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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-25
Date: April 17, 2025

Subject:

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the fourth Quarter of 2024.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose and Background

- 1.1 In light of the province's proclamation of the More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23) on January 1, 2025 insofar as it affects Durham Region, this is the last quarterly report of its kind that provides an overview of the Commissioner's use of delegated planning approval responsibilities. Despite this change, upper tier planning functions continue post-proclamation, such as commenting and providing Regional conditions on Planning Act matters to ensure Regional interests are protected, transportation planning, integrated growth management, GIS and data analytics related to land and housing supply, and support to other regional departments in relation to the planning of infrastructure, housing and development charge background studies.
- 1.2 There will be future reports on planning activity, however these reports will no longer be related to the use of delegated planning approval responsibilities under the Planning Act.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 As mandated by Regional Council's delegation by-law, reports on planning activity, and how the Commissioner's delegated planning approval authority was being used, have been presented at the end of every quarter.

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

- 3.1 Prior to January 1, 2025, and prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft was forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP) occurred. If it was felt the draft amendment dealt with matters of Regional significance, it was subject to approval by the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment did not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would have rested with the area municipality.
- 3.2 In the fourth quarter of 2024, the Community Growth Division received 8 area municipal official plan amendment applications. All 8 applications were exempt from Regional approval, as follows:
- In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2024-W/04** is a town-initiated amendment to the Whitby Official Plan regarding the Whitby GO Protected Major Transit Station Area. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related official plan amendment application OPA 2024-W/05.
 - In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2024-W/05** is a town-initiated amendment to the Whitby Official Plan, regarding the Town's Strategic Growth Areas, Nodes, and Corridors. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related official plan amendment application OPA 2024-W/04.
 - In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-06** proposes an amendment for the redevelopment of the subject lands for high-density residential, consisting of three apartment buildings with a total of 385 dwelling units. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z-2024-08.
 - In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2024-W/10** proposes to delete the designated future Type C Arterial Road (east of Garrard Road). Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related subdivision application S-W-2024-04, and zoning application Z-15-24.

- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 24-003/P** proposes a mixed-use development comprised of five towers on four podiums with 3,922m² of commercial space and a total of 1,748 residential units. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application A05/24.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A15** proposes the development of an eight-storey apartment building with 83 residential units and 115 parking spaces. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z19/24.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 24-A16** proposes the development of three mixed use towers comprised of 863 residential units and 886.7m² of commercial space. Staff are also reviewing the application in conjunction with related zoning application Z20/24.
- In the City of Oshawa, application **OPA-O-2024-07** is a Region of Durham Local Housing Corporation proposal that will facilitate the development of 165 affordable housing units at 419 Christine Crescent.

4. Commissioner's Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications

4.1 Prior to January 1, 2025, the Commissioner was the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the fourth quarter of 2024, the Planning Division (now Community Growth Division) received one subdivision and no condominium applications.

- In the Township of Uxbridge, application **S-U-2024-02** proposes to permit the creation of an industrial subdivision, consisting of 14 lots, with a stormwater management pond and two internal roadways.

The Region no longer has carriage of this file and it has been returned to Uxbridge for a decision.

5. Commissioner's Approval of Part-Lot Control Exemption By-laws

5.1 Prior to January 1, 2025, the Commissioner was the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the fourth quarter of 2024, the Planning Division (now Community Growth Division) received one Part-Lot Control application:

- In the Township of Scugog, application **PLC-2024-08** proposes to permit the removal of part-lot control on Lots 47, 48, 58, 59, 60, & 61 and Blocks 75, 76, 80 & 81 for the creation of 31 dwelling units within the existing registered plan of subdivision (File: S-S-2018-03) Plan Number 40M-2764.

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

6.1 Prior to January 1, 2025, Regional staff would review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the ROP, other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division (now Community Growth Division) coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and responds to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

6.2 Development Advisory Services staff also provide coordinated comments on Land Division applications circulated to the Region by the area municipalities.

6.3 Attachment 1 provides a summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan

7.1 Prior to January 1, 2025, Regional Council was the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

7.2 As of December 31, 2024, there were nine ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the fourth quarter of 2024, no new ROPA applications were received.

7.3 Effective January 1, 2025, the area municipalities now have carriage of the ROP. As such, any amendments to the ROP are now filed directly with the applicable area municipality for review and consideration.

8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

8.1 Six non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3A). The Region will continue to partake in all appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal prior to January 1, 2025.

8.2 There are no Land Division applications currently before the OLT.

9. Reserved Street Names

- 9.1 The Community Growth Division continues to coordinate street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services, primarily from a public safety standpoint, to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. The Region does not assess whether the proposed street names may, or may not be, in good taste. Street names that are viewed as not being in conflict or duplicative with existing street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the fourth quarter of 2024, the Region received 7 new street name requests (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

- 10.1 The Community Growth Division continues to coordinate Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality and the applicable conservation authority. The Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development also approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits (1 hectare or more in size). During the fourth quarter of 2024, two new Good Forestry Practice permit application was received.

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 11.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction(s) and Pathway(s) 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.

12. Attachments

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the
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Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Community Growth and
Economic Development

Regional Review of Planning Applications – Summary October 1 to December 31, 2024

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	8
Commented	12

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	8
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	9
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	6

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	1
Provided Draft Approval	1
Issued Final Approval	0

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	1
Commented	1
Approved	1

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	20
Commented	9

Consents

Received	34
Commented	39

Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	2
Issued	3

- i). Effective January 1, 2025, the Region became an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities. As such the Region's delegated authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments, subdivisions and condominiums and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge is now the responsibility of the area municipalities.

**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed, or
before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (as of December 31, 2024)**

OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
1. 2000-003	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	<p>To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan).</p> <p>Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Clements Road connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re-examine the connection.</p> <p>Settlement discussions in progress. A motion was heard February 3, 2025, witness statements from the Region of Durham were provided. Hearing meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2. 2005-009	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	<p>To delete a Type C Arterial Road.</p> <p>Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Road extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.</p>
3. 2005-011	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	<p>To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort/ conference centre in the Prime Agricultural designation (formerly Permanent Agricultural Reserve).</p> <p>Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the Applicant.</p>

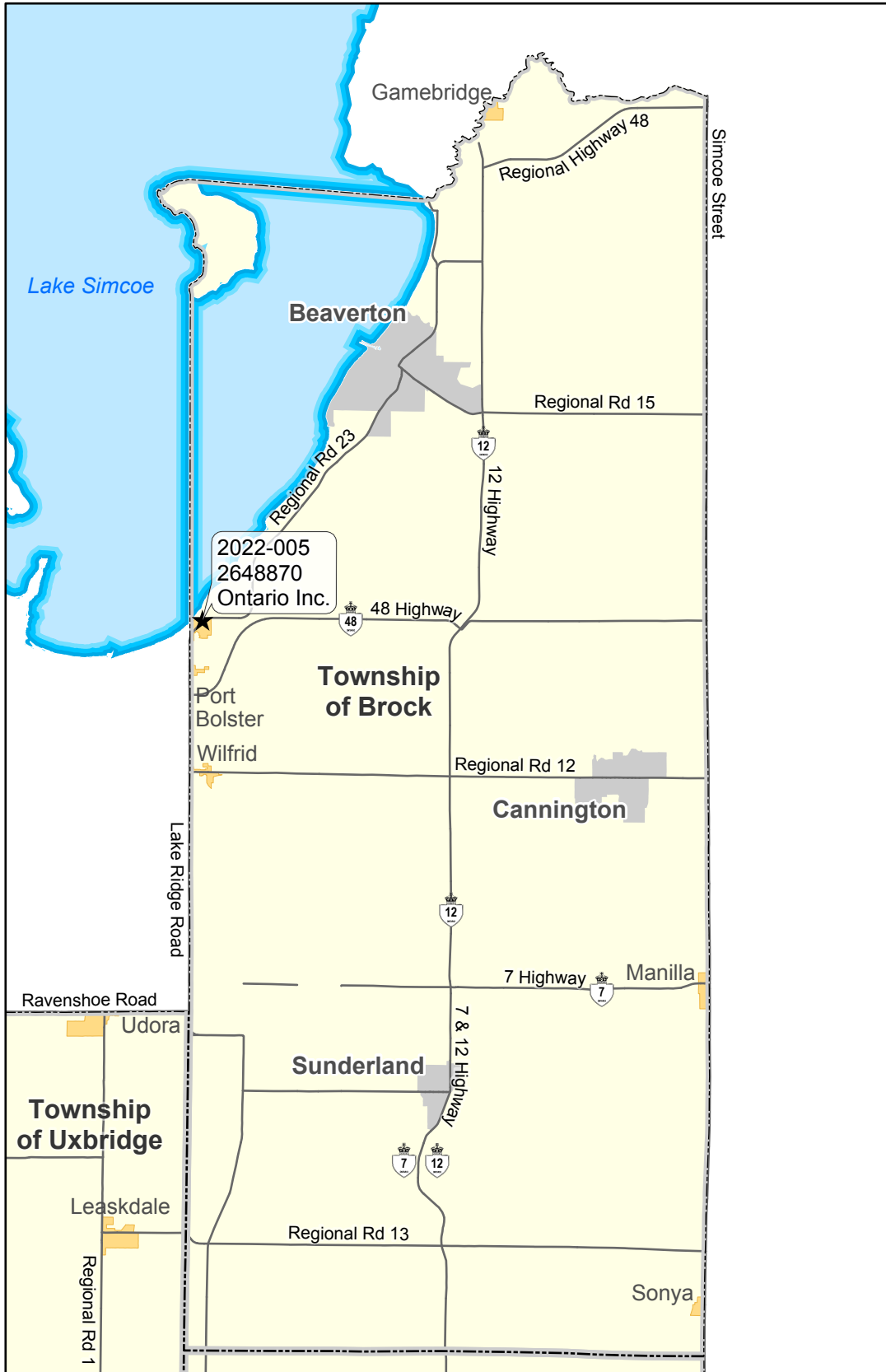
OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
4. 2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	<p>To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor's yard and office in the Major Open Space designation.</p> <p>Status: Application appealed on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. The appeals were dismissed at the OLT hearing held on April 4, 2022. The applicant has since submitted a leave to appeal the OLT decision with the Ontario Divisional Court. The May 20, 2022, was adjourned. A motion to dismiss the appeal is to be scheduled by the Ontario Divisional Court.</p>
5. 2021-002		Sunrise International Investments Inc. Lot 4, Concession 5 City of Pickering (3695 Sideline 4)	<p>To permit the redevelopment of the existing 12-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, golf dome for indoor driving range, and a maintenance structure.</p> <p>Status: Awaiting a revised application from the Applicant. Application is on hold until the revised application is received.</p>

OPA file	Council/ standing committee correspondence	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
6. 2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	To develop a golf course expansion Status: Public meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
7. 2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey “villas” for a total of 46 rental units. Status: Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
8. 2024-001		Lafarge Canada Inc. Township of Uxbridge Part Lot 20, Concession 3 (4900 Concession Road 4 Uxbridge)	To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 17.9 ha. The proposed extraction area within the expansion area will be approximately 15.4 ha and will include extraction above and below the water table. Status: Public Meeting held on June 4, 2024. Decision meeting to be scheduled.



Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

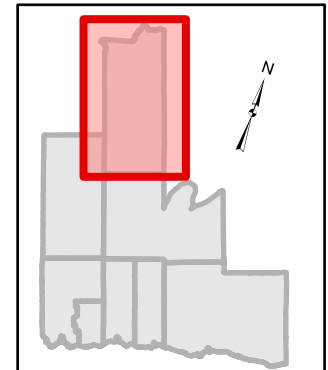
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ROPA Locations

- ☆ New Application
- ★ Under Consideration
- ⊗ Refused/Withdrawn
- ⊙ Appealed to OLT
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- Regional Official Plan Urban Area
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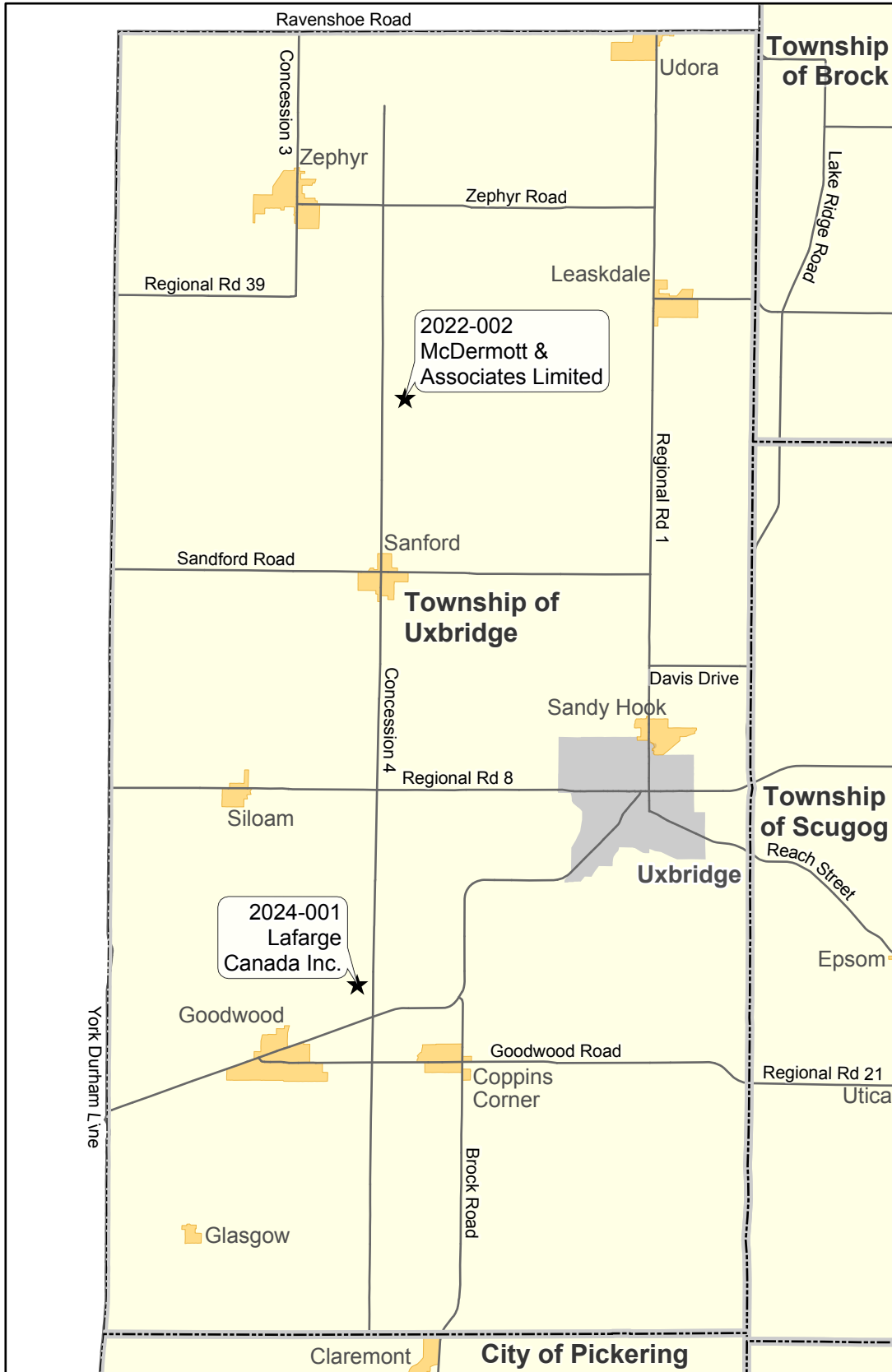
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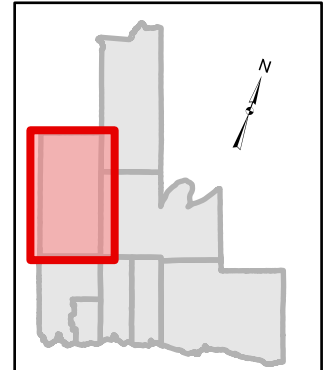
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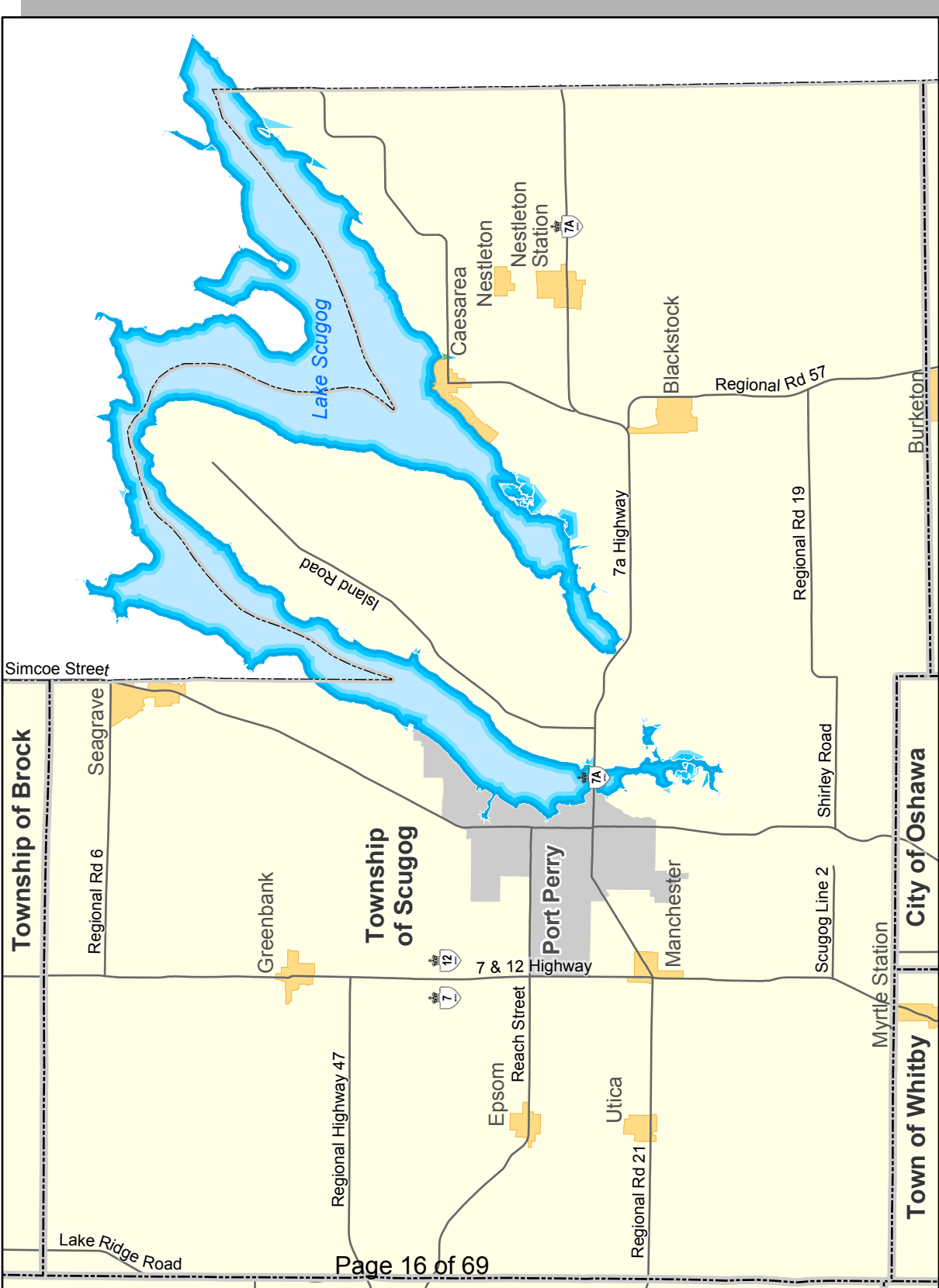




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Township of Scugog

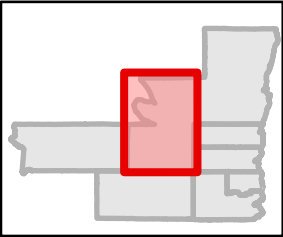
As of December 31, 2024 there are no active ROPA applications in the Township of Scugog



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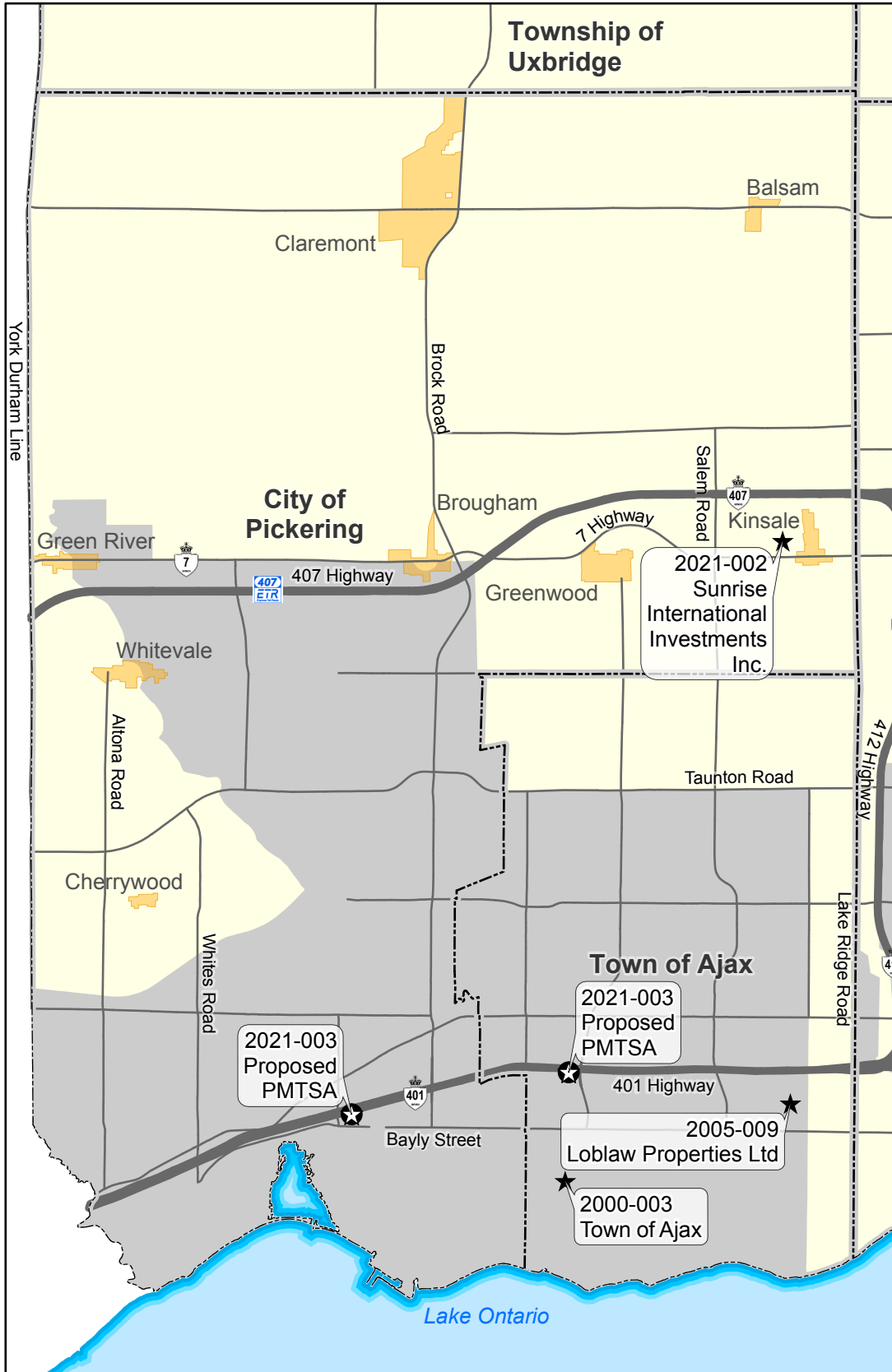
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Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) City of Pickering - Town of Ajax

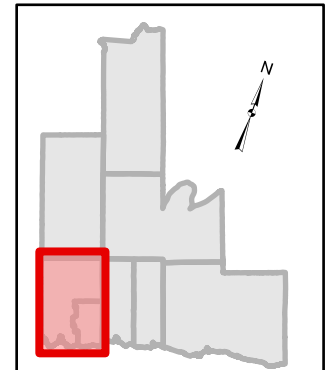
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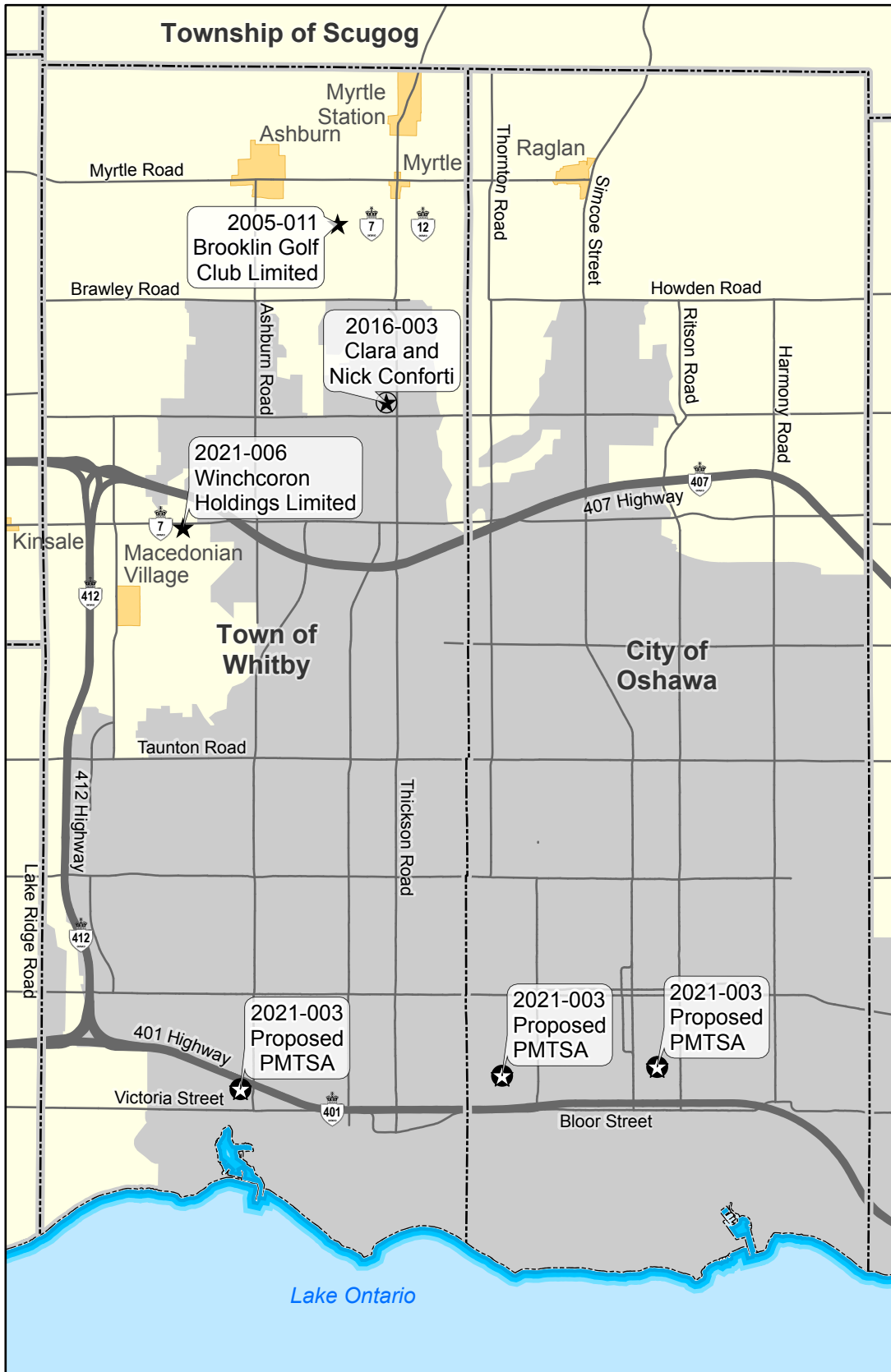
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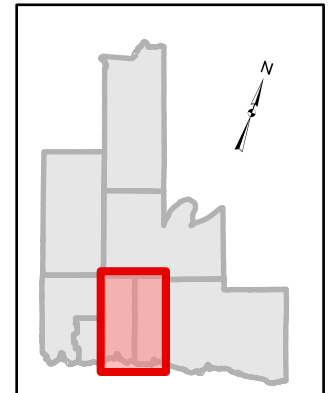
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Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Municipality of Clarington

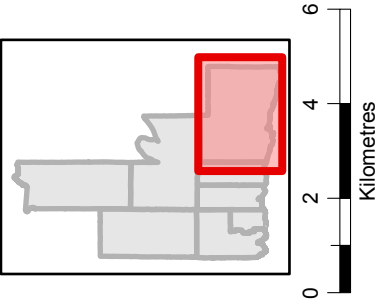
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of December 31, 2024)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
COPA 2020-003 OLT-22-004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low-density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use. Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	Case Management Conference conducted April 23, 2023. OLT appeal was withdrawn.
OPA 20-004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22-004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference was scheduled for July 28, 2023. The matter has been adjourned with no new date set. All the parties have indicated that their appeals will be site specific, and the City is working with the parties on next steps on how to proceed with the scoped appeals. A Motion on December 19, 2024 the OLT orders that OPA 38 is approved, and the site specific appeals will continue.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
COPA 2022-0003, OLT-23-000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	A Merit Hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2024. A Settlement conference was held on November 19, 2024. December 27, 2024, the OLT issued its decision that the appeal is allowed.
OPA 2020-W/03 OLT 24-000115	Town of Whitby	Town of Whitby	The Amendment updates the Secondary Plan for the Downtown Whitby Area. It provides a vision and detailed objectives, updated development policies and land use designations for the Secondary Plan Area. The Secondary Plan will guide future growth and development in the Downtown Whitby area.	Acknowledgement letter from the OLT was received on January 31, 2024. Second Case management conference conducted on June 28, 2024. Merit Hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 2025.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
Brookhill Secondary Plan COPA 2020-004 OLT-24-000878	Municipality of Clarington	Municipality of Clarington	The Amendment updates the Secondary Plan for the Brookhill Secondary Plan Area. The Secondary Plan will guide future growth and development in the Brookhill Neighbourhood.	A case management conference was held November 20, 2024. The OLT hearing is to be scheduled. A Second case management conference was conducted on February 7, 2025. A Hearing is scheduled for September 9, 2025.
OLT-23-001023 (formerly PL150303)	Magnum Opus – Shoal Bayly Ontario Inc	Town of Ajax	Failure of the Region of Durham to announce a decision respecting Proposed Official Plan Amendment No. OPA 2014-006	Settlement discussions are in progress. A Motion was heard on February 3, 2025. Witness statements from the Region of Durham were provided.

Summary of Reserved Street Names (As of December 31, 2024)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in second Quarter of 2024	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		320
Brock	0		35
Clarington	0		659
Oshawa	0		459
Pickering	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawes Ashe 	527
Scugog	0		212
Uxbridge	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Cumming Al Bainbridge Jeff Peck Rob Markell 	154
Whitby	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon Cook 	458
Total	7		2,824

* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-26
Date: April 17, 2025

Subject:

Annual Subdivision/Condominium Activity Report for 2024

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of subdivision and condominium activity in the Region of Durham from January 1 to December 31, 2024. This activity has long been monitored by the Community Growth Division, in part because it gives an indication of housing supply in the pipeline across the Region. Tracking this information also helps to inform the delivery of water and wastewater infrastructure and is relevant to work being undertaken by the Finance Department. This report focuses on applications which achieved major milestones in 2024 in terms of:
- a. New applications received;
 - b. Applications draft approved;
 - c. Plans registered; and
 - d. Active applications.
- 1.2 This report also compares the 2024 activity results with 2023.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 A subdivision/condominium report is prepared for Council's information annually. The last report outlining activity in 2023 was provided in the Council Information Package on March 28, 2024 ([#2024-INFO-20](#)).

3. Highlights

- 3.1 Highlights from 2024 are as follows:

- a. **Applications Received: 36** – 19 subdivision and 17 condominium (see Attachment #1);
- b. **Units Received: 11,016** – 8,320 within plans of subdivision and 2,696 within plans of condominium (see Attachment #1);
- c. **Draft Approved Plans: 29** – 16 subdivision and 13 condominium (see Attachment #2);
- d. **Draft Approved Units: 10,796** – 9,929 subdivision units and 867 condominium units (see Attachment #2);
- e. **Plans Registered: 31** – 14 subdivisions and 17 condominiums (see Attachment #3);
- f. **Registered Units: 8,048** – 6,762 within plans of subdivision and 1,286 within plans of condominium (see Attachment #3);
- g. **Total Number of Active Subdivision and Condominium applications in Durham Region at the end of 2024: 317** – 265 plans of subdivision, 52 plans of condominium (see Attachment #4);
- h. **Total Number of Active Subdivision and Condominium units in Durham Region at the end of 2024: 83,562** – 46,693 draft approved residential units and 36,869 residential units in process (i.e., not yet draft approved) (see Attachment #4).

4. Applications Received

- 4.1 In 2024, a total of 36 subdivision and condominium applications were received Region-wide, compared to 31 in 2023. Of these 36 applications, there were 18 residential plans of subdivision, 12 standard residential plans of condominium, 4 common element plans of condominium, one industrial plan of subdivision and one commercial plan of condominium.
- 4.2 In 2024, a total of 11,016 residential units were proposed within subdivisions and standard condominium plans, compared to 7,955 in 2023. About 59 per cent of the units are located in the Municipality of Clarington, the majority of which are

associated with one application in proximity to the future GO train station in Bowmanville. The Town of Whitby, the City of Oshawa, the City of Pickering, the Township of Uxbridge and the Town of Ajax accounted for about 23 per cent, 10 per cent, 4 per cent, 2 per cent and 2 per cent of units respectively. In addition, 14 industrial units within one subdivision plan and 4 commercial units within one condominium plan were also received.

5. Draft Approved Plans

- 5.1 A total of 29 plans were draft approved in 2024, compared to 32 draft approvals in 2023.
- 5.2 The number of units draft approved in 2024 increased from a total of 8,594 units in 2023 to 10,796 units in 2024. It should be noted that 69 per cent of the draft approved units were located within one plan of subdivision in the Town of Whitby within the Whitby Protected Major Transit Station Area. The application in question is generally referred to as the Nordeagle development.
- 5.3 In 2024, approximately 79 percent (8,486) of the residential units within draft approved plans were in the Town of Whitby, 10 per cent (1,054) in the City of Oshawa, 3 per cent (366) in the Municipality of Clarington, and 3 per cent (307) in the City of Pickering. The remaining 5 per cent (583) residential units within draft approved plans were distributed amongst Ajax, Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge.

6. Registered Plans

- 6.1 The number of plans of subdivision and condominium registered decreased from 41 in 2023 to 31 in 2024. However, the number of units registered increased from 3,735 in 2023, to 8,015 in 2024.
- 6.2 The City of Pickering accounted for approximately 80 per cent of the total units registered with 6,478 units, the majority of which are associated with one application in proximity to the Pickering GO Train station, and within both the Protected Major Transit Station Area and the downtown Pickering Urban Growth Centre. The application is often referred to as the Pickering Town Centre redevelopment. The City of Oshawa (689 units), the Town of Whitby (528 units), and the Municipality of Clarington (176 units) had approximately 9 per cent, 7 per cent and 2 per cent of registered units respectively. The Town of Ajax and the Township of Scugog each had one percent of the units registered, being approximately 94 units and 83 units respectively. In addition, 21 industrial units within one condominium plan were registered.

7. Residential Units by Type

- 7.1 The proportion of single and semi-detached units within new subdivision and condominium applications decreased from 9 per cent in 2023 to 4 per cent in 2024. The proportion of townhouses increased from 9 per cent in 2023 to 13 per cent in 2024 and the proportion of apartments within these application types increased from 81 per cent in 2023 to 82 per cent in 2024.
- 7.2 In 2024, there were 1,170 single detached units draft approved compared to 1,027 in 2023. The number of multiples or townhouse units draft approved increased from 1,202 in 2023 to 1,435 in 2024. The number of apartment units in draft approved plans increased from 6,076 in 2023, to 8,019 in 2024.
- 7.3 The number of single detached units in registered plans decreased from 1,180 in 2023 to 649 in 2024. The number of townhouse units in registered plans decreased from 1,340 in 2023 to 981 in 2024, while the number of apartment units in registered plans increased from 710 in 2023 to 6,115 in 2024.

8. Active Applications

- 8.1 Active applications are comprised of “In Process” applications (i.e., not yet draft approved) and “Draft Approved” plans, which includes plans where Regional conditions have been provided but registration has not yet occurred, and where the registration extends over more than one phase. There were 317 active applications in the Region (155 In Process and 162 Draft Approved), compared to 349 active applications (150 In Process and 199 Draft Approved) at the end of 2023.
- 8.2 There was a total of 36,869 residential units within In-Process applications in 2024 compared to 31,202 at the end of 2023. Approximately 81 per cent of the In-Process units were in the Municipality of Clarington (10,949), the City of Oshawa (9,909) and the Town of Whitby (8,891).
- 8.3 There were 162 draft approved plans in the Region by the end of 2024, comprising 46,693 residential units, compared to 199 draft approved plans and 45,322 units at the end of 2023. Approximately 81 per cent of the draft approved units were in the Town of Whitby (17,109), the City of Pickering (12,183), and the City of Oshawa (8,712).
- 8.4 The majority (57 per cent or approximately 47,000) of In Process and Draft Approved units are within Greenfield areas (i.e., within the designated Urban Area but outside the delineated built-up area), constituting predominantly ground-related

housing types and representing more than a 10-year supply based on historic average annual registrations (3,777). The remaining 42 per cent of these units are within the delineated built-up area. There are extensive opportunities for intensification within the built-up area including Regional Centres and along Corridors which will provide significant additional housing supply in the Region.

- 8.5 Active applications also include industrial plans of subdivision/condominium. There are currently 19 applications (18 subdivision, 1 condominium) comprised of either whole or partial industrial sites totaling 20 units and 440.9 hectares (1,089 acres).

9. Current Activity

- 9.1 During the first three months of 2025, 9 new subdivision and 3 new condominium applications were received Region-wide, representing 3,827 additional “In Process” residential units. In addition, 1 plan of subdivision and 5 plans of condominium, representing 1,564 units, were draft approved in the first quarter of 2025. There were 4 plans of subdivision, and 3 plans of condominium registered during the first three months of 2025, representing 1,919 units.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 10.1 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.

11. Conclusion

- 11.1 2024 saw an increase in the number of subdivision and condominium applications received and draft approved, and a decrease in the number of registered plans compared to 2023. However, the number of units received, draft approved and registered all increased in 2024 compared to 2023.
- 11.2 The number of potential residential units that are “In Process” and “Draft Approved” increased between 2023 and 2024 from 76,524 in 2023 to 83,293 in 2024.
- 11.3 The Region’s supply of units through intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans of subdivision and condominium is more than sufficient to accommodate the Provincially required (minimum) 3-year supply for residential growth, as per Provincial Planning Statement policy 2.1.4 (b). Based on

average absorption rates since 2012, there is an approximate ten-year supply of draft approved lots in Durham Region.

- 11.4 The development application information from this report is used to develop and maintain an inventory of housing supply within “Active” applications, as discussed above. The inventory was also used to respond to an annual data request from the Regional and Single Tier Planning Leaders of Ontario for an unbuilt housing supply inventory.
- 11.5 The development application information used for this report only includes applications for Plans of Condominium and Plans of Subdivision. A significant amount of application activity is within Site Plan applications outside of plans of condominium or subdivision, which are not currently captured by this report. These applications can include residential developments like rental construction, student and retirement housing, or office-to-residential conversions. Staff are working with internal and external stakeholders to gather this data and will incorporate this data into future reports.

12. Attachments

- Attachment #1: Subdivision and Condominium applications received in 2024.
- Attachment #2: Subdivision and Condominium plans draft approved in 2024.
- Attachment #3: Subdivision and Condominium plans registered in 2024.
- Attachment #4: Active in process subdivision and condominium applications by municipality in 2024.
- Attachment #5: Active draft approved subdivision and condominium applications by municipality in 2024.
- Attachment #6: Maps of 2024 Subdivision / Condominium development activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

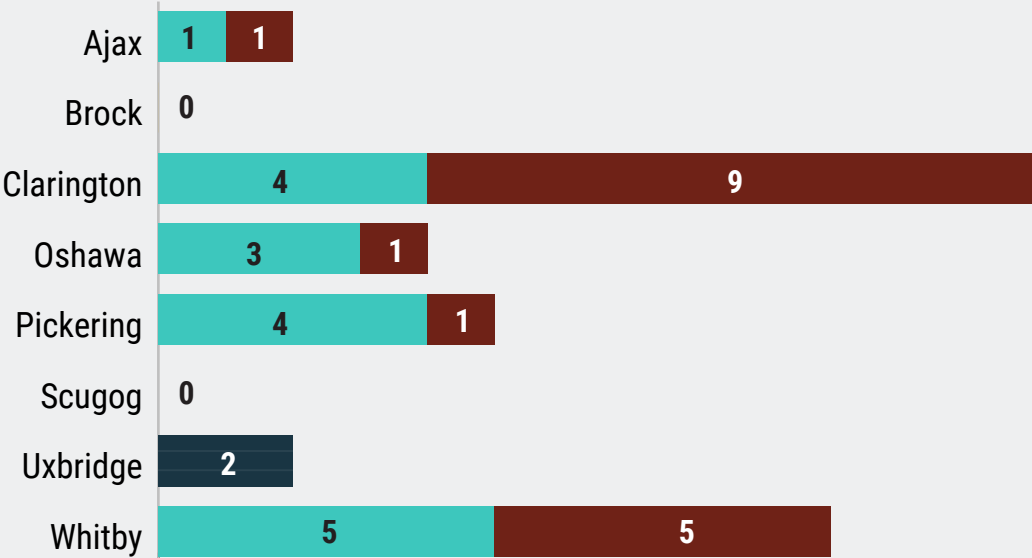
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Commissioner of Community Growth and
Economic Development

Subdivision and condominium applications received in 2024

Application Types

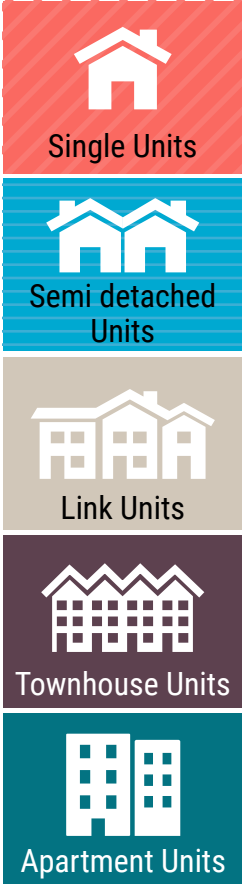


36 Applications received in Durham in 2024

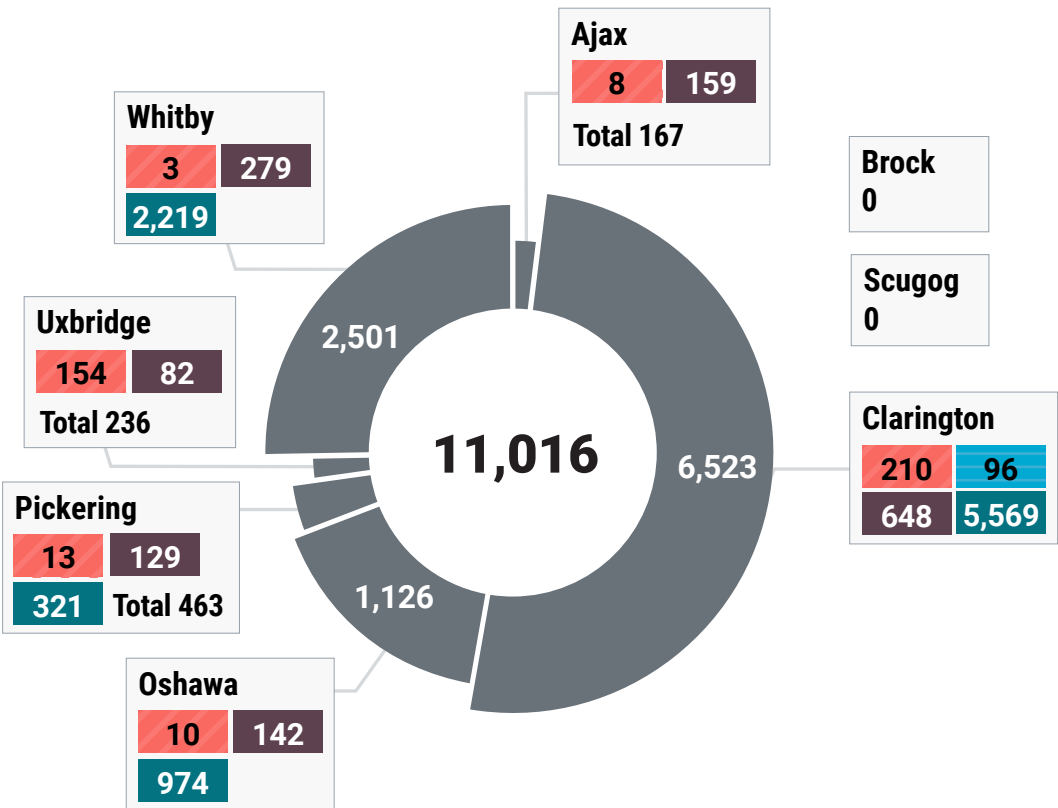


Note: Until Dec. 31/24 the Region approved subdivisions/condos in Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge. Moving forward, we will no longer differentiate between delegated and non-delegated approvals.

Unit Categories



Breakdown of total number of units received in 2024

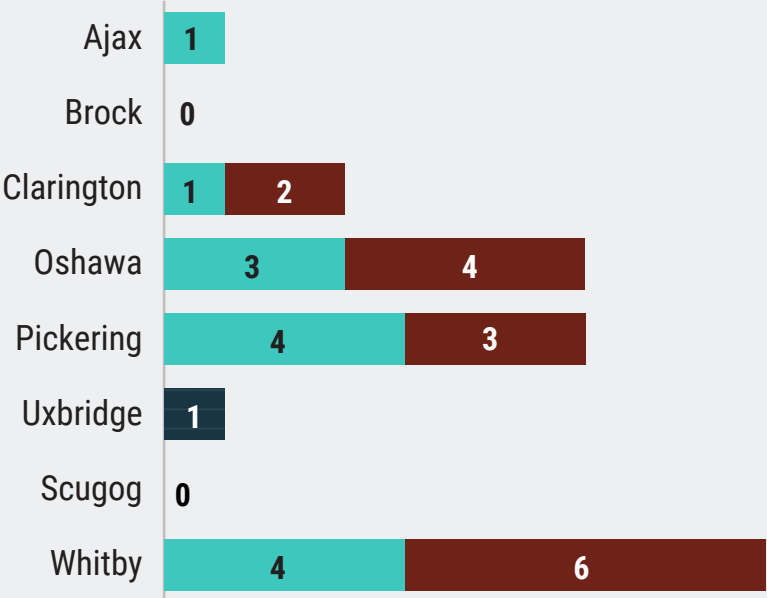


Subdivision and condominium plans draft approved in 2024

Application Types



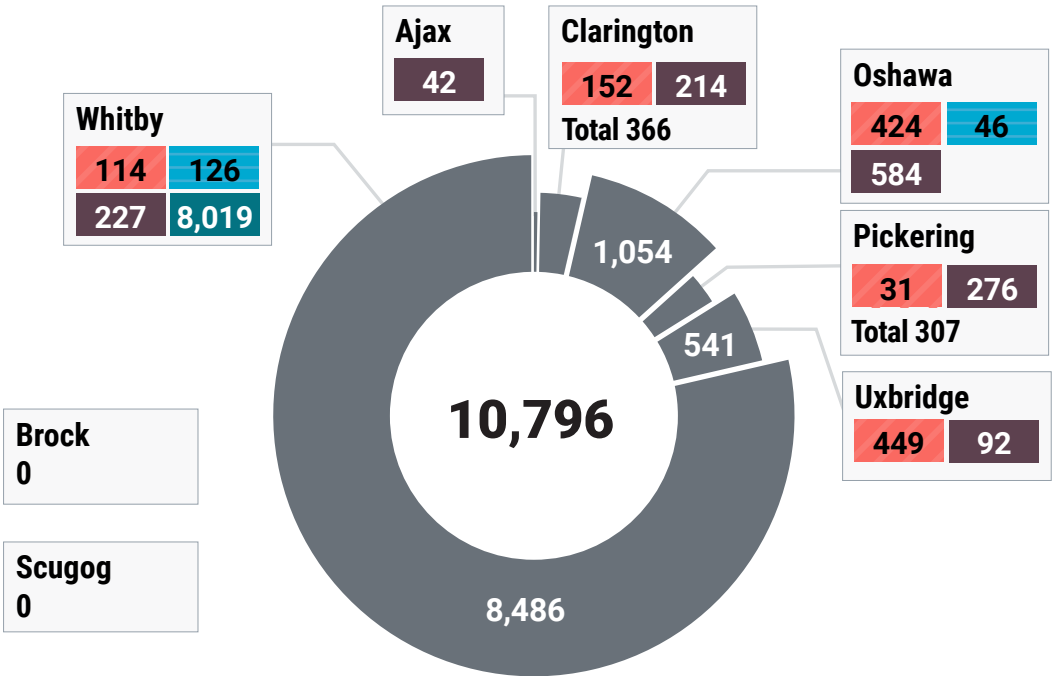
29 Plans draft approved in Durham in 2024



Unit Categories



Breakdown of total number of draft approved units in 2024

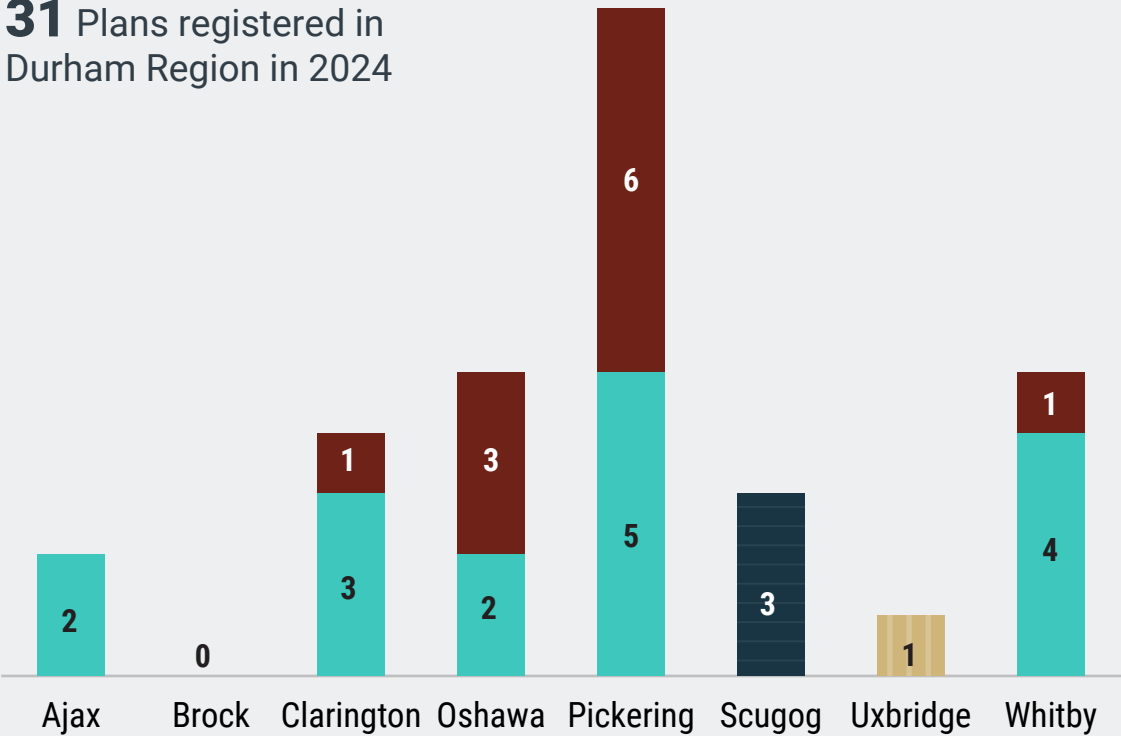


Subdivision and condominium plans registered in 2024

Application Types



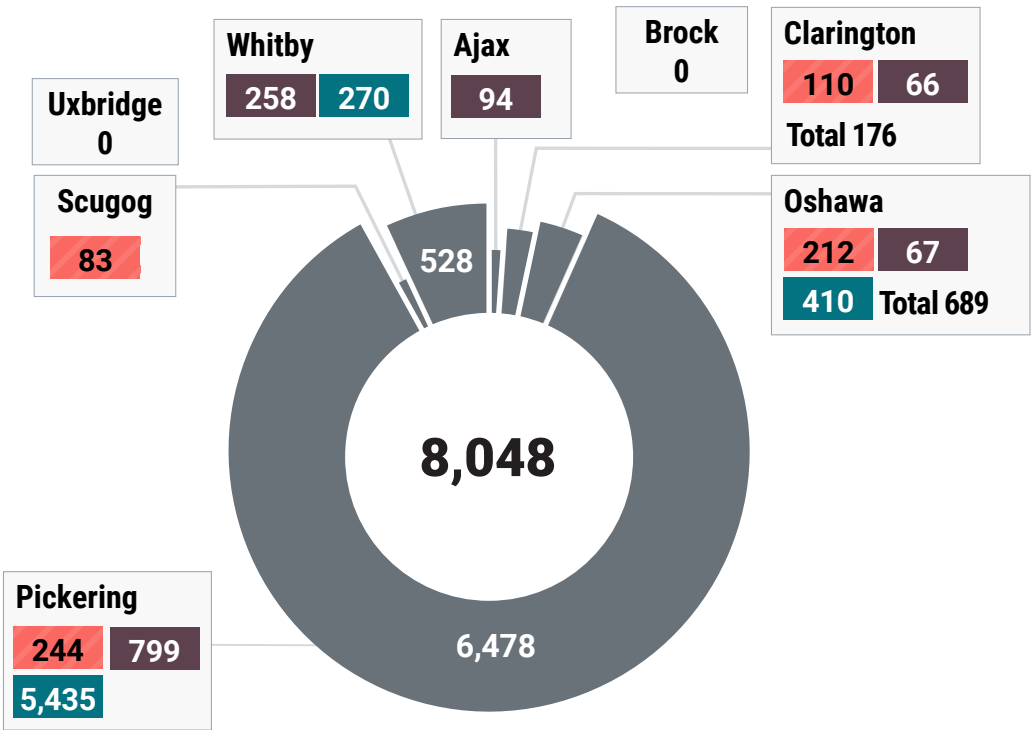
31 Plans registered in Durham Region in 2024



Unit Categories



Breakdown of number of **registered units** in 2024

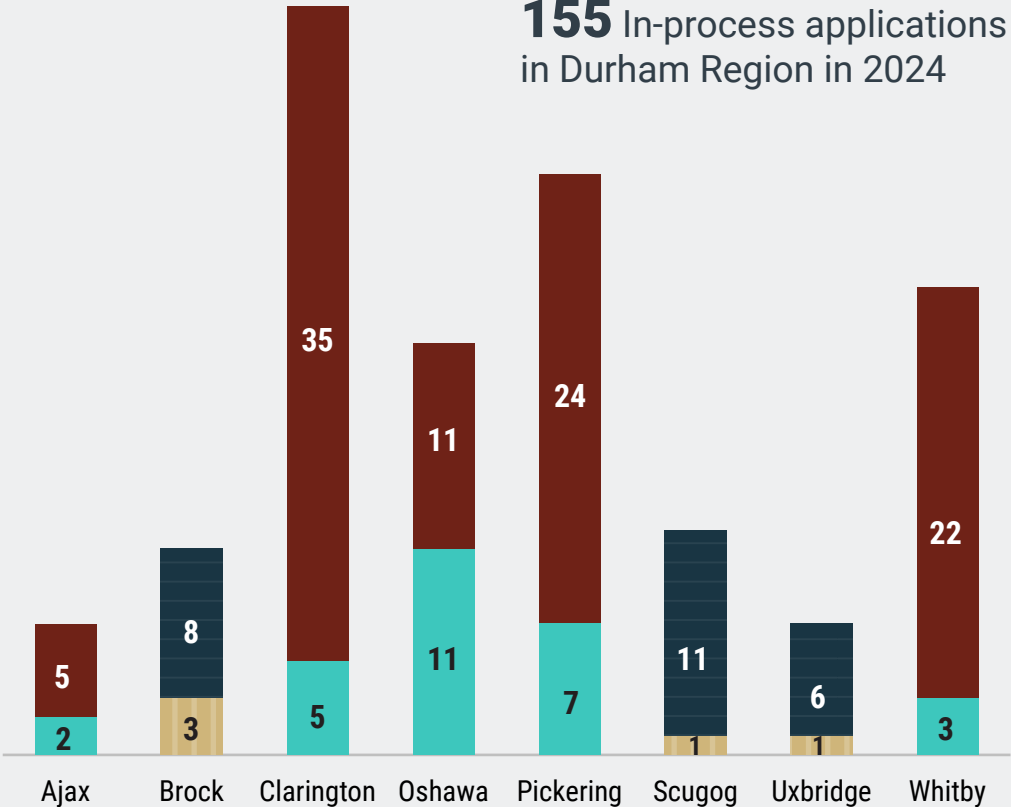


Active subdivision and condominium applications (in-process) by municipality in 2024

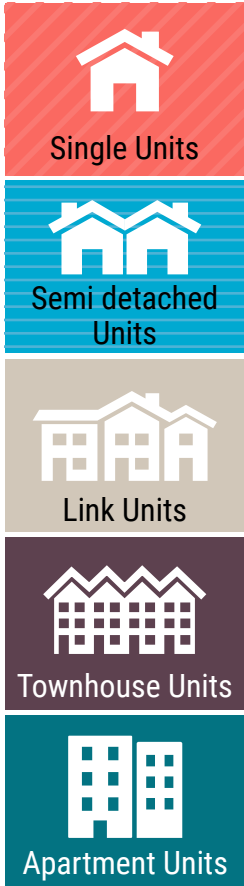
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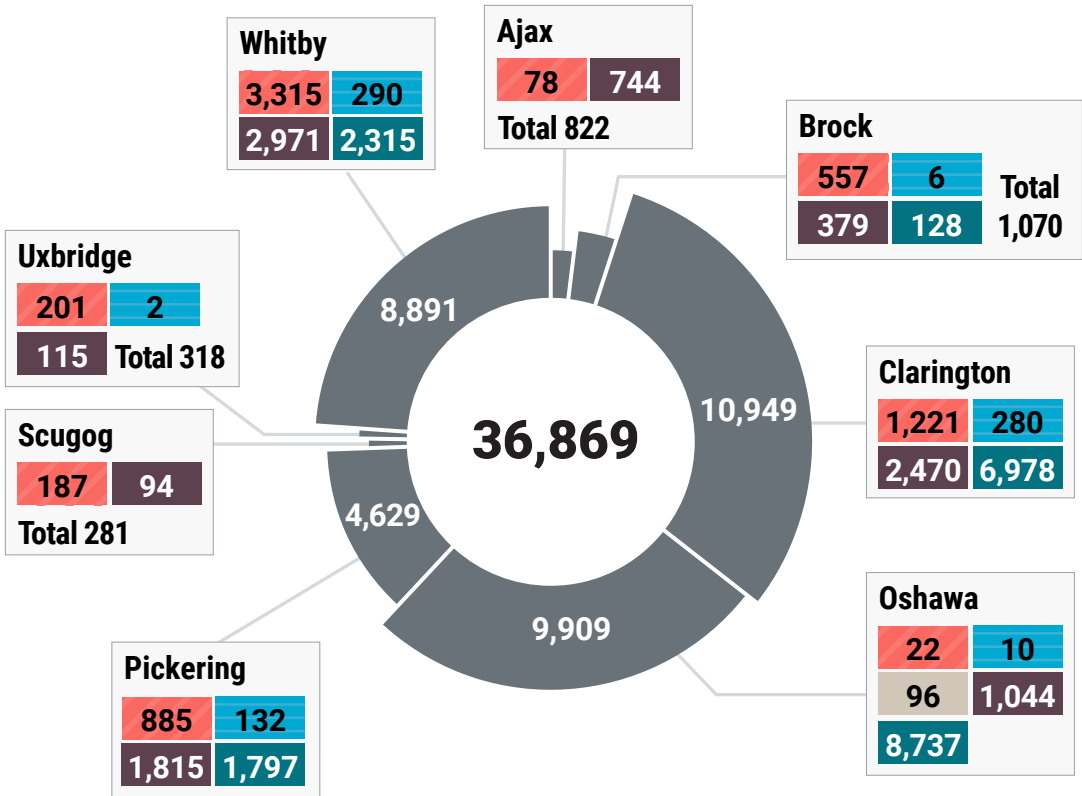
155 In-process applications in Durham Region in 2024



Unit Categories



Breakdown of number of units within **in-process** applications

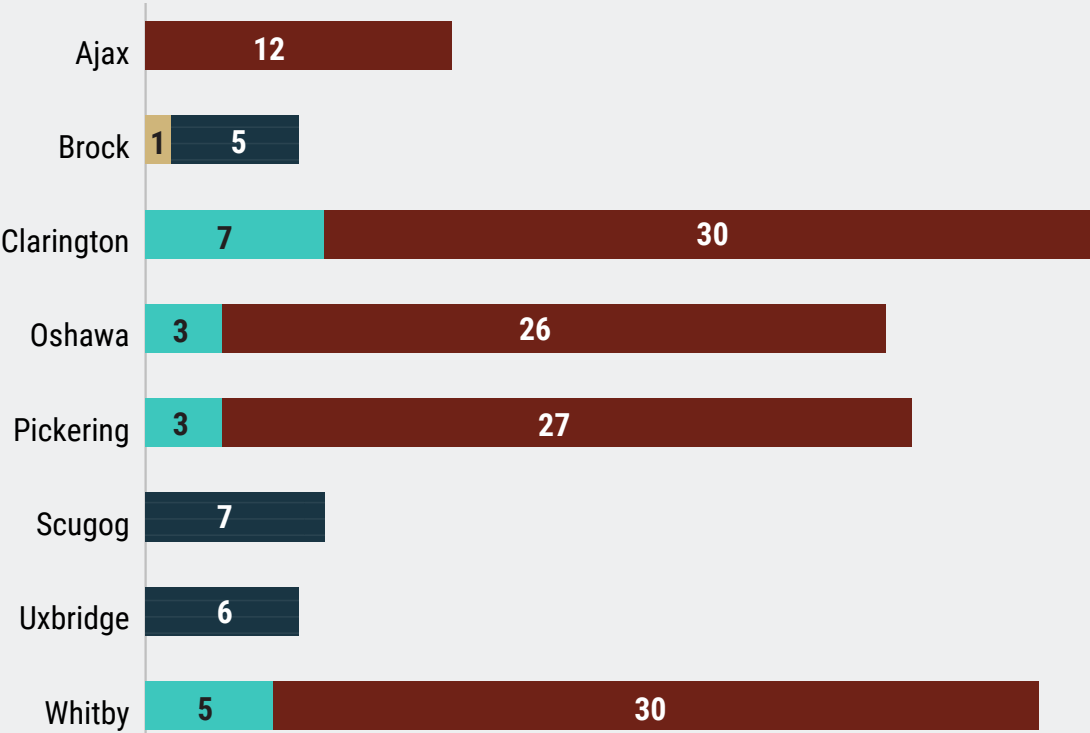


Active subdivision and condominium applications draft approved in 2024

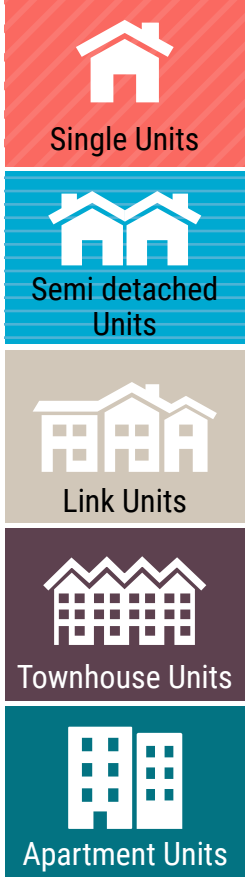
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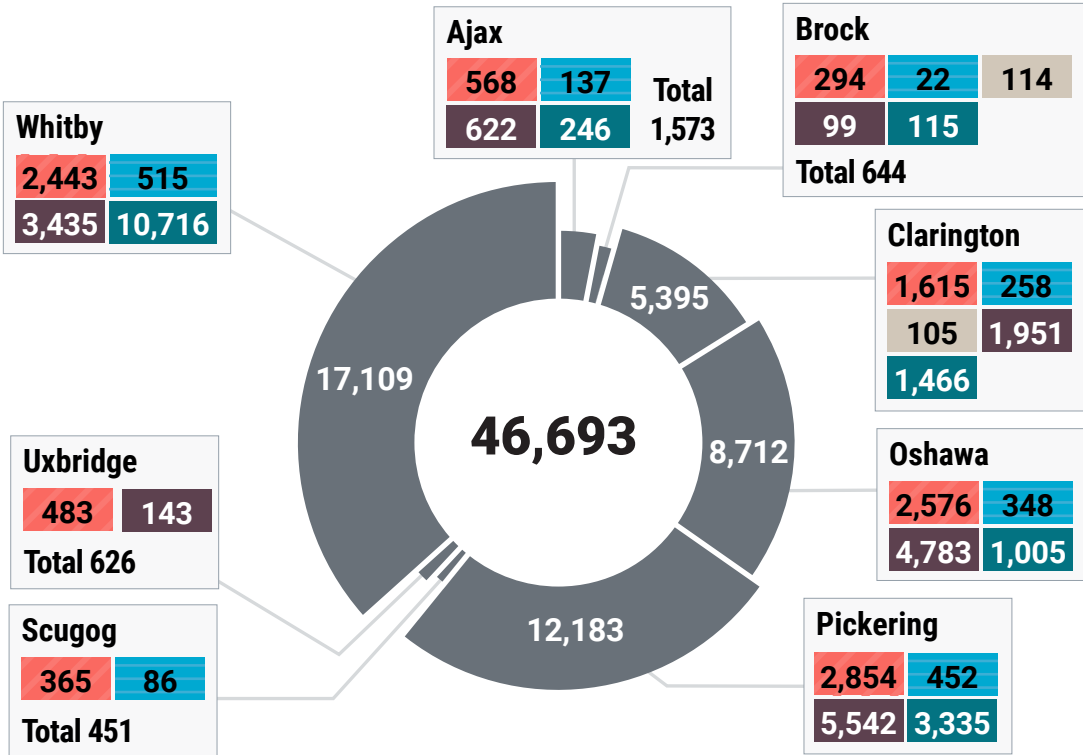
162 Draft active applications in Durham in 2024



Unit Categories

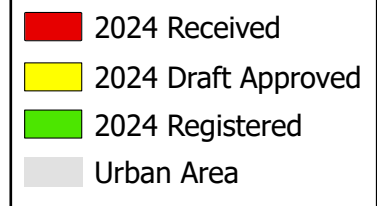
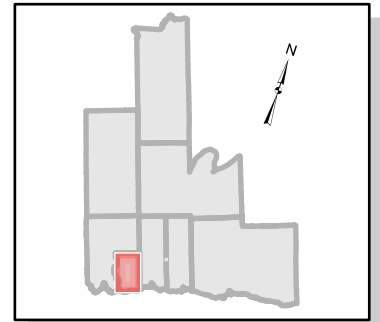
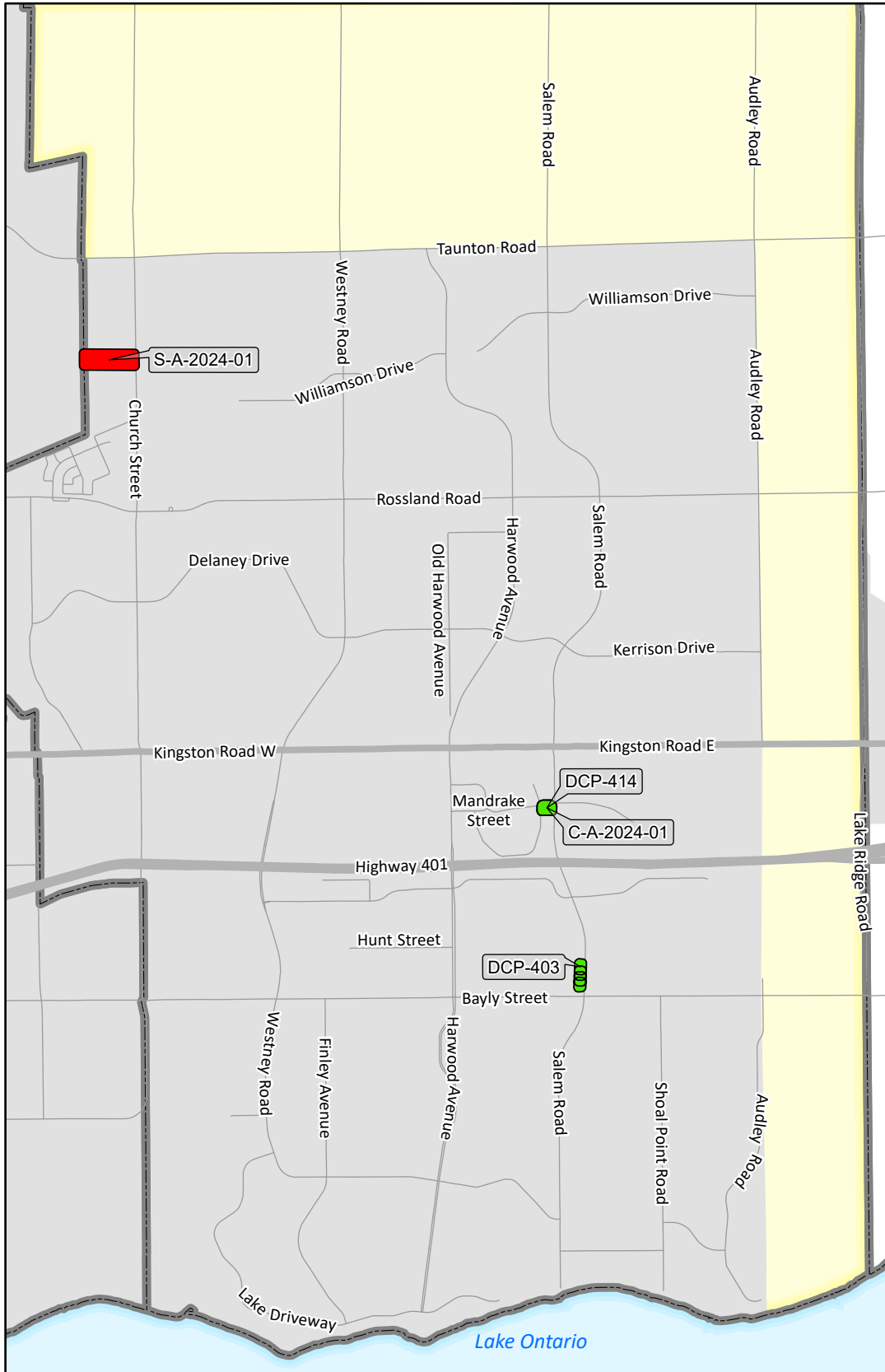


Breakdown of number of units within active draft approved applications





2024 SUBDIVISION/CONDOMINIUM ACTIVITY AJAX URBAN AREA



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S-A-2024-01 GHD

Draft Approved:

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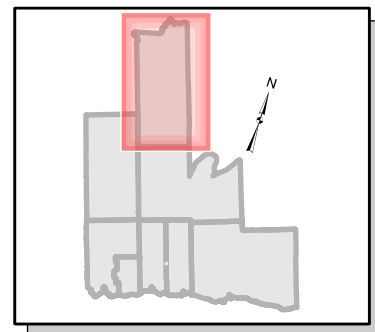
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DCP-414 12931109 Canada Inc.



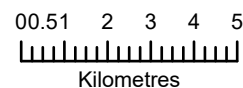
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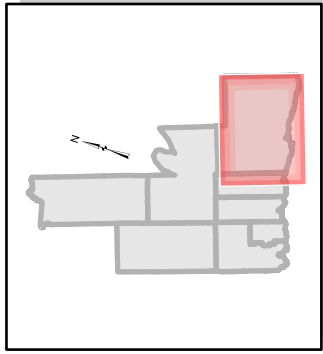
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2024 Received

2024 Draft Approved

2024 Registered

Hamlet

Urban Area

Received:

- C-C-2024-01 Fifty-Five Clarington Ltd.
- C-C-2024-02 Fifty-Five Clarington B. Ltd.
- C-C-2024-04 R-PE Surveying Ltd.
- C-C-2024-05 59 Project Management Inc.
- S-C-2022-14 Tribute Tercot Brookhill 1 Inc.
- S-C-2022-15 Tribute Tercot Brookhill 2 Inc.
- S-C-2024-01 Weston Consulting
- S-C-2024-04 Weston Consulting
- S-C-2024-05 The Biglett Group Ltd. c/o Mark Jacobs
- S-C-2024-06 KLM Planning Partners Inc.
- S-C-2024-08 D.G. Biddle & Associates
- S-C-2024-12 Planfarm Inc
- S-C-2024-15 Blackthorn Development Corp

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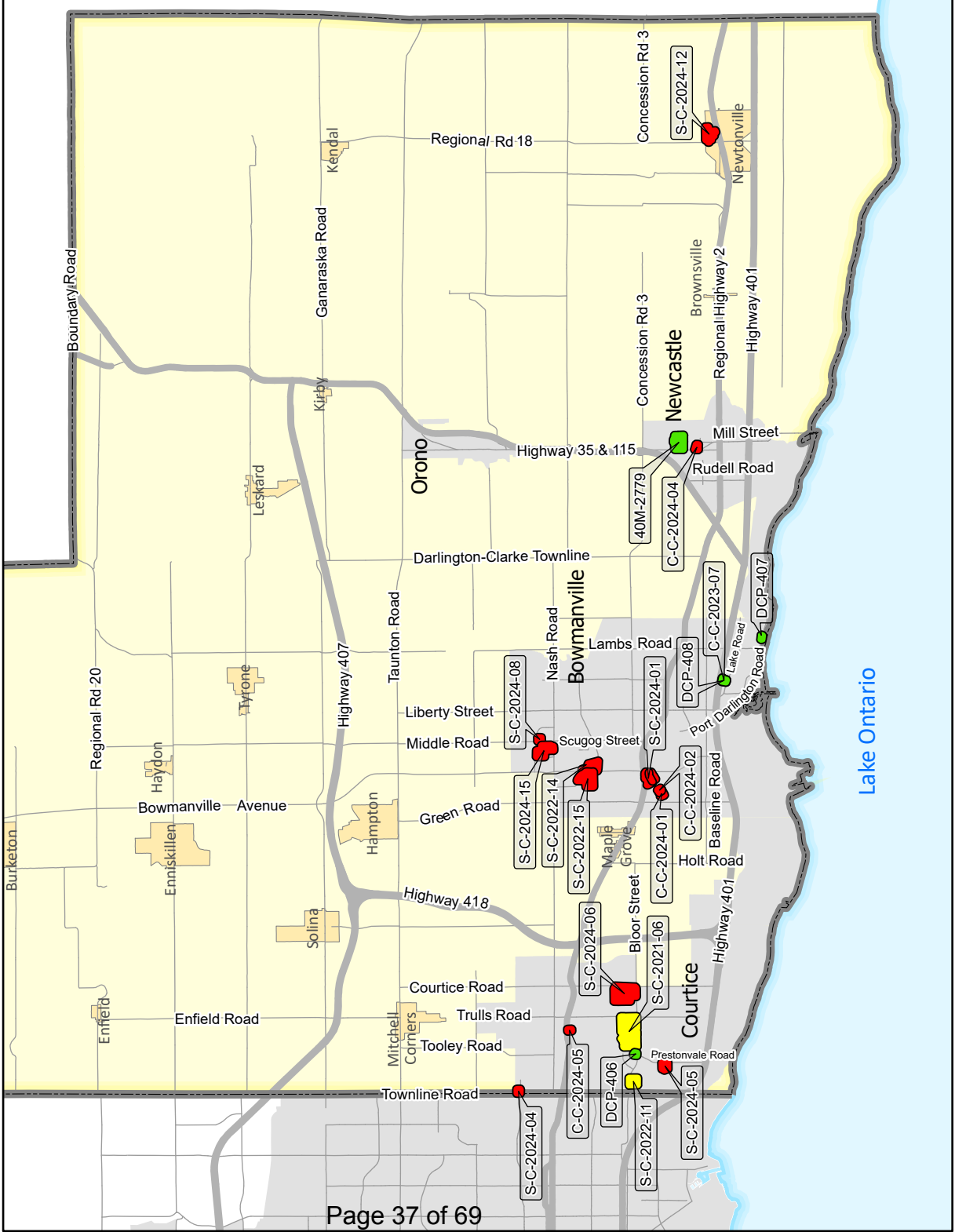
- C-C-2023-07 D. G. Biddle & Assoc. Ltd.
- S-C-2021-06 Tribute (Courtice) Limited
- S-C-2022-11 Plan Developments Inc.

Registered:

- DCP-406 National Homes (Prestonvale) Inc.
- DCP-407 Bowmanville Lakebreeze East Village Ltd.
- DCP-408 D. G. Biddle & Assoc. Ltd.
- 40M-2779 Brookfield Homes (Ontario) Limited



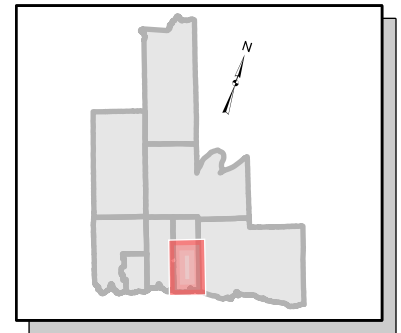
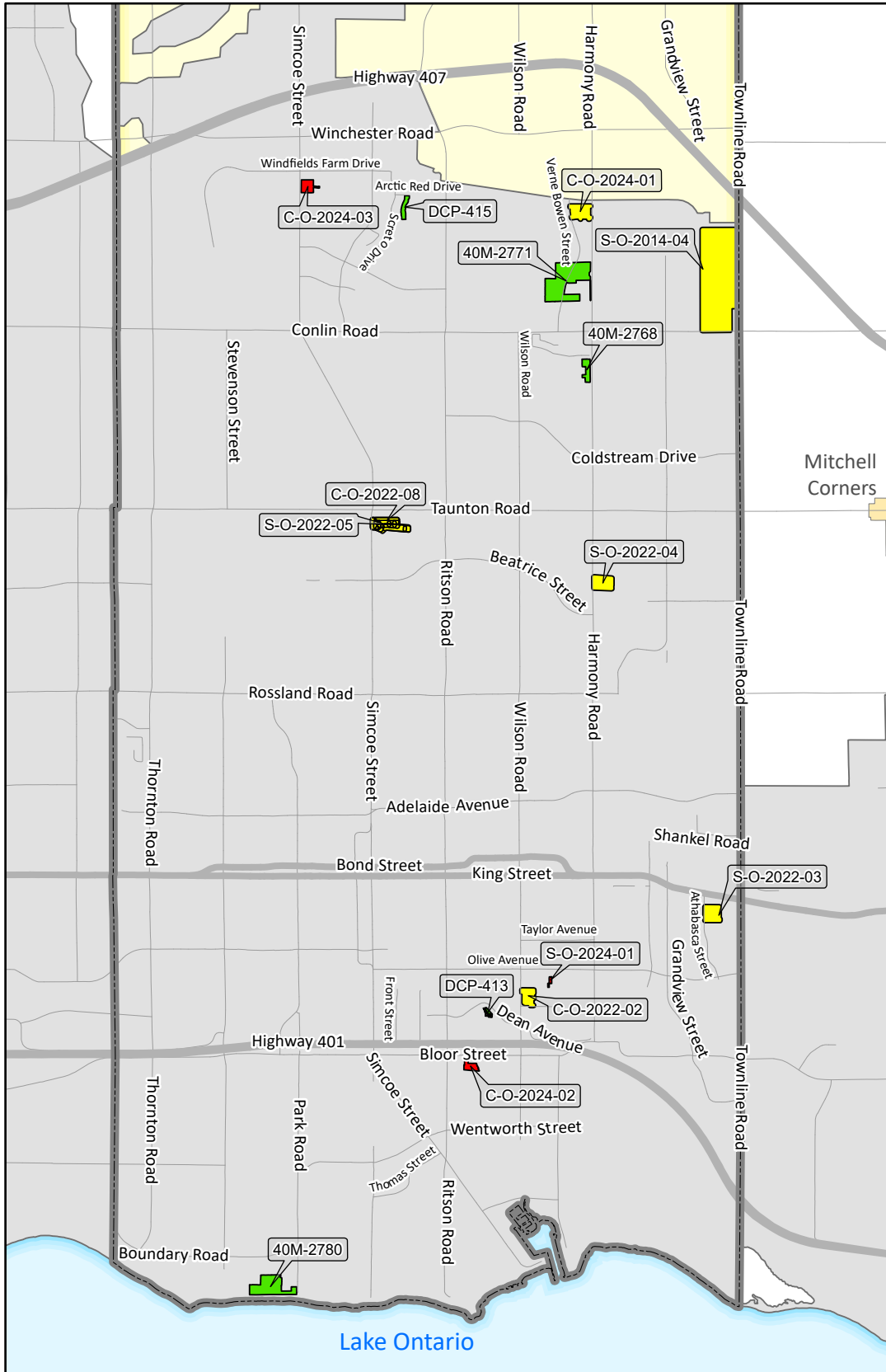
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- 2024 Registered
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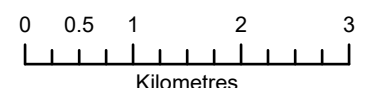
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Draft Approved:

C-O-2022-02 GHD Limited
C-O-2022-08 Weston Consulting
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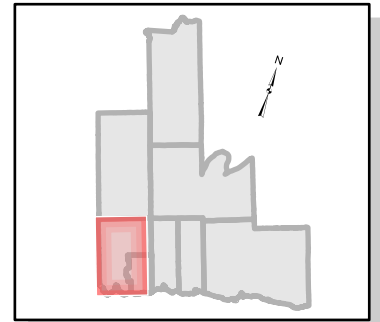
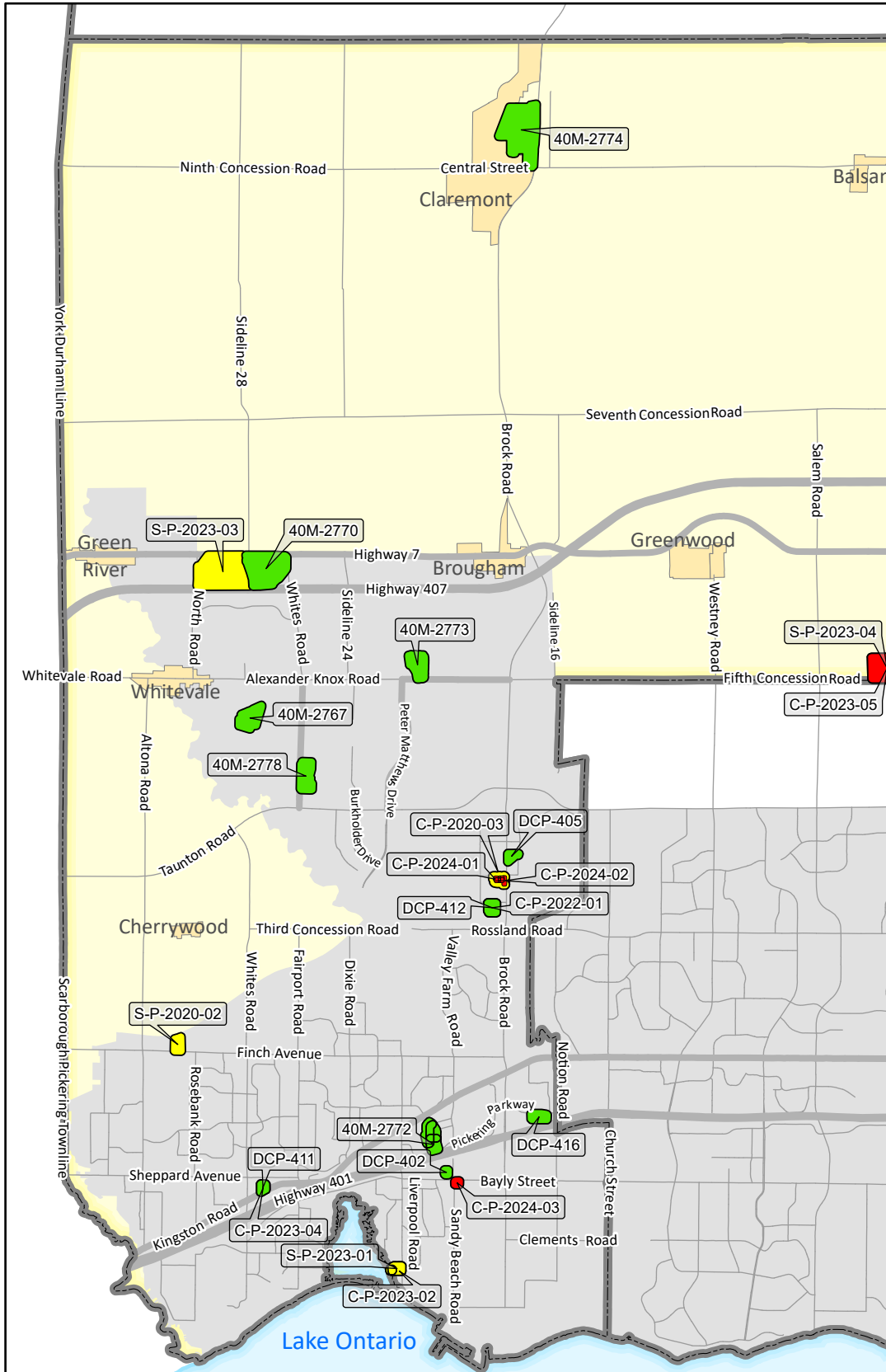
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40M-2780	SO Developments Inc.
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2024 SUBDIVISION/CONDOMINIUM ACTIVITY PICKERING URBAN AREA



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- 2024 Registered
- Hamlet
- Urban Area

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- C-P-2023-05 Blackthorn Development Corp
- C-P-2024-01 Icon Homes
- C-P-2024-02 Icon Homes
- C-P-2024-03 Universal City Six Developments Inc.
- S-P-2023-04 Blackthorn Development Corp

Draft Approved:

- C-P-2020-03 Brock Dersan Developments Inc.
- C-P-2022-01 The Biglieri Group
- C-P-2023-02 Brian Moss and Associates Ltd.
- C-P-2023-04 Icon Homes
- S-P-2020-02 GHD
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- DCP-402 Universal City Two Developments Inc.
- DCP-405 R-PE Surveying Ltd.
- DCP-411 Icon Homes
- DCP-412 The Biglieri Group
- DCP-416 Metropia (Notion Road) Development Inc.
- 40M-2767 White Sun Developments Limited
- 40M-2770 The Biglieri Group
- 40M-2772 OPB Realty Inc. c/o Brian Whibbs
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- 40M-2774 Malone Given Parsons Ltd.
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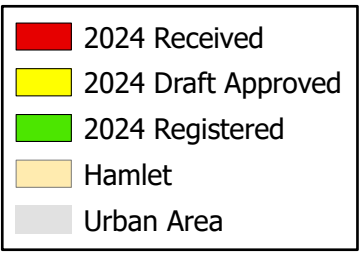
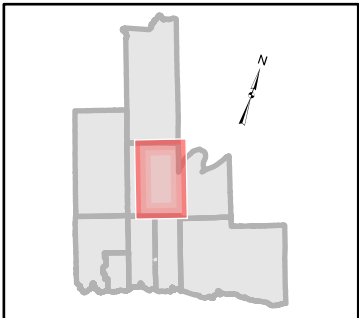
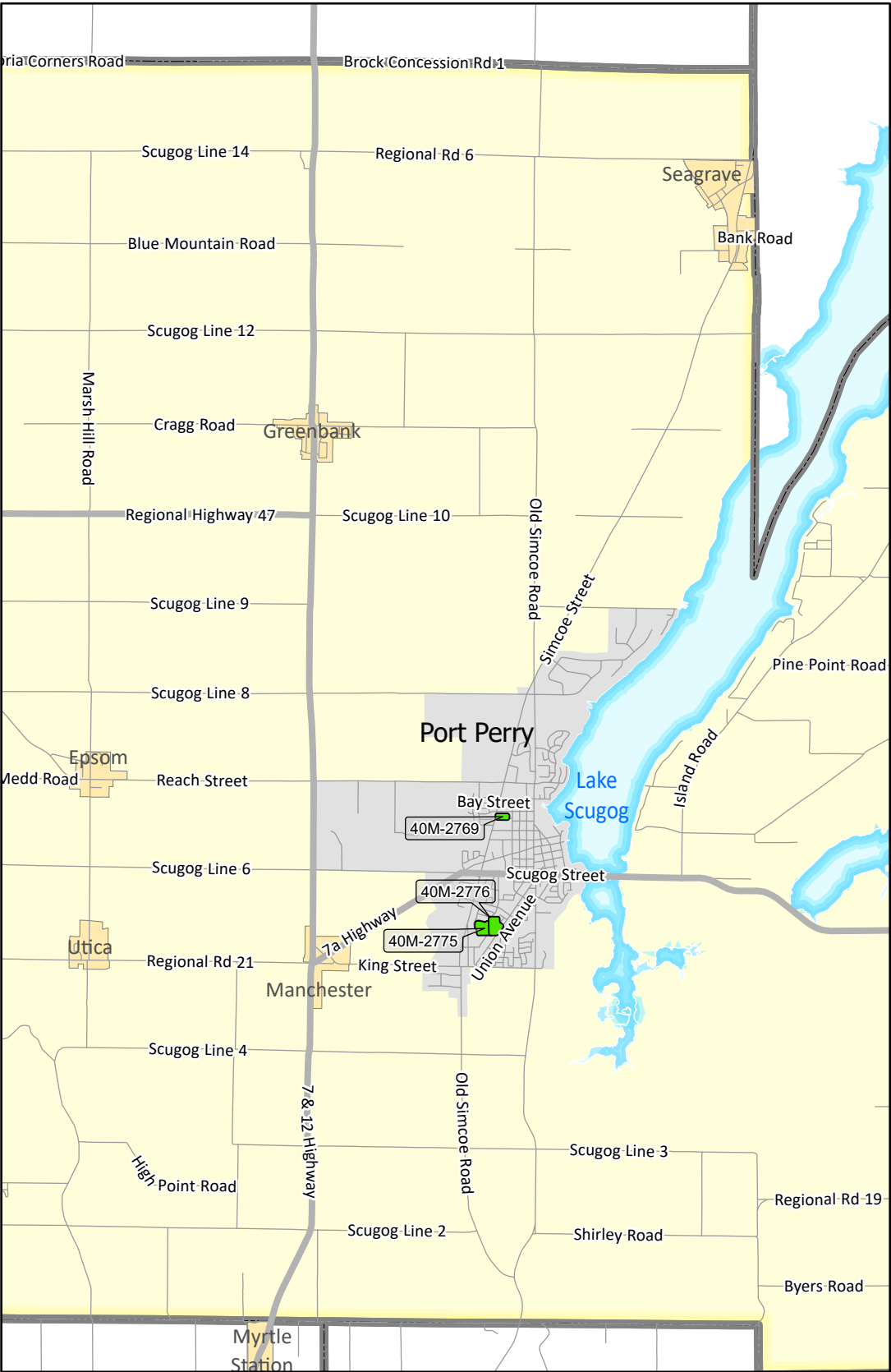
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2024 SUBDIVISION/CONDOMINIUM ACTIVITY TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG



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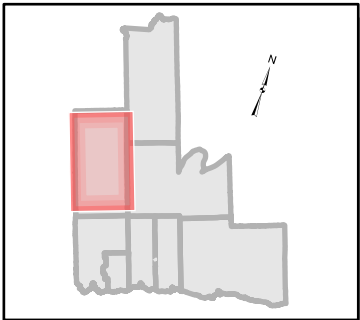
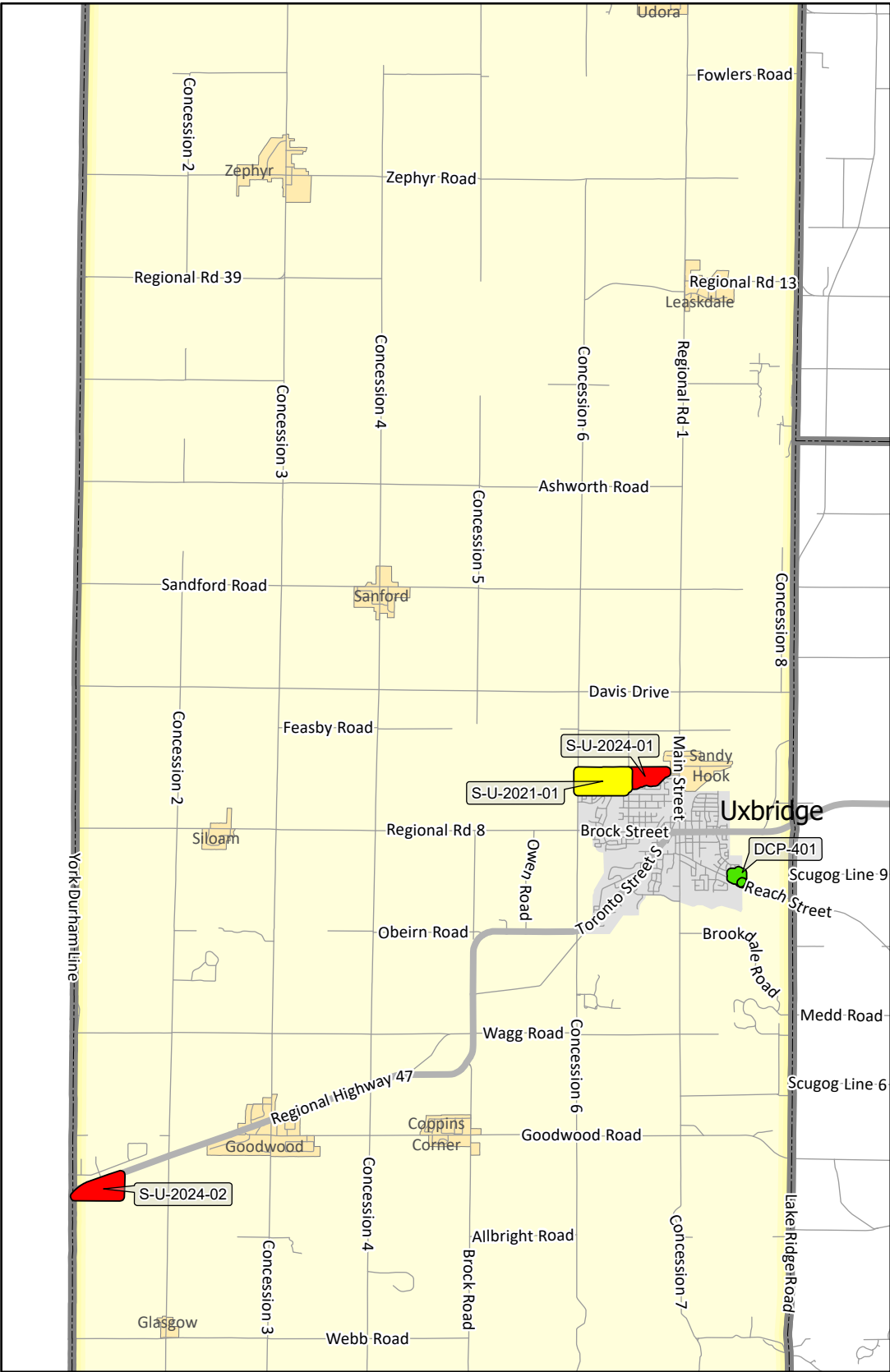
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2024 SUBDIVISION/CONDOMINIUM ACTIVITY TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE



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Hamlet

Urban Area

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S-U-2024-02 123 Hwy 47 Inc.

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S-U-2021-01 Bridgebrook Corp.

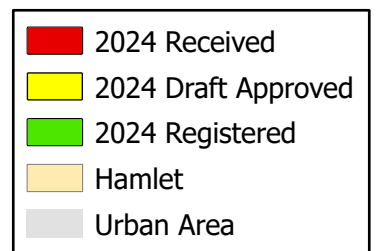
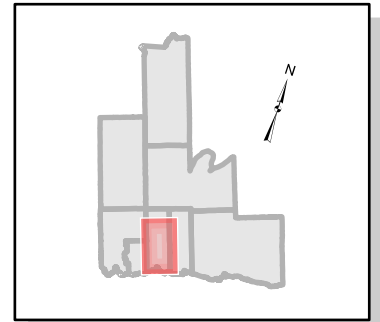
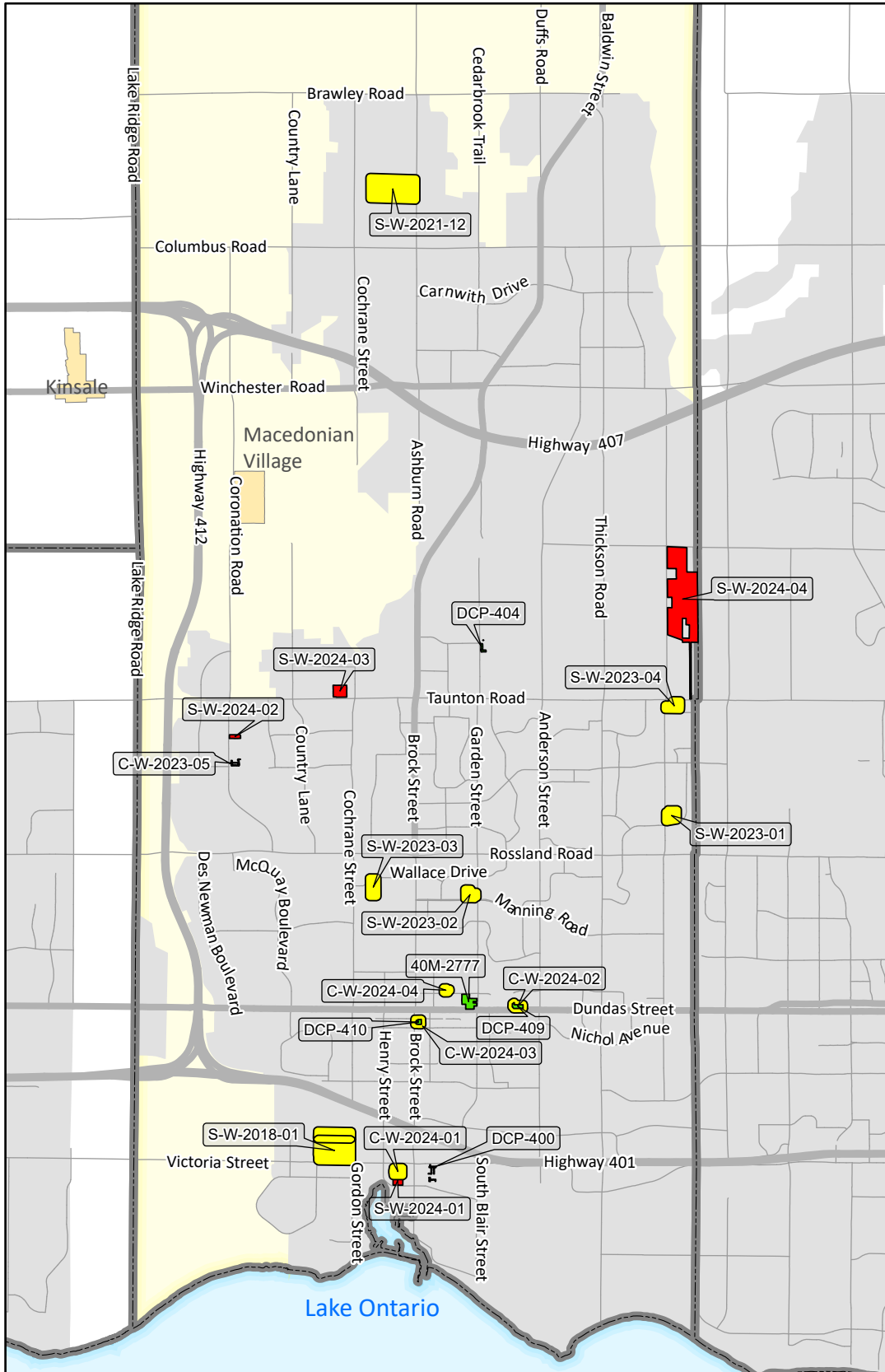
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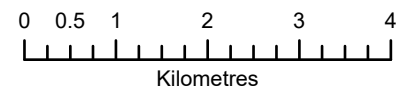
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S-W-2024-04	The Biglieri Group Ltd.

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S-W-2023-04	Icon Taunton Limited

Registered:

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2025-INFO-27
Date: April 17, 2025

Subject:

Confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by S&P Global Ratings

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of S&P Global Ratings' confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On January 16, 2025, Regional staff met with representatives of S&P Global Ratings (S&P) to review the credit fundamentals of the Regional Municipality of Durham and their impact on the Region's Triple "A" credit rating.
- 2.2 Based upon their review, S&P affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook in a report released on March 6, 2025. Durham Region is one of fourteen municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by S&P.

3.0 Highlights of Durham's Major Credit Strengths as Identified by S&P

- 3.1 S&P bases its ratings on local and regional governments according to six main rating factors. Durham continues to receive the highest score available on key rating factors, such as the economy, financial management, budgetary performance, liquidity and debt burden.
- 3.2 According to S&P, a diverse and wealthy economy, as well as a growing population, support Durham's creditworthiness. Major sectors, such as health

care, education, public services, agriculture and tourism, continue to provide stability for the economy.

“We view Durham’s economy as strong and diversified, reinforced by an expanding population.”

“We also expect the region’s economy will remain resilient to increased uncertainty associated with international trade disputes ... As a result, we do not expect material fluctuations in the region’s stable revenue base, driven by solid property tax revenues, over the next two years.”

- S&P Global

- 3.3 According to S&P, Durham’s prudent financial management also remains key to the Region’s creditworthiness. Durham has an experienced administration that adheres to well-established long-term financial planning and prudent policies. Strong financial management practices and policies and a commitment by Regional Council to multi-year planning allow the Region to manage service delivery challenges and accommodate future risks and uncertainties.

“The region’s management team is highly experienced and works with the region’s council to enact prudent policies. The team undertakes long-term financial planning to achieve fiscal sustainability. Master plans for major programs and service areas underpin Durham’s well-established long-term financial planning process. The region has a long-established asset management program. Management has systems in place to monitor expenditures and has demonstrated a culture of controlling costs.”

- S&P Global

- 3.4 The Triple “A” rating for Durham by S&P is supported by Durham’s strong budgetary performance and a track record of positive operating results. These results ensure the Region is able to meet expenditures and financial obligations, while keeping debt levels very manageable.

“We believe Durham’s operating performance will remain robust despite the increasing service needs of an expanding municipality, primarily supported by a growing property tax revenue base.”

“We believe that Durham’s lower-tier municipalities can support their obligations and will reimburse the region for all principal and

interest payments as they come due. As a result, we recognize that there is a lower credit risk associated with this debt. Durham's debt is also supported by high operating margins, which over five years exceed total direct debt outstanding, highlighting the manageable, albeit rising, debt burden. We also expect the interest burden will remain low and average less than 2% of operating revenues in 2025-2027."

"While we expect Durham will increase the use of reserves in the medium term to fund some of its capital needs, we expect it will continue to generate robust operating surpluses and maintain exceptional liquidity."

- S&P Global

- 3.5 However, the agency also provided words of caution for Durham. S&P recognizes that Durham will undertake a large capital program to address growth-related needs and accommodate strong population growth. In addition, Durham's capital plan includes an increasing reliance on debt as a funding source over the forecast period, in part to finance development charge shortfalls for large water supply and sanitary sewer projects and transit infrastructure expansion.

"We could take a negative rating action, in the next two years, if an economic downturn negatively affects revenues in the absence of an appropriate response from government and the growth in operating and capital expenditures outpaced that of revenues persistently. This could result in weaker operating performance, sustained after-capital deficits of more than 5% of total revenues, and a higher-than-expected debt burden. However, we view this scenario as unlikely in the next two years."

- S&P Global

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The Region's Business Planning and Budget process reflects the credit principles that are fundamental to the Region's Triple "A" credit rating. The rating is also a testament to Regional Council's long-standing commitment to supporting prudent financial policies and plans that maximize the up-front financing of capital infrastructure projects, ensure manageable debt levels and maintain adequate reserves and reserve funds to fund liabilities, contingencies and capital infrastructure.

- 4.3 Maintaining the Triple “A” credit rating is an important achievement for the Region. The Region’s exemplary fiscal results and disciplined approach to long-term financial planning are guided by the principles of fiscal sustainability, financial flexibility and taxpayer affordability.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2025-INFO-28
Date: April 17, 2025

Subject:

Confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by Moody's Investors Service

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of the confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by Moody's Investors Service.

2. Background

- 2.1 On January 17, 2025, Regional staff met with representatives of Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) to review the credit fundamentals of the Regional Municipality of Durham and their impact on the Region's Triple "A" credit rating. The presentation included the approved 2025-2034 water supply and sanitary sewer capital and debt forecasts and the capital and debt forecasts from the 2025 Regional Property Tax Business Plans, as approved by Regional Council.
- 2.2 The 10-year capital plan for 2025-2034 includes CAD\$5.2 billion spending under the tax-supported budget and CAD\$6.5 billion spending under the rate-supported budget, above the previous 10-year levels. The largest planned spending components relate to the regional water and sewer infrastructure, transportation network, including several new rapid transit projects, followed by spending for transit, solid waste and police services.
- 2.3 Moody's affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with a stable outlook in a report released on March 21, 2025. According to Moody's, Durham's Triple "A" credit strengths continue to reflect Durham's exceptional liquidity and very low debt levels, resilient local economy with diverse sectors, stable and predictable revenues and conservative fiscal management. Durham Region is one of eight municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by Moody's.

3. Highlights of Durham's Major Credit Strengths

- 3.1 Moody's continues to recognize that Durham's exceptional liquidity profile and very low debt levels provide financial flexibility to mitigate fiscal challenges relating to slower economic growth and increased capital spending:

"The region's financial flexibility is supported by a substantial liquidity cushion from exceptional levels of cash and investments."

"While the majority of reserves are earmarked for specific purposes, these levels provide significant debenture holder security and are at the high end relative to Aaa-rated municipal peers. While we expect total cash and investments to decline modestly in 2025 and 2026 as the region will use some of its built-up liquidity to support rising future expenditures, these levels remain well above peers, supporting the region's credit rating."

"Current debt levels are very low as a result of strong debt management including a multi-year effort to fund capital projects through pay-as-you-go financing instead of issuing debt."

"At the same time, the region maintains very strong debt affordability with the interest burden (interest expense relative to operating revenue) below 1.5% over the next five years."

- Moody's Investors Service,

- 3.2 Durham's diversified economy, stable primary revenue sources and corporate fiscal management are viewed by Moody's as major credit strengths. While the stability of Durham's primary revenue sources shelter the Region from macroeconomic factors, including trade uncertainty and tariff impacts, program challenges associated with population growth can be addressed by the Region through its adherence to multi-year financial planning:

"Economic diversification has improved over the last two decades as a decline in manufacturing has been offset by growth of other sectors including retail and wholesale trade, finance and professional services, education, health and social services. This diversification will help shelter the region's fiscal profile from continued trade uncertainty despite exposure to the auto sector given the Oshawa assembly plant of General Motors, as the majority of sectors are not directly exposed to tariff impacts."

"The region's operating profile is supported by stable and predictable revenues, including property taxes and user fees, generating approximately two-thirds of operating revenues, which do not fluctuate significantly with economic changes. The stability in revenue sources along with the region's own cost control measures,

and significant funding support from the provincial and federal governments, has enabled the region to be largely resilient to expense and revenue pressures.”

“We view Durham’s overall governance as robust, in line with other highly rated municipalities in Canada. Management adheres to conservative investment and debt policies, limiting exposure to market-related risks and ensuring relatively smooth and predictable debt service costs. Operating and capital planning is done on a multi-year basis through annual budgets, a 10-year capital plan which is updated annually, and master plans for major program areas, including a transportation master plan. The region also incorporates environmental, social and governance (ESG) analysis, including carbon transition, green initiatives and climate adaptation into its long-term planning.”

“The region adheres to conservative debt and investment management policies including issuing only domestic currency fixed rate bonds, which limit exposure to market-related risks. Fiscal planning and reporting is comprehensive, transparent and timely.”

- *Moody’s Investors Service*

- 3.4 Moody’s also assesses Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Issuer Profile (IPS) and Credit Impact Scores (CIS) for municipally rated entities. The scores are part of Moody’s ongoing commitment to demonstrate the systematic and transparent incorporation of material ESG issues into credit ratings. According to Moody’s, Durham received a credit impact score of CIS-2, which reflects that ESG considerations do not have a material impact on the rating:

*“The **E-2** issuer profile score (IPS) reflects no material exposure to environmental risks. The region is not exposed to significant climate risks and neither spending nor revenue are materially impacted by environmental changes.”*

*“The **S-2** IPS reflects no material risk exposure to social risks. The Region provides public services such as public safety and water and waste collection, however these services do not face material risks given predictable demographic trends which allow for long-term forecasting of service requirements. The region’s residents have high levels of education and access to basic services.”*

*“The **G-1** IPS reflects Durham’s very strong budget and fiscal management practices within a strong institutional framework. The region is subject to balanced budget legislation and utilizes prudent financing planning providing multi-year forecasting of key trends. Forward planning allows the region to identify potential pressures and allows for sufficient time to adjust plans accordingly to mitigate*

any credit implications. Financial reports are transparent and published in a timely manner, and the region adheres to strict policies on debt and investment management.”

- *Moody’s Investors Service*

- 3.5 However, Moody’s provides caution with respect to Durham’s credit outlook, which is challenged by elevated infrastructure and social spending that requires significant funding from operations to accommodate continued population growth. Recent provincial legislative changes may also present some fiscal and governance challenges:

“Given its Aaa ratings, Durham’s ratings cannot be upgraded. A significant decline in liquidity levels that coincides with a rising debt burden and weakening debt affordability, or a sustained period of economic contraction leading to deficits would put downward pressure on the region’s rating.”

“The region also faces limits on debt servicing costs, and maintains significant flexibility in managing pressures through its operating and capital budgets. Debentures can only be issued to fund capital infrastructure projects, a large portion of which is repaid primarily through development charges on new property developments.”

“The continued need to fund growth and maintenance capital infrastructure results in rising capital spending.”

“The largest planned spending components relate to the regional water and sewer infrastructure, transportation network, including several new rapid transit projects, followed by spending for transit, solid waste and police services. The capital plans will require increasing sources of funding, including taxes, development charges, user fees, reserves and debt financing, which puts pressure on future reserve and debt levels.”

“The province made legislative changes starting in 2022 which restrict local governments’ ability to impose development charges on certain residential housing projects, to encourage multi-unit rental projects and affordable housing developments. The region estimates the total adverse fiscal impact of these changes at approximately CAD332 million in lost revenues for property tax supported services and CAD541 million for water and sewer user rate supported services by 2034.”

- *Moody’s Investors Service*

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Maintaining a Triple “A” credit rating is an important achievement for the Region and its stakeholders. This accreditation reflects Regional Council’s position to uphold key ratings factors, as determined by Moody’s, including exceptional liquidity, very low debt profiles, a resilient local economy and conservative fiscal management.
- 4.2 The Region’s exemplary fiscal results are achieved and maintained through Regional Council’s long-standing commitment to long-term financial planning. The disciplined approach to long-term financial planning are guided by the principles of fiscal sustainability, financial flexibility and taxpayer affordability. These principles assist the Region in retaining financial flexibility to maintain adequate funding for risk mitigation, unforeseen expenditures and maintain manageable property tax and revenue-based rate increases.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: April 17, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – April 13, 2025

Health
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

April 13, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/bdefm9a5

- Health Department begins 2025 West Nile virus surveillance program (Apr 1)

tinyurl.com/4x9dwfun

- Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV) Vaccine Shortage (Apr 9)

tinyurl.com/56tm3j5b

- COVID-19 Vaccine Spring 2025 Recommendations & RSV Update (Apr 9)

tinyurl.com/4a8vfjwx

- April is Oral Health Month (Apr 10)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/mdnnkbvw

- Commission authorizes Ontario Power Generation Inc. to construct 1 BWRX-300 reactor at the Darlington New Nuclear Project site (Apr 4)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/5n7x3uts

- Ontario Advancing World-Leading Small Modular Reactor (Apr 4)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/3jmwvz5p

- Ontario Opens First Nine Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hubs (Apr 1)

tinyurl.com/yhhd68p4

- Ontario Connecting 300,000 More People to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Teams This Year (Apr 10)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/bdfrdv5v

- Premier Ford Announces Update Parliamentary Assistant Roles (Apr 7)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/5xtyc686

- Recent survey reveals concerns among Canadian cancer researchers over impacts of ongoing U.S. funding changes (Apr 1)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/mu9r3r5v

- Statement – Canada must act quickly to turn U.S. ‘brain drain’ into Canadian ‘brain gain’: CMA (Apr 10)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yzm4rwyr

- FAO releases report on government spending trends (Apr 9)

Food Banks Canada

tinyurl.com/2rc932e3

- Joint Open Letter: Cut Food Insecurity In Canada in half by 2030 (Apr 8)

tinyurl.com/3hptpk3u

- Food Banks Canada and Egg Farmers of Canada Celebrate 25 Years of Giving (Apr 10)

Lakeridge Health

tinyurl.com/5n9a3edy

- Lakeridge Health and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Announce Groundbreaking Partnership to Transform Mental Health Care in Durham Region (Apr 4)

tinyurl.com/mu26nb79

- Lakeridge Health and Grandview Kids Announce Groundbreaking New Service for Children and Youth (Apr 11)

International Diabetes Federation

tinyurl.com/mr38t5ey

- Over 250 million people worldwide unaware they have diabetes, according to new research from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) (Apr 7)

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario

tinyurl.com/3c4n4u59

- Ontario Children and Youth at Risk of Not Getting Timely Access to Community Mental Health Services: Auditor General (Mar 31)

tinyurl.com/hjzh8rhw

- Ontario’s Non-municipal Drinking-Water Needs Better Oversight and Support (Mar 31)

Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/c63uhjwh

- RNAO welcomes judge’s ruling to keep supervised consumption services sites open; urges Premier Ford to rescind legislation calling for their shutdown (Mar 31)

tinyurl.com/ypw874ck

- Stand up for Canada – RNAO campaign calls on voters to protect core values (Apr 10)

University Health Network

tinyurl.com/5a424snm

- Canada Leads: Canada's No. 1 Hospital Announces Strategy to Attract World's Most Promising Scientists, Drive Health Innovation and Economic Growth (Apr 7)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/pvp9jufu

- WHO issues its first-ever reports on tests and treatments for fungal infections (Apr 1)

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- WHO launches first-ever guidelines on meningitis diagnosis, treatment and care (Apr 10)



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Office of the Clerk

At its regular meeting of Council held April 8, 2025, the Corporation of the Township of Central Frontenac passed the following motion.

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, continues to threaten executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada;

And whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

And whereas our Prime Minister and Premier are encouraging Canadians to choose Canada and to choose products made in Canada;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs;

And whereas we must stand united and strong to meet this moment and protect our communities.

And whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Central Frontenac only purchase products made in Canada whenever practicable, and when not in violation of trade agreements and legislation, in all of its purchasing decisions, including increasing current invitational and open market thresholds in the Procurement By-law to enable targeted purchases from Canadian Suppliers;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, MPP John Jordan, MP Scott Reid, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.


Dated at Sharbot Lake, Ontario

This 17th day of December 2024.

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April 10, 2025

Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee, at its meeting held on April 10, 2025, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

AND WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

AND WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

AND WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 and another 4.5% as of July 2024 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

AND WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

AND WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

AND WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Committee requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. Increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been made and be indexed to inflation;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Regards,

Sam Branderhorst

Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2025/04/11)
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Sam Branderhorst, Chair
Prince Edward-Lennox and Addington Social Services Committee


Cc: Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services
Minister of Health
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Clerks <Clerks@tillsonburg.ca>

Sent: April 15, 2025 8:41 AM

To: premier@ontario.ca; rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Ernie.Hardemanco@pc.ola.org;
resolutions@amo.on.ca; roma@roma.on.ca

Subject: Tillsonburg Town Council Decision Letter - April 14, 2025 - Strong Mayor Powers

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Hello,

At the April 14, 2025, meeting of Tillsonburg Town Council, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution # 2025-125

Moved By: Councillor Spencer

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT Council receive item 12.8 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter Re: Strong Mayor Powers, as information;

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation on May 1, 2025, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets, planning and operational decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminish the role of elected

municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;
AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg;

1. Does not support the proposed strong mayor powers as currently outlined;
2. Supports specific powers to mayors as it pertains to identifiable decisions regarding housing, development, infrastructure and transit to provide tools that reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure developments;
3. Strongly suggests that free reign of decision-making regarding hiring, firing, committees and so forth be removed from the proposed authority;
4. Strongly suggests that members of current Council were duly elected officials by citizens with the awareness of one vote per council member and majority votes are the democratic process;
5. Requests that the Provincial Strong Mayor Powers proposed to take effect on May 1, 2025, be deferred to allow for greater clarity and that the Province seek collaborative input from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
6. Directs staff to forward this resolution immediately to Minister Flack, Premier Ford, MPP Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario Municipalities before April 16, 2025.

Regards,

Amelia Jaggard

Deputy Clerk

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April 14, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
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Dear Minister,

RE: Opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

I am writing to express my opposition to the government's proposed expansion of Strong Mayor powers to include the Town of Saugeen Shores. As the Mayor of Saugeen Shores, I am concerned about the implications of this policy change on our local governance. Please consider this letter as the Town of Saugeen Shores submission on O.Reg. 530/22 which is available for comment until April 16th.

In my experience, the 'Council Manager' system of governance has always served our municipality well. Specifically, when it comes to advancing our shared priority of building more housing to serve our residents, Saugeen Shores Council has demonstrated flexible and determined leadership. Our Council has enabled housing by reducing red tape resulting in the construction of more than 600 multi-family residential units in the last two years alone. Given the strong and sustained commitment of our Council to these efforts, I do not see how the introduction of Strong Mayor powers will accelerate the construction of housing (or the pursuit of other priority areas) in any way. On the contrary, vesting these new powers in the Mayor threatens to disrupt long-established and effective processes, sidelining elected members of Council with effects that may be contrary to the interests of our residents.

Saugeen Shores has thrived for decades on the principle of shared leadership. We have an effective team of elected representatives working in partnership with a professional staff to achieve goals that are transparently set out in our Strategic Plan and annual Business Plans. This approach to governance is foundational to building trust between the municipality and the residents that it serves. I fear that the unilateral decision-making enabled by Strong Mayor powers would erode this trust and disrupt the collaborative environment that has long been at the heart of the democratic tradition of our Council and community.

I urge you to reconsider the expansion of Strong Mayor powers. If the government has a strong desire to advance these major changes to the governance of our municipality, I

request that you engage in a thorough consultation process with our Council and the residents of our community before moving forward. It is crucial that any changes to local governance structures be made in close partnership with the communities they impact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope that we can work together in the interest of ensuring strong local governance in Saugeen Shores.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Charbonneau', written in a cursive style.

Luke Charbonneau, Mayor
Town of Saugeen Shores

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Lisa Thompson, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs
Council, Town of Saugeen Shores
All Ontario Municipalities

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

K. Smith 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 and 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: D. Campbell, Whitby
P. Chandwani, Whitby
W. Henshall*, Whitby
M. Lloyd*, Oshawa
Councillor McDougall
J. McEwen, Clarington, Vice-Chair
S. Sones, Whitby
L. Williams*, Pickering, attended the meeting at 1:07 PM
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Staff

Present: N. Dash*, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hector-Alexander*, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***denotes staff participating electronically**

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by P. Chandwani,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, January 28, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

A) Accessibility Checklist for the Durham Home Builders' Association

N. Dash advised that in follow up to a request from Committee members regarding the number of accessible units required when building homes, she reached out to the Durham Home Builders' Association, and they stated there is a need for an accessible checklist as they have general contractors reaching out to them for requirements. N. Dash stated there are incentives available and credits available when filing income taxes, however they pertain to adding additions onto an existing home, and further advised there are other programs such as the Multigenerational Home Renovation Tax Credit and the Home Accessibility Tax Credit. N. Dash asked Committee members if this project is something they wish to take on and if so, a subcommittee can be created.

Discussion ensued with regards to compiling a list of resources, rather than creating a checklist, and the list of potential resources and businesses that could be provided to the Durham Home Builders' Association.

B) 2024 Annual Report

A copy of the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) 2024 Achievements was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

N. Dash advised that as per the Terms of Reference, a report of all activities is required to be submitted to Regional Council.

M. Lloyd advised their name was spelt incorrectly and requested that the event where they spoke about disability employment be included in the AAC 2024 Achievements.

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for
approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee 2024 Achievements,
as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

C) 2025 Workplan

A copy of the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan 2025 was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

N. Dash advised that the AAC Workplan 2025 will be submitted for approval to the Finance and Administration Committee and for subsequent approval to Regional Council.

Discussion ensued with regards to being involved from an accessibility standpoint on the Durham Vision Zero action plan; coordinating AAC's goals and responsibilities and relating to the work the Durham Active Transportation Committee does; and adding the coordination with the Durham Active Transportation Committee to the AAC Workplan for 2025.

N. Dash advised she would reach out to the Durham Active Transportation Committee and add the item to the 2025 Workplan.

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

D) Revised Terms of Reference

A copy of the Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference March 2025 was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda.

N. Dash advised that the AAC Terms of Reference March 2025 had one addition stating that efforts should be made to ensure representation from a youth with a disability be included in the composition; and it will be submitted for approval to the Finance and Administration Committee and for subsequent approval to Regional Council.

Moved by M. Lloyd, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference March 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

P. Chandwani advised that at the recent meeting they clarified the difference between the Durham Accessibility Conference and the Fall event to be hosted by the Committee. It was determined that the Durham Accessibility Conference will have employers, community members and accessibility champions. The Fall event will attract people and employers and bring awareness to inclusive hiring practices and the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. P. Chandwani further advised there was discussion on leveraging existing business forums such as the Durham Region business directory to help spread awareness about both events and potentially provide incentives to people and businesses attending the events.

Discussion ensued with regards to using incentives to attract businesses and people to attend events and other ways to increase attendance at events.

B) Site Plan Sub-Committee Update

J. McEwen advised they are currently working on creating a window display or decal to be placed in businesses to identify them as accessible and are looking at what criteria would be required to obtain the decal and a tiered rating system.

Discussion ensued with regards to where this information is currently available; using the open-source app Access Now and its features; potentially collaborating with Access Now for a list of accessible businesses; and whether the accessibility decals would be for the built environment only or considered for digital content such as websites.

J. McEwen advised the next Site Plan Sub-Committee meeting is taking place on April 2, 2025.

C) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The February 18, 2025 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen was emailed to Committee members.

W. Henshall advised that operator cyclical training has resumed after not being done for a number of years and that a new app is being implemented to use real-time GPS for transit buses.

D) Accessibility Coordinator Update

N. Dash provided the following update:

- The Durham Accessibility Conference is taking place on May 28, 2025 and they want to know how Committee members would like to be involved in the event.

J. McEwen, D. Campbell, W. Henshall, P. Chandwani, and M. Lloyd advised they would assist with the Accessibility Conference.

- The Durham Region Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2026 to 2030 is currently in the community engagement stage and Committee members are being requested to provide their thoughts or edits on the survey draft. There is a focus group meeting in May and a further update will be provided after.
- The Annual Accessibility Report is in progress, and they will be reaching out to the Chair and Vice-Chair to provide written greetings for the report.
- Neurodiversity Week took place last week and there were a series of events at the different Works Department buildings outside of Regional Headquarters.
- National AccessAbility Week is from May 25 to May 31, 2025. Durham Region will be hosting a flag raising ceremony on May 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM and asked Committee members if they would like to assist with the event.
- At the Regional Accessibility Coordinators meeting, there was discussion on collaborating for activities and events to avoid conflicts in dates with several initiatives happening at the same time. N. Dash advised there are a number of events coming up and will provide the names and dates to Committee members.

Discussion ensued with regards to connecting and finding speakers for future events.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

A) Accessing OneDrive Documents

There were concerns from Committee members having difficulty accessing documents being placed in OneDrive.

P. Hines advised they will work with the IT Department to rectify the issue.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by P. Chandwani, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. McEwen, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk