



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2025-INFO-33
Date: May 2, 2025

Subject:

Food Insecurity and Food Affordability in Ontario

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the report titled [Food Insecurity and Food Affordability in Ontario](#), released by Public Health Ontario (PHO) on April 9, 2025.

2. Background

- 2.1 This report was written in partnership by PHO and the Ontario Dietitians in Public Health (ODPH).
- a. PHO provides expert scientific and technical support to government, local public health units, and healthcare providers on various public health issues.
 - b. ODPH provides leadership in public health nutrition by promoting and supporting member collaboration to improve the health of Ontario residents.
- 2.2 Food security is a measure of health inequity and is monitored across Ontario.
- 2.3 In Ontario, food security is measured at the household level using the Household Food Security Survey Module. In this context, household food insecurity is defined as the insecure or inadequate access to food due to financial constraints.
- 2.4 PHO's report highlights the high levels and consequences of household food insecurity in Ontario, with a focus on households reliant on social assistance as their main source of income.

3. Report Findings

Household Food Insecurity in Ontario

- 3.1 In 2023, almost one in four (24.2 per cent) households in Ontario reported some level of food insecurity.
- 3.2 Household food insecurity rates have worsened over the past five years from 17 per cent in 2019 to 24 per cent in 2023. This translates to 3.65 million people in Ontario experiencing food insecurity in 2023, an increase from 1.24 million people in 2019.
- 3.3 The income-related group with the highest prevalence and severity of food insecurity is households reliant on social assistance.
- 3.4 Young people (under 18) in Ontario have a higher prevalence of household food insecurity. Comparatively, people over 65 have the lowest prevalence of household food insecurity. Households with children are at a higher risk of food insecurity and in 2023, female lone-parent families had the highest prevalence of all household types.
- 3.5 People with disabilities have a disproportionately high prevalence of household food insecurity.
- 3.6 Household food insecurity is widely recognized as racialized due to historical and ongoing racism and systemic barriers to wealth. In Ontario, Black and Indigenous Peoples have the highest prevalence of household food insecurity compared to other racialized groups.
- 3.7 Household food insecurity is independently linked to negative physical and mental health outcomes in children and adults in Ontario.
 - a. Adults living in food insecure households are more likely to experience a range of chronic conditions such as diabetes, pain, poor oral health, injury, infectious diseases, anxiety, and depression. These associations persist after adjusting for a range of other social determinants of health (SDOH) such as income, education, race and ethnic origin. There is also an association between household food insecurity and increased risk of mortality.
 - b. Children living in food insecure households are more likely to have diagnosed mental health conditions and greater mental healthcare use, after adjusting for other SDOH. These conditions are long lasting, with longitudinal studies showing an association with mental-ill health in early adulthood.
- 3.8 Both adults and children living in food insecure households have higher healthcare use, leading to significant costs to publicly funded healthcare systems.

The Cost of a Nutritious Diet in Ontario

- 3.9 Using the Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (ONFB) as an estimate, a family of four would spend \$1,299 per month to eat a relatively economical and basic nutritious diet in May 2024.
- a. Of note, ONFB costs do not include food or beverages purchased at restaurants or take-out, prepared snack or dessert foods, nor do they consider preferences for any item other than the lowest cost option available.
- 3.10 Costs for ONFB across Ontario were comparable, with slightly higher costs in northern regions.
- a. ONFB methodology and provincial averaging skew to more populated areas such as large and medium urban centres and therefore, ONFB estimates are less applicable to rural and remote areas.

Food Affordability in Ontario

- 3.11 To understand food affordability in Ontario, food costs need to be considered in the context of income and other basic costs of living. This report explores food affordability scenarios for households that use social assistance in Ontario as their main source of income (i.e., Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement (OAS/GIS)).
- a. A family of four that relies on OW would need to spend 42 per cent of their take-home income on food to purchase a basic nutritious diet. This does not leave enough money to afford housing and other basic needs like transportation, clothing, and other things. It is unlikely that households on OW can allocate the money required to purchase a basic diet that meets the nutritional needs of all household members.
 - b. Other households reliant on social assistance and described in this report would need to spend between 25 to 48 per cent of their take-home income to purchase a basic nutritious diet.
 - c. A one-person household reliant on OAS/GIS would only need to spend 15 per cent of their take-home income on food. OAS/GIS are indexed to inflation, unlike OW and ODSP.
- 3.12 Households reliant on public pensions have much lower rates of household food insecurity compared to households reliant on social assistance.

Policy Solutions

- 3.13 Household food insecurity is a problem of inadequate and unstable financial resources. For the lowest income households, evidence shows that food insecurity is reduced when financial circumstances are improved.

3.14 PHO and ODPH reviewed Canadian and international research to compile the following policy solutions for reducing household food insecurity in Ontario:

- a. Child benefit programs can reduce the severity of food insecurity with the lowest-income families benefitting the most.
- b. Public pensions have shown to reduce food insecurity among low-income, unattached adults as they tend to be more generous than social assistance programs available to people under 65 years old.
- c. Social assistance enhancements. Examples of enhancements covered in the report are listed below.
 - In 2006, Newfoundland and Labrador implemented enhancements by increasing income supports by five per cent, annually indexing supports to inflation, increasing earnings exemptions, and increasing liquid asset limits. Between 2007 and 2012, the prevalence of food insecurity among social assistance recipients decreased by almost half, from 60 per cent to 34 per cent in 2012.
 - A study of provincial policies estimated that for every one dollar per hour increase in minimum wage, there is a five per cent lower odds of experiencing household food insecurity; for every \$1,000 per year increase in social assistance there is a five per cent lower odds of experiencing household food insecurity; and for every one per cent increase in the income tax rate for the lowest income bracket, there is a nine per cent increased odds of reporting household food insecurity.
 - Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP) shows that pilot participants reported using food banks less often, skipping meals less often, and consuming nutritious food more often. International evidence from systematic reviews of basic income suggests positive impacts on health, well-being, and outcomes related to food security.

4. Local Initiatives

- 4.1 Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) uses the ONFB to monitor local food insecurity. DRHD found that in June 2024, the price of a basic healthy diet for a reference family of four in Durham Region was \$286 per week or \$1,232 per month. Additionally, in 2024, one in four households were food insecure. These statistics are similar to Ontario. Information about local food insecurity is available in the [Food Poverty in Durham](#) infographic.
- 4.2 DRHD also maintains a webpage on food insecurity on durham.ca. The webpage includes information about what food insecurity is and who is most impacted, monitoring information, policy solutions, and other relevant resources.
- 4.3 Locally, Durham Region Social Services Department and DRHD, with the support of Davis Pier Consulting, are working on development of a Poverty Response Program (PRP). The PRP will outline actions to address poverty across the region. The PRP will be informed by and developed with the community, service providers,

community partners and individuals with lived experience. The PRP aims to better understand poverty in Durham Region and create actionable solutions.

5. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 5.1 Report [#2024-INFO-79](#) provided an update on the report: [A Time for Urgent Action: The 2024 Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty](#), which was released on October 29, 2024

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 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.
 - a. Strong Relationships
 - S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.
 - S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.
- 6.2 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.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Food insecurity is a public health issue, as it is associated with negative health and mental health outcomes.
- 7.2 Food insecurity is also an equity issue because in Ontario, it is most prevalent among people living on social assistance, young people, people with disabilities, female-lone parent households, and racialized groups.
- 7.3 Evidence included in the Food Insecurity and Food Affordability in Ontario report shows that food insecurity is reduced when financial circumstances are improved. There are proven policy options available to achieve secure and adequate access to food for more people in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-34
Date: May 2, 2025

Subject:

Agriculture Wellness Ontario's "In the Know" Mental Health Training Session Hosted by the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of "In the Know" mental health training session, presented by Agriculture Wellness Ontario and organized by the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC), held on April 24, 2025.

2. Background

- 2.1 "In the Know" is a mental health literacy program designed specifically for farmers, their families and those who are involved and/or support the agriculture sector.
- 2.2 The training is delivered and administered by Agriculture Wellness Ontario (AWO). AWO is managed by Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division, in partnership with other stakeholders in the agricultural community.
- 2.3 Representatives from AWO presented to DAAC on December 10, 2024. They introduced the various programs offered by AWO and detailed mental health issues facing agricultural workers. DAAC members then requested further information on training opportunities.

- 2.4 DAAC, in partnership with the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, organized a half day session with AWO to deliver their “In the Know” mental health training to Durham Region farmers.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report [#2025-CG-1](#) - Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan.

4. Event Details

- 4.1 The “In the Know” training session occurred April 24, 2025 at the Goodwood Community Hall in the Township of Uxbridge.
- 4.2 The training session was administered by 2 trained staff members from Agriculture Wellness Ontario. These presenters are mental health professionals who come from farming backgrounds.
- 4.3 Seven people attended the training, including members of DAAC, Region of Durham staff, local farmers, and people involved in the agricultural sector.
- 4.4 The stated purpose of the training is to increase understanding of mental health and wellness on the farm, raise awareness, and create comfort in having conversations about mental health. The information was presented through slides, case studies, and interaction with the group about how to best deal with mental health related situations.
- 4.5 The focus of the training was on the challenges facing rural farming communities and famers including: lack of mental health support resources, isolation, stigma, and farmer stereotypes.
- 4.6 The training session covered the following topics:
- a) Factors contributing to mental health;
 - b) Information on and effects of long-term stress, anxiety disorders, depression, trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder;
 - c) Substance use and addiction; and
 - d) Suicide risks, barriers to seeking help with mental health, and suicide prevention.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Directions in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Healthy People, Caring Communities

- H2. Collaborate with partners to respond to complex social issues that improve community safety and well-being, including mental health and addictions.

b. Resilient Local Economies

- R4. Protect and strengthen the local agriculture sector and food supply chains.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The "In the Know" mental health training session provided valuable and vital information to members of Durham's agricultural sector. Further training sessions will be considered outside the traditionally busy spring planting season as a way to attract more participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 2, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – April 27, 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

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 27, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/tk7kpx33

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Through Financial Empowerment #4 (Apr 22)

tinyurl.com/yv39d4sj

- May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month (Apr 25)

tinyurl.com/yykcawua

- Influenza Vaccine Return (Apr 25)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/5b5uaenr

- Statement from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on Vegemite (Apr 18)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security

tinyurl.com/y98edw9h

- Ontario Protecting Workers and Jobs by Investing in Postsecondary Education (Apr 22)

tinyurl.com/yn6uypy6

- Ontario Driving Homegrown Innovation in Key Sectors (Apr 25)

Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

tinyurl.com/cz9ekwae

- Ontario Moving Ahead on New Emergency Preparedness and Response Headquarters (Apr 24)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/y86t2jtf

- Ontario Government and Ontario Medical Association Confirm Funding Increase That Will Protect Provincial Health Care (Apr 22)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/64492hp2

- Ontario Breaks Ground on Long-Term Care Home in Courtice (Apr 23)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/2u5nj5cf

- Ontario Unlocking Free Trade Within Canada (Apr 16)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Environmental Law Association

tinyurl.com/mwactcb8

- Canada Urged to Protect Children from Escalating Heat in Schools and Child Care settings (Apr 24)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/5fd2krn5

- Canada's public drug program spending reaches \$18.4 billion in 2023, medications like Ozempic driving cost (Mar 11)

tinyurl.com/38urspxs

- Quantifying risk: How CIHI's frailty risk measure supports care planning for Canada's seniors (Apr 10)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ydnua94m

- CMA calls on Federal party leaders to detail their health plans at debates (Apr 14)

Children's Healthcare Canada

tinyurl.com/2sj7ba7j

- Prioritizing the Health of Kids Today to Build a Stronger Canada Tomorrow (Apr 14)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/5b2um58p

- Moving forward with labour mobility (Apr 17)

Community Food Centres Canada

tinyurl.com/3a5ezhyu

- 250 Groups Call for Immediate Action: Food Security Must Be a Federal Priority (Apr 15)

Food Banks Canada

tinyurl.com/yc3sp6up

- New Food Banks Canada Election Report Finds 86% of the People in Canada Support the Goal of Cutting Food Insecurity in Canada in half by 2030 (Apr 15)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/3xaapyp4

- Abortion rates remain relatively stable in Canada, while rates spike in UK, Europe and US (Apr 11)

tinyurl.com/2x7ctdyb

- Hospital visits for cannabis use linked to higher dementia risk, study finds (Apr 14)

Immunize Canada

tinyurl.com/yc4frrfx

- National Immunization Awareness Week takes place from 21-30 April 2025 (Apr 17)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/mv75fpe2

- WHO Member States conclude negotiations and make significant progress on draft pandemic agreement (Apr 16)

tinyurl.com/47eryuvz

- Increases in vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks threaten years of progress, warn WHO, UNICEF, Gavi (Apr 24)

tinyurl.com/d7c543u6

- WHO calls for revitalized efforts to end malaria (Apr 24)



Interoffice Memorandum

**The Regional
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Elaine Baxter-Trahair
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Chief Administrative
Officer

Date: April 30, 2025

To: Regional Council

From: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Regional Hate Reporting Protocol Update

Purpose:

This memo provides an update on the [motion](#) referred to staff by Committee of the Whole to explore establishing a regional protocol for hate motivated incident reporting.

Progress:


Regional staff are consulting community and religious leaders and are completing research on hate reporting protocols in other municipalities- assessing feasibility, impact, governance, funding streams, and appropriate ways to respond to the individual(s) and groups impacted.

To date, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion division has met with leaders from B'nai Brith Canada, Centre for Israel Jewish Affairs, Hindu Canadian Foundation, and Vishwa Jain Sangathan Canada. Additional consultations are planned with leaders from Muslim communities, Black communities, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and groups serving people with disabilities. Local area municipalities, DRPS and the Region's Anti-Racism Taskforce are also being engaged as part of this process.

Next Steps:

A report, with recommendations, will be included on the June 11th Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. The report will summarize community feedback, identify best practices from other municipalities, highlight drawbacks and benefits of a regional, non-police led, hate reporting protocol, identify potential funding opportunities, and provide recommendations based on these findings.



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Sent by E-Mail

April 24, 2025

Re: Advocating for Provincial Support for OneConnect Senior Care

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 22, 2025:

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is facing a rapidly aging population, with individuals over 65 making up 13% of the Town's total population according to the 2021 census data, up from 7.3% in 2001;

AND WHEREAS there is no publicly funded Adult Day Program (ADP) in the Ajax, forcing residents to travel to Pickering or Whitby for ADP services, where they are facing long wait lists;

AND WHEREAS many Canadians want to age in place in their own home and community, which requires appropriate health and social supports and services to facilitate independent living;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health, through its Home Care Modernization initiative, is seeking innovative in-home care delivery models;

AND WHEREAS on March 25, 2024, Ajax Council passed a resolution calling for the implementation of a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in the community to offer a better quality of life for residents and their caregivers while alleviating demands on hospitals & healthcare institutions;

AND WHEREAS the not-for-profit agency Community Care Durham (CCD) is a leading provider of support services in the Region, including Assisted Living, Transportation, Day Programs, Meal and Food Security, Mental Wellness, and more;

AND WHEREAS CCD is seeking Provincial and Regional support to implement an innovative new PACE program 'OneConnect', which coordinates comprehensive health and wellness services around seniors and vulnerable clients to help them and their caregivers live optimally at home, in the community;

AND WHEREAS CCD is publicly funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through Ontario Health – East Region and requires new funding to implement OneConnect;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council supports and endorses Community Care Durham's vision for implementing OneConnect in Ajax; and
2. Ajax Council encourages the Government of Ontario to provide the necessary funding to Community Care Durham to implement, evaluate, and scale OneConnect to meet the growing needs of our aging population; and
3. A copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, Ashley Manor Housing Corporation (formerly Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation), Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, Lisa Kitchen, Director of the Durham Ontario Health Team, Matt Anderson, President & CEO of Ontario Health, and all Durham Region MPPs.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor J. Dies
Councillor L. Bower
Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax
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Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee
Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation
Ashley Manor Housing Corporation (formerly Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation)
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April 24, 2025

Re: Advocating for Sustainable Federal Funding for PARA Marine Search and Rescue

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 22, 2025:

WHEREAS PARA Marine Search and Rescue (PMSAR) is a registered Canadian charity that has been operating with a dedicated team of volunteers since 1967, who have contributed thousands of hours annually to ensure the safety of individuals participating in water activities on Lake Ontario;

AND WHEREAS PMSAR annually conducts over 30 search and rescue missions in coordination with Canadian Coast Guard, from Port Credit to Port Hope. Notable rescues include the recovery of kayakers, children on floats, and searches for missing persons off the shores of Lake Ontario. The unit works alongside various other government departments including local police, fire, EMS, and Coast Guard for both Canada and the US;

AND WHEREAS PMSAR's commitment to safety, teamwork, and community has been recognized through numerous awards and recognitions;

AND WHEREAS despite its vital work, PMSAR operates with minimal federal support, relying heavily on community funding and volunteer efforts to raise funds for major capital acquisitions;

AND WHEREAS the lack of direct sustainable and predictable funding from upper-tier governments poses a significant risk to the continuity and effectiveness of PMSAR's long-term operations;

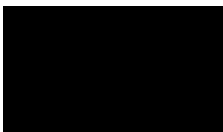
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the Federal Government to commit sustainable and predictable funding from the federal government to PARA Marine Search and Rescue to support the organization's long-term operational needs, including vessel and equipment replacement, and for the continued safety and protection of residents on Lake Ontario; and
2. Ajax Council encourages all Durham municipalities and the City of Toronto to bring forward similar motions advocating for sustainable support for PARA Marine Search and Rescue;
3. A copy of this motion be sent to the MP for Ajax; Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax; Public Safety Canada; the Regional Municipality of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities; the City of Toronto; PARA Marine Search and Rescue; all Durham Region MPs; and all Durham Region MPPs.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Councillor L. Bower
Mayor S. Collier
Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax
Public Safety Canada
Regional Municipality of Durham
All Durham Region lower-tier municipalities
City of Toronto
PARA Marine Search and Rescue
All Durham Region MPs
All Durham Region MPPs

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April 29, 2025

Sahar Foroutani, Manager, Homeless System Management
Region of Durham
Via Email: sahar.foroutani@durham.ca

To Sahar Foroutani:

Re: CAO-008-25 - Winter Warming and Homelessness

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on April 28, 2025, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-058-25:

That Report [CAO-008-25](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the Deputy CAO/Solicitor be granted authority to sign a lease of the former Tourism Office located at 181 Liberty Street South to The Regional Municipality of Durham, for the purposes of continuing its use as a Winter Warming Centre from November to April for the 2025-26 season, for a nominal rent;

That Staff review the lease at the end of the 2025-2026 season and report back to Council with any changes or plans for long-term use of the space;

That Council recognize the work of ICONIC (Integrated Community Outreach Network in Clarington) for their efforts to provide coordinated support, meals, and community connection to those experiencing homelessness in Clarington; and

That all interested parties listed in Report CAO-008-25, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

c: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Laura McClelland
R. Maciver, Deputy CAO/Solicitor
C. MacDonald, Councilor's Office Assistant
M. Westover, Manager of Communications

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April 29, 2025

Elaine Popp, Durham College
Via Email: elaine.popp@durhamcollege.ca

To Elaine Popp:

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

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on April 28, 2025, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-063-25:

That the Delegation of Elaine Popp, Durham College, Regarding Item 6.1, Correspondence from the Town of Ajax, regarding Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs, be received with thanks;

That the following resolution from the Town of Ajax, regarding Impacts of the International Student Program Changes to Local Post Secondary Programs, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

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

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

And whereas the Blue-Ribbon Panel report commissioned by the provincial government highlighted the need for long-term, sustainable funding for the

post-secondary sector, noting that Ontario's colleges are funded at 44% of the national average, with tuition revenue first cut by 10% in 2019 and then frozen for the past six years;

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

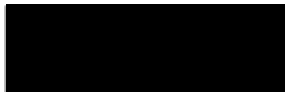
And whereas DC has compiled a short list 34 programs not currently PGWP eligible to the IRCC list of fields of study (ATTACHMENT #1) which provide skilled graduates who are vital to growing our local economy, and in some cases, the College relies on international student enrolment in these programs to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

Now therefore be it resolved that Ajax Council calls on the federal government to add the 34 programs listed in ATTACHMENT #1 and offered at DC to the IRCC list of fields of study;

Ajax Council calls on the provincial government to enact the recommendation in the Blue-Ribbon Panel report to provide long-term, sustainable funding for the post-secondary sector; and

A copy of this resolution be sent to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Minister Marc Miller, the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Regional Municipality of Durham Chair John Henry, and all lower-tier Durham Region municipal Councils.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

- c: The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Rachel Bendayan, M.P.P., Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship - Rachel.Bendayan@parl.gc.ca
The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Minister.MCU@ontario.ca
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Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering - clerks@pickering.ca
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Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham -

clerks@durham.ca

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby - clerk@whitby.ca

R. Walton, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog –

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Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge -

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Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa - clerks@oshawa.ca

H. Anderson, Executive Administrator, Mayor and Council

J. O'Meara, Policy and Communications Advisor, Mayor and Council

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2025-104
Title: Resolution Stemming from March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #19
Date: April 16, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution 15 passed on March 3, 2025 by the Corporation of the City of Sarnia, regarding the Carbon Tax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Mark Carney; his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition; our local Member of Parliament (MP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

RIED

March 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Carbon Tax

Dear Prime Minister,

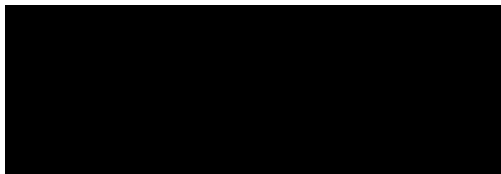
At the meeting of Sarnia City Council held on March 3, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

That given the advent of the US tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians it is even more critical at this time to petition our own Federal liberal government to put a stop the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2025. The vast majority of Canadians do not support the carbon tax, and the timing could not be worse for the impact to our citizens; and

That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition, our MP, and All Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Burkhardt
City Clerk

Cc: Cabinet Ministers
The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, M.P.
The Honourable Marilyn Gladu, M.P.
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

April 25th, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

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Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution: 5

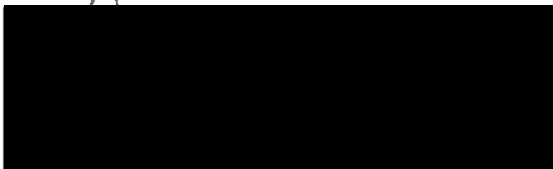
Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Hull

That Council supports item 6.3.1 of letters and communications from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada

Carried

Sincerely,



Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

Enc. Fort Frances Resolution of Council
Resolution of support Township of Larder Lake



FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Fort and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

☒ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☒ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 5

Resolution #: 5

Date: April 8, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada

Recorded vote requested: ☐

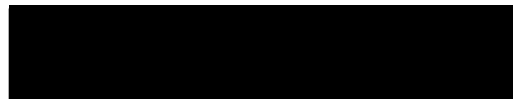
	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion


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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:



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

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Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: April 15, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 210-2025
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell Item No: 10.1

Description: Request for Support #1 - Durham Region - Banning Nazi Symbols of Hate

RESOLUTION:

THAT Council support Durham Region in their effort to call on the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi Hakenkreuz.



MAYOR


Recorded Vote Requested by:

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



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April 24, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

At the April 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Zorra, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning 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 diminishes 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 Township of Zorra opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;


AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

AND THAT the Council encourages advocacy for democratic principles and for municipal governance systems that prioritize collaboration, inclusivity, and democratic engagement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Disposition: Carried

Yours truly,



Karen Martin
Clerk
Township of Zorra

25-009

CC: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca



Northumberland County Council Resolution

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SENT VIA EMAIL

April 25, 2025

Prime Minister of Canada
Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Clarke
B'nai Brith Canada
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, The Regional Municipality of Durham 'Protecting Canadian Values - Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada'

At a meeting held on April 16, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-04-16-305, adopting the below recommendation from the April 1, 2025 Corporate Support Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Martin

Seconded by: Councill Alternate Todd Attridge

"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from The Regional Municipality of Durham regarding 'Protecting Canadian Values - Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2025-04-16-305

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Murphy
Seconded By I. Attridge

Agenda
Item 11

Resolution Number
2025-04-16- 305

Council Date: April 16, 2025

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 31, April 1 and 2, 2025), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2025-066 '310 Division Street, Cobourg Data Update - April 2025' – **Held by Councillor Martin**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-04-01- 267

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: April 16, 2025

"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from The Regional Municipality of Durham regarding 'Protecting Canadian Values - Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



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)

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



Extracts from Council Meeting
C#10-25 held April 23, 2025
Confirmatory By-law 60-25

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15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.1 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#06-25 held April 16, 2025

15.1.13 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

Whereas non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

Whereas the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

Whereas owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

Whereas municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non- native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

(continued)

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



Extracts from Council Meeting
C#10-25 held April 23, 2025
Confirmatory By-law 60-25

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the City of Richmond Hill hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;
2. That this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, and Richmond Hill MPP's, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEOA.


Carried

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

Municipality of *Bluewater*

April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queens Park
TORONTO ON M7A 1A4
premier@ontario.ca

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Dear Premier Ford:

At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

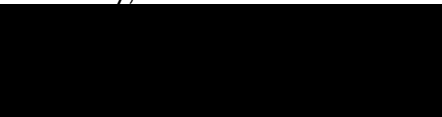
MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario, including the Municipality of Bluewater, effective May 1, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater is in opposition to the addition of Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Bluewater, and across the Province;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**


Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 28, 2025

BY EMAIL

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Email: rob.flack@ontario.ca

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

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council discussed their opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025. Council of the Town of Essex requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to expand Strong Mayor Powers and duties to additional municipalities not include the Town of Essex.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-04-187

Moved By Mayor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

Whereas on April 9, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "**Province**"), led by Premier Doug Ford, announced a proposal to expand "Strong Mayor Powers" as provided for by Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities including the Town of Essex, effective May 1, 2025;

And whereas Strong Mayor Powers erode democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance which has existed for almost two centuries, by:

- Providing the head of council with the authority to give direction and make certain decisions without the usual consensus from a majority of the members of council; and,
- Creating a power imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have.



And whereas the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities, and downloading its responsibilities to the same.

Now there be it resolved that:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex ("**Council**") formally **opposes** the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025;
- Council requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities not include the Town of Essex; and
- Council **directs** the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jone, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.



Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

jmalandrucolo@essex.ca

cc: Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
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April 30, 2025

Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

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

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

176-2025

Moved By: Jim Dietrich

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the April 14, 2025 correspondence of Town of Saugeen Shores regarding opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers; and


That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs, AMO, Town of Saugeen Shores, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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cc: Minister of Rural Affairs, MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org;
AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca ; Town of Saugeen Shores,
clerk@saugeenshores.ca; and all municipalities in Ontario.



Town of Saugeen Shores
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April 14, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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.

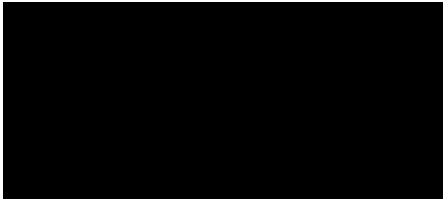
Saugeen Shores has thrived for decades on the principle of shared leadership. We have an effective team of elected representatives working in partnership with a professional staff to achieve goals that are transparently set out in our Strategic Plan and annual Business Plans. This approach to governance 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,



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 CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

Member Present	YES	NO	DATE: APRIL 23, 2025
Councillor A. Cornelissen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moved By: 
Councillor C. Daigle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor B. Irwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor S. Nirta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seconded By: 
Deputy Mayor P. Hodgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor B. Ropp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RESULT: Carried

WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the North Middlesex hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Steve Pinsonneault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



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Office of the Mayor

April 22, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
College Park, 17th floor,
777 Bay St.
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Flack,

On behalf of Council of the Town of Parry Sound, please accept my congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. It's an important Ministry and we look forward to working with you and Ministry staff.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing provided notice on April 9th that the Ministry was seeking comments regarding its intent to extend strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including the Town of Parry Sound. The comment period was open until April 16th. These additional powers are not powers that I as Mayor believe are necessary and do not wish to exercise them. At our April 15th meeting, Council unanimously voted to reject strong mayor powers, request the province to repeal the legislation, or alternatively permit municipalities to opt out.

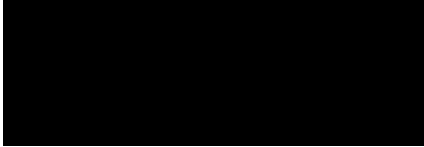
We were disappointed that there was no previous communication before the April 9th letter, with a comment period of only one week. Contrary to provincial claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities, research by the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has found no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and moreover the strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and senior staff, threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership. We have seen very questionable use by mayors with strong mayor powers.

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Our public expects a democratic process. Given the overwhelming use of executive orders by the current US President and multiple respected analysts' concerns about the US slipping into authoritarianism, our country and its democratic institutions should be safeguarding these democratic principles that provide accountability to the public and not undermining them.

We encourage the provincial government to repeal this legislation.

Sincerely,





Jamie McGarvey
Mayor, Town of Parry Sound

c.c. Premier Doug Ford
MPP Graydon Smith
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
Members of Town of Parry Sound Council
CAO Clayton Harris
Clerk Rebecca Johnson



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 047

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: April 15, 2025
Councillor G. ASHFORD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor D. McCANN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor C. McDONALD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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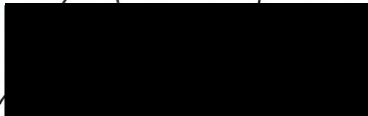
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Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

Whereas strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

That this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.


Mayor Jamie McGarvey



TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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April 29, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to the Town of Petawawa. Our Council discussed this issue in an open forum at our council meeting on April 23rd and are firmly of the belief that this effort undermines the value of collaboration between the Mayor, Councillors, and Staff. Increasing the powers of the Mayor to push forward Provincial Priorities would eliminate shared decision making, create divisiveness at the council table, and blur the lines between administrative and political roles. Our council believes that this would result in an erosion of the democratic process at the Municipal level, especially in a small city like Petawawa.

Although we don't always agree unanimously on all matters, our council works as a cohesive unit, firmly focused on the goals of advancing and encouraging growth and making our community a wonderful place in which to live and invest. Each of member of council brings their own set of skills, knowledge, values and perspectives to achieve these goals, and has worked extremely well together.

Since it was sworn in, our Council has been collectively focused on advancing provincial priorities by delivering much needed housing, building infrastructure that supports community growth and the construction of new homes, including housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater. The largest community in Renfrew County, Petawawa has grown significantly over the last decade (roughly 25%) and added a large amount of new housing to meet market demands. In 2024, Petawawa increased the size of its planning department to

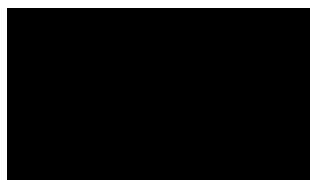
reduce permit processing times, 120 new dwellings (Single Family Detached/Row Housing/Multi-family) were constructed, and there are many more dwellings underway:

Structure type	In Pre-Consultation or going through Planning Approvals	Planning Approvals Complete (under construction)
Single Family Detached	533	61
Row Housing	24	96
Apartment	348	60
Additional Residential Unit	0	44
Total Units	905	261

Further to this, Garrison Petawawa and Canadian Nuclear laboratories are reporting that they will need to house 1100 individuals and their families as they expand operations. Based on this need and other factors, our municipality is working with private sector and nonprofit developers to meet the demand for both market and affordable housing. To be forthright, where the municipality needs help the most to support housing development and foster densification is access to additional funding to extend utilities, such as water and wastewater services, to developable lands to meet future growth needs. Petawawa has faced a significant reduction in Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) over the past two fiscal years (\$2.3 million over 2024 and 2025) due to the Business Education Tax discount as well as an annual reduction in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding over the past decade which has hampered our ability to extend necessary water and wastewater infrastructure vital to delivering new homes. The community's Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding was reduced in 2025 as well.

In closing, our Council requests that the Ontario Government excludes the Town of Petawawa from its proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities, and work with the municipality to identify funding to support expansion of its storm, water and wastewater treatment systems to support future residential and commercial growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me through our offices if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Gary Serviss
Mayor of Petawawa

Copied: Doug Ford, Premier
Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

Enc. Resolution – Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa



TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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April 28, 2025

Delivered Electronically

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: Resolution - Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa

At its Council-In-Committee meeting on **April 28, 2025**, Petawawa Town Council passed a **Resolution** in response to the Province's recent proposal to designate Petawawa as a "**Strong Mayor**" municipality, effective May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Town of Petawawa as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Petawawa has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Petawawa did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

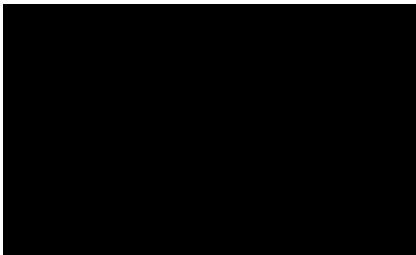
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Petawawa Town Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Petawawa from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial

Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and urge you to respect the democratic wishes of our Council and community.

Sincerely,



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CC:
The Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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Township of Champlain

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2025-120
Title: Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date: April 24, 2025

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

 Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 11.1.
No. du point 2025-120
Titre: Conseiller Gerry Miner - Surveillance et contrôle des véhicules lourds en Ontario
Date: le 24 avril 2025

Proposée par: Gérard Miner
Appuyée par: Paul Burroughs

Attendu que le Conseil du Canton de Champlain est de l'avis qu'une surveillance et un contrôle accrus des véhicules lourds en Ontario sont nécessaires pour assurer la sécurité des autres automobilistes, des propriétaires fonciers et des piétons.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario d'accroître la surveillance et les vérifications de tous les véhicules lourds circulant sur les routes de l'Ontario, et de contrôler les normes de vérification maintenues par les installations privées d'immatriculation des véhicules lourds; et

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que cette résolution soit transmise au ministre des Transports de l'Ontario, au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, à la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, à l'AMO et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :




The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 29, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on April 28th, 2025 passed the following resolution:

R107-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

Whereas Ontario already has the legislative framework to end the antiquated practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST), as per the Time Amendment Act of 2020: But New York has delayed us for over 4 long years.

And Whereas the Case for Ending DST immediately pertains to clear and present Health and Public Safety concerns: Clock shifts spike heart attacks, accidents, and stress, per the Canadian Society for Chronobiology. Kids lose focus, domestic violence rises, and vulnerable folks—mentally ill, homeless, addicts—face unnecessary strain and relapse risks. Indigenous health gaps deepen as DST clashes with traditions. Standard Time aligns with nature, easing healthcare burdens and healthcare costs.

And Whereas ending DST is a clear and permanent assertion of the economic independence of Ontario: Our new, post tariff economic reality exposes the reliance on New York for our internal policy as outdated. Ontario should look out for Ontarians, and

our sovereignty must be asserted. Quebec already considers the change; so 15 million Ontarians should not continue to wait on NY. Businesses will adapt; citizens will gain stability. Over 100,000 petition voices and 70% of Ontarians agree. Ontario must take the lead, and hopefully NY can eventually follow our lead for the good of their own people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request staff to distribute this communication to all the Municipalities, Chiefs & Councils of Ontario in addition to the Premier of the Govt. of Ontario and urge the Premier to:

1. Amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 to drop New York's contingency, effective immediately.
2. Set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Sent via Email:
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Municipalities of Ontario



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Durham District School Board

400 Taunton Road East, Whitby, Ontario L1R 2K6

Phone: 905-666-5500; Toll Free: 1-800-265-3968

April 2025

To: Durham Region MPPs and Mayors/Council members from Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering, Ajax, Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge

From: Durham District School Board

Briefing Note: Durham District School Board Enrollment Pressures and Funding Challenges

Purpose: To provide Durham Region MPPs and Mayors/Council members with information on DDSB enrollment pressures and funding challenges.

Executive Summary:

The Durham District School Board (DDSB) continues to face rapid enrollment growth, which is expected to continue in the coming years. To manage this growth sustainably, we urgently need the Provincial Government to remove the Educational Development Charge (EDC) cap, and to remove school boards from the Site Plan Approval Process, similar to colleges and universities. These adjustments will allow DDSB to fund new schools without incurring unsustainable debt and will expedite new school construction.

Recommendations:

Provincial

We request your support in asking that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove school boards from the site plan approval process, similar to colleges and universities, to significantly expedite the timeline for new school construction, in order to best meet the demands of the growing Durham Region.

We also request your support in asking the province to remove the EDC cap. The difference between the capped rate and the actual rate required to purchase land for new schools is so significant, that without action, the debt being incurred to purchase land will soon become unserviceable. Additionally, the opportunity will be missed for the growth that is currently occurring to pay for the development of new schools.

Background – Education Development Charges:

[Education Development Charges](#) are a levy imposed on new residential development that is intended to cover the cost of purchasing land to build new schools on, with the theory that growth should pay for growth in needed infrastructure, like schools.

“Temporary” restrictions on EDC rate increases were put in place in October 2018. Having now been in place for more than six years, the magnitude of the growing debt and the impact on school boards has become untenable. By August 31, 2028, the combined EDC deficit across the province is projected to be more than \$1.2 billion. DDSB’s share of that deficit is projected to exceed \$325 million.



@DurhamDistrictSchoolBoard



@DDSBschools

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DDSB Enrollment Pressures:

DDSB serves the rural townships of Uxbridge, Brock, and Scugog, as well as the cities and towns of Ajax, Whitby, Pickering, and Oshawa. With over 12,000 staff members across 136 schools and learning centers, DDSB supports more than 80,000 school students and numerous continuing and adult education students.

Over the past five years enrollment has risen dramatically, from 70,000 students in 2019 to more than 80,000 in 2024, driven by new residential development and urban renewal projects. Durham Region's population is projected to see continued growth in the coming decades, increasing from 723,000 in 2024 to 1.3 million by 2051 ([Envision Durham Municipal Comprehensive Review](#)), which means DDSB's enrollment growth will continue to outpace current school capacity.

DDSB is legally obligated to accommodate every eligible student in its jurisdiction. When building new schools, the Board relies on EDCs to fund land acquisition, as no other revenue source is available. The EDC cap has restricted collections to \$3,749 per unit —far below the \$12,540 per unit required. This shortfall will result in an EDC deficit of about \$200 million as of year-end (August 31, 2025), expected to rise to over \$600 million in the next 15 years if the cap remains. **This situation is financially untenable**, threatening our ability to meet growth demands.

In addition to funding constraints, DDSB also faces challenges in navigating Site Plan Approval Process. The best solution to expedite new school construction would be to remove school boards from the site plan approval process, similar to the treatment of colleges and universities.

Conclusion – The Need for EDC Cap Removal and Removal from Municipal Site Plan Approval Process:

DDSB's capacity to provide adequate student accommodation is severely compromised by the EDC cap, forcing DDSB to incur unserviceable levels of debt. The cap must be removed to enable DDSB to collect adequate funds to meet the region's educational needs sustainably. **School accommodation is a community priority** and a shared responsibility; we urge you to advocate for this critical change to uphold the principle of "growth paying for growth." The EDC cap represented significant change to the EDC framework that was in place for many years. Importantly, this change was made by Regulation and was never brought to the Legislature. The removal of the cap can, therefore, be done by amending the Regulation back to its pre-2018 terms without the need for any amendments to the legislation.

Additionally, removal from the municipal site plan approval process would allow schools to be built in as timely a fashion as possible.

Your local DDSB Trustees will reach out shortly to discuss further and develop an action plan to support our community's needs in Durham Region.

Thank you,

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Associate Director, Corporate Services
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