. Accelerate approvals for new homes – A significant challenge in standardizing design at the national level is the ability to respond to the fragmented, community-specific nature of local rules.

- c. Set the bar high for sustainability and accessibility - Promote greater accessibility as an essential component of new home design. Designing for climate compatibility and energy efficiency should be done without sacrificing speed or cost.
- d. Demonstrate and encourage innovation - Promote innovative homebuilding techniques, including prefabrication and / or modular homebuilding techniques as an opportunity.
- e. Allow flexibility and evolution – Provide some design flexibility to adapt to site conditions, local context, aesthetics or the ability to make home additions while adjusting to evolving homebuilding techniques, materials science and construction technology.

3. Housing Design Catalogue

- 3.1 The [Housing Design Catalogue](#) includes “Accessible-ready” and “Enhanced accessible” designs for meeting home accessibility needs.
- 3.2 All designs are based on climate performance targets that exceed minimum requirements in provincial building codes, with base models aiming for Tier 3 of the 2020 National Building Code.
- 3.3 The Catalogue reflects regional differences in design, construction practices, materials and housing needs and are intended to align with local approval processes.
- 3.4 The Catalogue aims to simplify and accelerate homebuilding by standardizing plans to reduce the time and cost involved in the design process, while supporting opportunities for prefab construction.
- 3.5 A series of designs were created for illustrative purposes intended to reflect the housing types and conditions for each region across the country. For Ontario, the following designs were created:
 - a. Accessory Dwelling Unit 01 (1 bedroom - 59 m²)
 - b. Accessory Dwelling Unit 02 (3 bedrooms - 95 m²)
 - c. Stacked Townhouse 01 (2 units, 1-3 bedrooms, 201 m²)
 - d. Stacked Townhouse 02 (2 units, 1-4 bedrooms, 237 m²)
 - e. Fourplex 01 (4 units, 1-3 bedrooms, 362 m²)
 - f. Fourplex 02 (4 units, 1-3 bedrooms, 303 m²)
 - g. Sixplex (6 units, 1-2 bedrooms, 450 m²)
- 3.6 Each package includes conceptual floor plans, a perspective drawing and rendering. Final architectural packages will be issued once available.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction(s) and Pathway(s) in Durham Region’s 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- a. Connected and Vibrant Communities
 - C2. Enable a full range of housing options, including housing that is affordable and close to transit.
 - b. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action
 - E2. Collaborate with partners on the low-carbon transition to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions across Durham Region.
 - c. Strong Relationships
 - S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.
- 4.2 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:
- a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.
 - b. Technology: Keeping pace with technological change to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.
- 5. Conclusion**
- 5.1 Staff will provide a provide update on the final Housing Design Catalogue in a future Council Information Package once it is made publicly available.


Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

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Resolution # 9
Date: Monday March 10, 2025

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
And whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

And whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums; preventing car crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of North Glengarry requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead;

And further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support, as well as the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation.

CARRIED

DEFEATED


DEFERRED

 MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

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

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**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Use of X by the City of Peterborough
Date: March 17, 2025

Whereas X has become a media platform that is not adequately responding to hate speech and misinformation;

Whereas continued use of X could be perceived as tacit approval of or association with ideologies that are inconsistent with the City of Peterborough’s commitment to freedom, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination.

Whereas the City of Peterborough maintains other social media accounts to reach residents about municipal services and news that provide comparable functionality like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Whereas Peterborough Transit relies on X as one of its main methods to communicate with customers about Transit service changes;

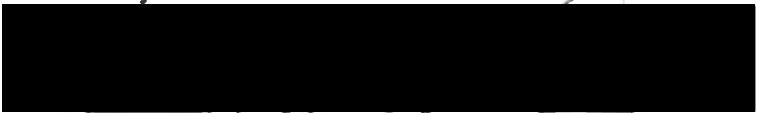
Whereas Peterborough Transit has implemented customer service enhancements such as real time tracking of buses through the My Transit Rid-GPS Tracker map for transit customers to see when the next bus will arrive;

Whereas emergency services require the ability to use all available channels to reach residents for emergency messaging;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council approve the following:

- a) that to support enhanced communication with residents and customers and to reduce reliance on social media that City staff report back to Council during the 2026 Budget deliberations with recommendations and associated budget implications for implementing a Snow Plow Tracker service for residents and a smartphone app for Peterborough Transit, which includes the ability to send notifications to subscribers, with the goal of improving customer service and eliminating the use of X; and**
- b) that the City of Peterborough discontinue the use of X, formerly known as Twitter, except for Peterborough Transit, Fire Services, and emergency information as necessary.**
- c) That, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

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



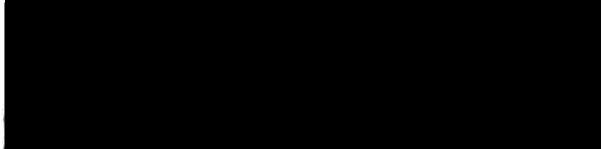
Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.6.
Resolution Number 2025-074
Title: Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #21 and #22
Date: March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 19-2025 passed on February 5, 2025 by Peterborough County, and the Resolution passed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, regarding Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.


 MAYOR

CARRIED

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;

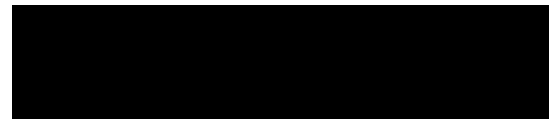
And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

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
- 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 for their support

Carried



Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025



February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Warden Clark

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.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough 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.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

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

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

Holly Salisko
Administrative Services Assistant – Clerk's Division/Planning
hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca


Township of Champlain

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.1.
Resolution Number 2025-097
Title: Durham Region - Protecting Canadian Values Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
Date: March 27, 2025

Moved By: Michel Lalonde
Seconded By: Ginette Clément

Be it resolved that the resolution of Durham Region dated February 26, 2025, requesting that the Government of Canada pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols and iconography, including the Nazi swastika, be endorsed.

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 Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 15.1.
No. du point 2025-097
Titre: Région de Durham - Protéger les valeurs canadiennes Interdire la croix gammée nazie (swastika) au Canada
Date: le 27 mars 2025

Proposée par: Michel Lalonde
Appuyée par: Ginette Clément

Qu'il soit résolu que la résolution de la région de Durham, datée du 26 février 2025, demandant au gouvernement du Canada d'adopter une loi interdisant, avec des exceptions à certaines fins éducatives et artistiques, l'exposition publique de symboles et d'iconographie nazis, y compris la croix gammée nazie (swastika), soit appuyée.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :



February 28, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

**RE: Motion regarding Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the
Nazi Swastika in Canada, Our File: C00**

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on February 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as amended:

“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. 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;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region 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, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi swastika (hakenkreuze)

If you require this information in an accessible format, please call 1-800-372-1102 extension 2097.

2. Ban all Nazi symbols and iconography

Durham Region 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

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

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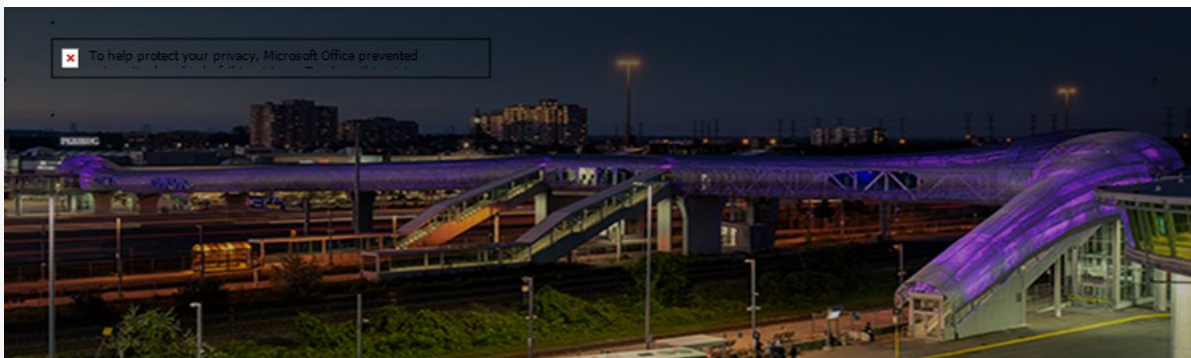
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Durham

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Spring brings exciting changes to GO Transit, enhancing your commute with more options and flexibility. Here's what's new:

GO Train Enhancements:

- **New Morning Trip:** A rush hour train has been added to the Lakeshore East line. Departing from Whitby GO at 7:35 AM, it stops at all stations, arriving at Union Station by 8:34 AM.
- **Timetable Adjustments:** Some Lakeshore East departures are modified to better reflect real travel times, shifting up to three minutes earlier or later.

GO Bus Expansions:

- **Toronto Zoo Weekends:** Our GO Explore bus service now includes stops at the Toronto Zoo on weekends from April 5 to August 24, via Route 96 (Oshawa-Finch).
- **Route Changes:** Adjustments on Route 94 (Pickering/Mississauga)

align it with Route 41(Hamilton/Pickering), serving key stops in Pickering.

- **Reduced Frequency:** Off-peak reductions for Routes 88 (Oshawa-Peterborough), 90 (Oshawa - Union), and 96 (Oshawa-Finch) optimize service times.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

A meeting of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:04 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Baswick, Clarington
M. Brennan, Oshawa
M. Hewitt, Oshawa
A. Mohan, Pickering
P. Panchal, Clarington
G. Rowden, Clarington
D. Spaeth, Clarington

***all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Fleming, Pickering
G. Gordon, Whitby

Non-Voting Members

Present: A. Evans, Director of Waste Management Services
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator, Municipality of Clarington
L. Saha, Manager, Waste Services (Alternate)
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region

***all non-voting members of the Committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
N. Williams, Project Manager

***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Welcome and Introductions

A. Evans, Director of Waste Management Services, welcomed the new and returning committee members who were then given the opportunity to provide some of their background and their interest in the EFW-WMAC.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Elections

Moved by P. Panchal, Seconded by G. Baswick,
That the Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair be deferred until the
May 27, 2025, Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory
Committee (EFW-WMAC).

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. Rowden, Seconded by A. Mohan,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,
November 26, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Announcements

There were no announcements made.

7. Presentations

- A) Presentation by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, and Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives

Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, and Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Who Does What
- Who Receives Waste Management Services
- Integrated Waste management System
- Waste Disposal with Energy Recovery
- Waste Management Hierarchy
- Rethink, Reduce and Reuse Initiatives

- Rethink and Reduce Initiatives
- Source Separated Organics Management
- Source Separated Organics Trend
- Garbage Generation Trend
- Blue Box Recycling
- Automated Cart Collection
- Automated Cart Collection Pilot
- Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)
- DYEC Quick Facts
- The Energy from Waste (EFW) Process
- DYEC Waste Receiving
- DYEC Waste Processing
- DYEC Environmental Monitoring Program
- Emissions Performance
- DYEC Ambient Air Monitoring Stations
- Dr. Adams Ambient Air Study
- Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040
- Waste Plan Objectives
- Conclusion

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding the location of the organics processing and biogas facility; whether there will be a multi-residential program in the Region of Durham (excluding the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa); where the excess waste goes once the limit has been reached at the DYEC; whether tipping fees for waste disposal have increased; and whether the DYEC has seen an increase in plastics that cannot be recycled since the introduction of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program.

8. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

9. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

10. Administrative Matters

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2025-2026)

Discussion ensued regarding how the multi-residential units can be targeted with respect to ensuring that residents are sorting the waste and recycling materials correctly; how to ensure that all residents in the Region are receiving any communication items sent out by Regional staff; and how subscribers to the various waste apps can be increased.

Moved by A. Mohan, Seconded by G. Rowden,
That we recommend to the Works Committee for approval and
subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the proposed 2025-2026 EFW-WMAC Work Plan be amended as
follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under the heading of Section 5.3 a), add a new part iv) as follows, “Research
opportunities for renewed communication strategies”.

CARRIED

B) Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

Moved by M. Brennan, Seconded by S. Spaeth,
That the following proposed 2025 EFW-WMAC meeting dates be
approved:

- May 27, 2025;
- September 23, 2025; and
- November 25, 2025.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

A) Update by Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of
Durham, regarding 2025 Community and Outreach Activities

L. Saha highlighted a number of special events occurring in the Region of
Durham for 2025 including the Compost Giveaway Days occurring in April
and May, and the Environment Days occurring in April, August, September,
and October.

L. Saha advised that volunteers from the Committee would be encouraged at
any of these waste management events.

L. Saha responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether any
special events were being arranged for residents to drop off various textile
materials.

B) Tour of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)

The Committee expressed their interest in touring the Durham York Energy
Centre (DYEC). Staff advised that a tour could be arranged for a future date.

12. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2025 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by A. Mohan, Seconded by P. Panchal,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, March 27, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:03 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Moved by S. Bookal, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, that Councillor Lee be appointed as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Lee assumed the Chair.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Councillor Lee 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: S. Bookal, Community Member
A. Frempong, Community Member
B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services attended the meeting at 7:30 PM
Councillor Lee, Regional Council
J. Munawa, Community Member
B. Nelson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative

G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member
*** all members participated electronically**

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Vice-Chair
R. Coelho, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Chair
Councillor Shahid, Regional Council

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
S. Vamathevan, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** all staff participated electronically**

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Nelson, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting
held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Presentations

A) Rabbi Tzali Borenstein, Founder and Co-Director, Chabad Jewish Community
Centre of Durham Region, re: Understanding Antisemitism

Rabbi Tzali Borenstein, Founder and Co-Director, Chabad Jewish Community
Centre of Durham Region provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to
Understanding Antisemitism.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2023 Snapshot
- Total Incidents Reported in the Annual B'nai Brith Audit of Antisemitic Events
- Jewish

- Religion
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Nation
- Soul Identity
- Jewish Religion
- Shabbat
- Kosher Dietary Laws – Kosher versus Non-Kosher Foods
 - Animals
 - Meat & Dairy
 - Supervision
- Jewish Holidays
- What is Antisemitism?
 - Etymology
 - Definition
- Anti-Jewish

Rabbi Borenstein responded to questions from the Committee with respect to the recent increase in antisemitic incidences; whether misinformation is a contributing factor to the increase in hate crimes being experienced in the community; and how the Committee can support the work of the Chabad Jewish Community Centre in raising awareness and educating the community of the increases in incidences of hate and antisemitism taking place in the community.

- B) Melissa Berney, Detective Constable, Durham Regional Police Services, Rob Antaya, Acting Superintendent, Durham Regional Police Services, re: Responding to Incidents of Hate in the Community
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Melissa Berney, Detective Constable, Durham Regional Police Services, Rob Antaya, Acting Superintendent, Durham Regional Police Services, Christina Boyd, Detective Constable, Durham Regional Police Services, and Christopher Barkell, Detective, Durham Regional Police Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Responding to Incidents of Hate in the Community.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Hate Motivated Crime
- Common Examples
 - Assault
 - Mischief
 - Harassments
- Hate Motivated Incident
- Common Examples
- Criminal Law Remedies to Combat Hate
- How Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) Addresses Hate Crimes

- DRPS Member Education & Support
- DRPS Equity & Inclusion Unit
- Community Resources
 - Development of Hate Crime Dashboard
 - Hate Crime Webpage on our DRPS Website
- DRPS Hate Crime Statistics
- Other Police Service Statistics
 - Waterloo Regional Police Service
 - London Police Service
 - Hamilton Police Service
- Intelligence Operations Section

M. Berney, R. Antaya and C. Boyd responded to questions from the Committee with respect to the different classifications of hate-related offences; whether officers determine the classification of a hate-related offence at the time of reporting or at a later point of an investigation; whether the hate crime dashboard being developed will be integrated into DRPS' monthly crime and traffic dashboard, and whether search filters would allow categorization by specific parameters; the resources that are available to victims of a hate motivated incident, and for incidents that do not meet the threshold of a criminal offence; and how awareness can be raised to encourage citizens to contact the police to report hate crimes.

7. Information Items

There were no information items.

8. Discussion Items

A) 2024 Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) Workplan Update

A. Hector-Alexander stated that the 2024 DRART Workplan set out the Committee's key priority areas which included the following initiatives:

- The four (4) established subcommittees which focus on engaging with the Durham Regional Police Service, engaging with school boards located in the Region, developing connections with equity-focused advocacy groups and organizations, and developing a speakers' series and symposium to increase the DRART's presence in the community;
- Conducting a jurisdictional scan to investigate the existing public reporting systems for hate incidents; and
- Developing a formal protocol for reporting hate in the Region.

A. Hector-Alexander advised that staff have identified new project areas for the Committee to undertake going forward that will allow the Committee to

build on its existing initiatives and explore other areas for collaboration. She stated that the proposed project areas will replace the current sub-committee undertakings and noted there will be an overlap between the Committee's current undertakings and the new proposed project areas. [Further discussion ensued on this matter. See Item 8. B) on page 5.]

B) Committee Project Assignments

A. Hector-Alexander stated that the following proposed projects have been identified as relevant focus areas for the Committee to undertake, which intersect with the focus areas identified in the 2024 DRART Workplan:

- Organizing a community connections event;
- Developing a protocol for reporting non-criminal hate activity;
- Establishing key messages – Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI); and
- Developing anti-hate resources and conference.

General discussion ensued with regards to how safe residents feel with the continued increase in hate incidents taking place in the Region, and how that compares to other regions and municipalities in Ontario; the importance of raising awareness for reporting incidents of hate; and making the reported data publicly available.

Members provided feedback on the proposed project assignments and discussed potential impacts on community engagement and collaboration.

It was the consensus of the Committee that members identify the project area they wish to work on and advise staff of their preference. A. Hector-Alexander advised members that they can undertake work on more than one project if they are interested in multiple focus areas.

9. Other Business

A) Islamophobic Incident of Hate at Ajax Library

A. Frempong advised that an Islamophobic hate incident occurred at the Ajax Public Library on March 22, 2025. She also stated that there has been a rise in antisemitic incidences that occurred earlier this year at the Whitby Public Library and other areas in Whitby.

A. Frempong stated that given the rise in incidents of hate occurring in the community, that the Committee should consider establishing a communication strategy that sets out how the Committee can respond to and publicly address future hate-related incidents.

A. Frempong further stated that the Town of Ajax and the Region of Durham have issued public statements regarding these events and stated that the DRART should also consider releasing a statement condemning these acts and showing support for the targeted individuals.

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by B. Nelson,
That the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

The Committee went into closed session at 8:40 PM and reconvened at 8:56 PM.

[Refer to the Closed Meeting minutes of March 27, 2025.]

Councillor Lee advised that during the closed session general discussion ensued with regards to specifics relating to an identifiable individual.

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by B. Nelson,
That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce develop an open letter of condemnation to all forms of hate that have recently occurred in the Region of Durham, most notably the incidences of antisemitism that occurred at the Whitby Public Library and surrounding areas in January 2025, and the recent Islamophobic incident that occurred at the Ajax Public Library on March 22, 2025; and

That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce's Chair, Vice-Chair and Member A. Frempong draft an open letter of condemnation on behalf of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce that all members will be signatories to.

CARRIED

B) Multicultural and Anti-Racism Grant Event

P. Hines stated that a community member has received the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grant and will be hosting an event on May 3, 2025, which will focus on challenging the misconceptions of Black Immigrants, highlighting some of the barriers they encounter, and promoting respect and appreciation for individuals of African decent.

P. Hines advised that a member of the Whitby Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee has invited members of DRART to attend the event.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by S. Bookal, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lee, Acting Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk