



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 of Works
Report: #2025-INFO-35
Date: May 16, 2025

Subject:

Temporary Lane Closures on Kingston Road (Regional Highway 2) for Bus Rapid Transit Construction from Harwood Avenue to Galea Drive, in the Town of Ajax

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council of upcoming lane restrictions and traffic management controls along Kingston Road related to the construction of Phase 1 of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) segments.
 - a. The first segment of DSBRT construction will commence along Kingston Road from approximately 300 metres west of Harwood Avenue to Galea Drive in the Town of Ajax. Work will begin in summer 2025 and will include the construction of dedicated median bus lanes, median transit stop platforms and shelters, road reconstruction, traffic signals with dedicated bus movements, dedicated in-boulevard cycle tracks with crossrides, sidewalks with accessibility improvements, watermain and sanitary sewer installation, street lighting and landscaping.

- 1.2 Construction will be staged with lane shifts and daytime lane restrictions, reducing traffic to one lane in each direction during off-peak periods. In the final stages of the project, Kingston Road from 400 metres west of Harwood Avenue to east of Salem Road (Regional Road 41) will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the summer of 2026. To shorten the overall construction schedule, weekend work will also be utilized where appropriate.

2. Background

- 2.1 Kingston Road is the designated route for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) corridor. The DSBRT project spans approximately 36 kilometres through the City of Oshawa, the Town of Whitby, the Town of Ajax, the City of Pickering and the City of Toronto. The corridor is ultimately expected to provide two-way service every five minutes, dedicated bus lanes, priority signals, and anticipated time savings of 20 minutes for transit trips along the corridor.
- 2.2 Through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), the Regional Municipality of Durham will begin construction of Phase 1 segments of the DSBRT through the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax.
 - a. The following Kingston Road DSBRT segments have been selected for construction between 2025 and 2030.
 - Harwood Avenue to Galea Drive, Town of Ajax.
 - Rotherglen Road to Harwood Avenue, Town of Ajax.
 - Dixie Road to Bainbridge Drive, City of Pickering.
 - Steeple Hill to Merritton Road, City of Pickering.

3. Construction Staging – Harwood Avenue to Galea Drive

- 3.1 Construction is anticipated to begin with Stage 1 on the south side of Kingston Road, followed by Stage 2 on the north side of Kingston Road (Regional Highway 2). Once the road and boulevard works are completed in the first two stages, the work will proceed to Stage 3, involving construction in the middle of Kingston Road. During this stage, Kingston Road (Regional Highway 2) will be reduced to one lane in each direction to facilitate the construction of median

transit stop platforms and shelters. Construction for the entire segment is expected to last 18 months, from July 2025 to end of 2026.

- 3.2 To respond to traffic delays during construction and to maintain reliability, Durham Region Transit (DRT) will allocate 2025 revenue service hours to increase schedule and recovery times for the affected routes (routes 900 and 920). DRT staff will work closely with the Region and vendor to monitor impacts to running time and adjust as necessary. DRT schedules will be updated accordingly throughout the construction.

4. Communication Plan

- 4.1 A communication plan is being implemented to support three main streams.

- Educating the general public about Rapid Transit.
- Providing ongoing construction and operational updates for businesses, residents and road users.
- Promoting “Open for Business” messaging to support business owners and customers.

5. Project Financing

- 5.1 Financing for this Bus Rapid Transit scope of work will be provided from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) fund. Sewer and water related infrastructure works will be funded from the approved Water and Sewerage Capital budgets.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

a. Connected and Vibrant Communities

- C1. Align Regional infrastructure and asset management with projected growth, climate impacts, and community needs.
- C3. Improve public transit system connectivity, reliability, and competitiveness.

- C4. Improve road safety, including the expansion and connection of active transportation networks to enhance the range of safe mobility options.
- C6. Continue to revitalize and transform downtowns into hubs of economic, social, and cultural connection.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project is a key transit project that will improve transit and rapid transit options, thereby strengthening the integrated transit network across the region and beyond. Significant disruptions will be encountered during the various construction phases and proactive and diligent efforts are being made to communicate the work to the public, with a focus on mitigating traffic impacts.
- 7.2 For additional information, contact: Ben McWade, Manager, Construction Management Services at 905-668-4113 extension 3480 or Dan Waechter, Director, Capital Projects Delivery at 905-668-4113 extension 3550.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Conceptual Plan of Median Shelters and Road Layout

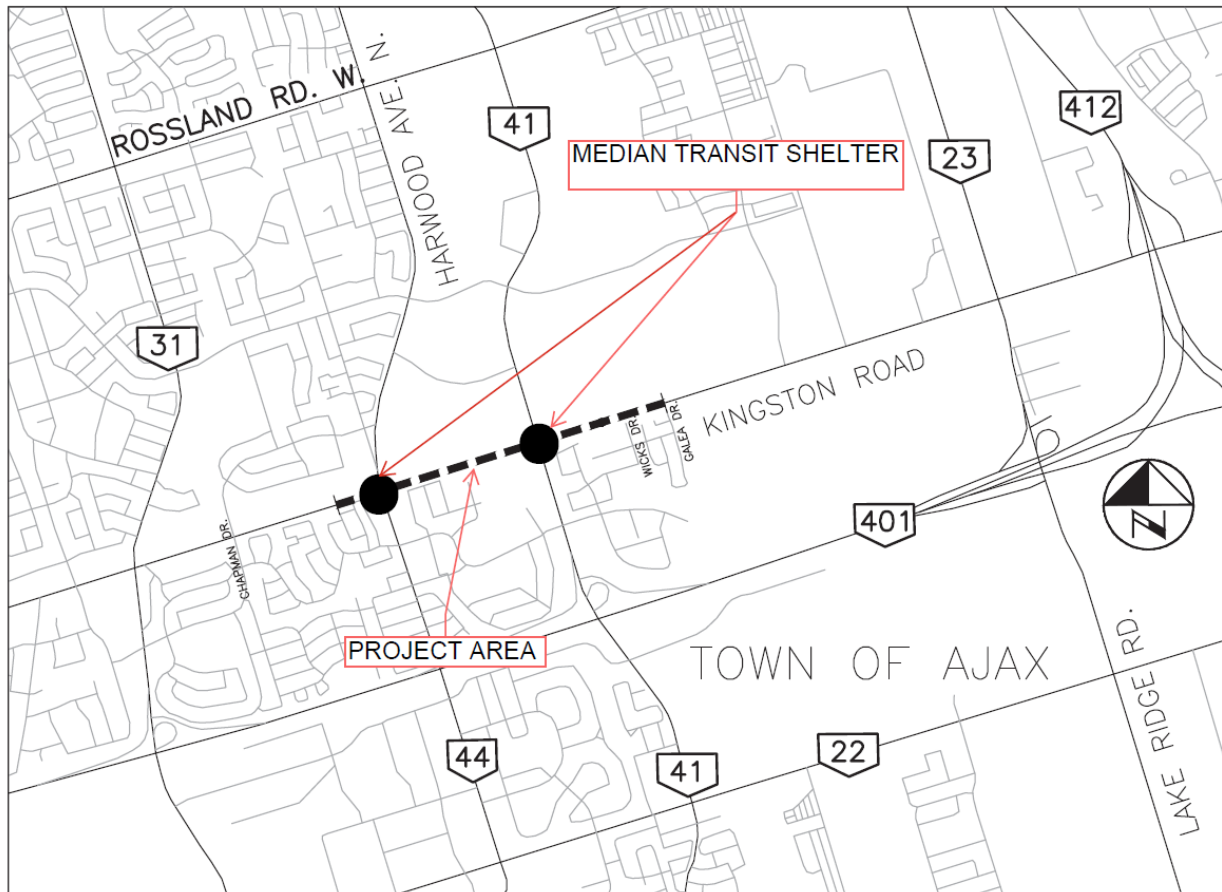
Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Ramesh Jagannathan, MBA, M.Eng., P.Eng., PTOE
Commissioner of Works

Attachment #1: Conceptual plan of median shelters and road layout.





Median transit stop renderings







The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2025-INFO-36
Date: May 16, 2025

Subject:

Durham Region to test the nuclear public alerting system on June 3 and June 4, 2025.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Council of the upcoming test of Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system.

2. Background

- 2.1 As a designated municipality under the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP, 2017), Durham Region will test the nuclear public alerting system as part of its regular maintenance program and to raise public awareness.
- 2.2 Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system is tested annually.
- 2.3 To increase public awareness, Durham Region will implement a communications campaign that includes social media, mobile signs, and advertisements for radio, print, and online newspapers.
- 2.4 Durham Region's test will take place over two days:
- a. On Tuesday, June 3, 2025, landline phones in the Durham Region within ten kilometres of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will receive an automated phone message. The message will advise that it is a test and provide notice that the sirens will be tested the following day within a three-kilometre radius of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating

Stations. The message will include information on where to find more details about the tests and emergency preparedness.

- b. On Wednesday, June 4, 2025, thirty-four sirens located within three kilometres of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will be sounded for approximately one minute.
- 2.5 Messages will be posted to the Region's social media accounts to confirm when the tests have commenced and when they have been completed.
- 2.6 To increase public awareness, Durham Region has developed a comprehensive communications plan to inform residents, businesses, and other community stakeholders about the test. The communications campaign will include, but is not limited to, the following:
- a. Social media
 - b. Mobile signs
 - c. Advertisements for radio, print and online newspapers
 - d. Our partners, the Local Area Municipalities, Toronto Emergency Management and Ontario Power Generation
 - e. Collaboration with the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce to help notify businesses in Durham Region

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 In 2024, Council was provided with the following information related to the nuclear public alerting system test:
- a. Council Information Report, October 8, 2024 - Report #2024-INFO-63

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Enhance community safety and well-being

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The next test of the nuclear public alerting system is scheduled for the spring of 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed

Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-37
Date: May 16, 2025

Subject:

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Annual Presentations to Area Municipal Councils

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Regional Council regarding the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee's (DAAC) annual presentations to the area municipal councils.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2023, DAAC members delivered a presentation to the Region's eight area municipal Councils entitled "Agriculture 101". This presentation was focused on the basics of the agricultural industry, farming in Durham, and provided details on the purpose and structure of DAAC.
- 2.2 As a result of changes to Regional planning responsibility stemming from the proclamation of Bill 23, DAAC has prioritized increased communication and outreach to area municipalities. The focus of this outreach will be an annual presentation to each area municipal Council that details what DAAC accomplished in the previous year, how DAAC operates, the issues facing the agricultural

community, as well as encouraging area municipalities to engage with DAAC as a resource when considering impacts to agriculture and rural matters.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

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

4. DAAC Annual Presentations Overview

- 4.1 The goal of the annual presentations was to increase the knowledge of the agricultural industry in Durham, increase communications between DAAC and local decision makers, update councils on the issues DAAC has been active in, discuss the challenges facing farmers in the region and to promote DAAC as a resource to help with local decision making around agricultural issues.
- 4.2 The presentations to each municipality were consistent and focused on five topics (refer to Attachment 1):
- a. About DAAC;
 - b. Snapshot of the Agricultural Industry in Durham Region;
 - c. Activities at DAAC in 2024;
 - d. Major Issues Facing the Agriculture in the Region; and
 - e. DAAC as a Resource.
- 4.3 Presentations to the eight area municipal Councils occurred between April and May, 2025. The intent was to have DAAC's area representative present to their own municipality with assistance from other DAAC members as needed.
- 4.4 The dates and names of the presenters were as follows:
- a. April 7, 2025 – Clarington – Tom Barrie
 - b. April 7, 2025 – Pickering – Gord Taylor & Nicole Swain
 - c. April 14, 2025 – Brock – Tom Watpool & Hubert Schillings
 - d. April 14, 2025 - Uxbridge - Bryant Hulshof & Dave Risebrough
 - e. April 22, 2025 – Ajax – Zac Cohoon & Neil Guthrie
 - f. April 28, 2025 – Oshawa - Hubert Schillings & Derrik Stevenson
 - g. April 28, 2025 – Whitby – Ronald Death & Hubert Schillings
 - h. May 5, 2025 – Scugog – Zac Cohoon

4.5 Discussions resulting from the presentations were productive and covered a wide range of issues, including:

- a. The impact of tariffs on the agricultural industry;
- b. How best to support Canadian farmers and food production;
- c. The impacts of the spring ice storm;
- d. Backyard chickens and Avian Influenza;
- e. The transportation challenges related to agriculture;
- f. Farm vehicle safety;
- g. Loss of farmland and land use conflict challenges;
- h. Design of local roads and roundabouts;
- i. Vertical farming;
- j. Attracting food processing facilities to Durham;
- k. Farm worker accommodations; and
- l. The costs of farmland in the Region.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

5.1 The DAAC annual presentations to the area municipalities align with the following Strategic Directions and Pathways in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- a. Resilient Local Economies
 - R4. Protect and strengthen the local agriculture sector and food supply chains.
- b. Strong Relationships
 - S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The DAAC annual presentations to area municipal councils provided valuable information to the eight area municipal Councils related to the Committee's function and Durham's broader agricultural sector.

6.2 Discussions resulting from the presentations were informative and provided an opportunity for farmers and Councillors to exchange and share knowledge. DAAC's presentations to area municipal Councils will take place again in 2026.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1 DAAC Area Municipal Presentation (Example from Brock)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA for
Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Annual Update



Tom Watpool & Hubert Schillings

About DAAC

- DAAC provides advice to the Region of Durham on agricultural matters and rural matters as they relate to agriculture.
- Matters, projects and consultations can be referred/presented to DAAC for information or to gather feedback.
- DAAC provides agricultural perspectives and shares the impacts or benefits to agriculture related to the topic.
- DAAC has 17 members including members at large, a representative from each local municipality, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture and Durham Farm Fresh. There are also 3 non-farming representatives on the committee.



Agriculture at a Glance

AS OF 2024

Local Snapshot

Durham Region
CENSUS DIVISION



1,200
farms



264,518
acres of farmland



220 acres
is the average sized farm



Local Farm Sales



18
farms operate a CSA
(Community Supported Agriculture)



32 farms sell
at farmers' markets



191 farms sell directly from their
farm, at stands, or pick-your-own

Activities at DAAC in 2024

- North Durham On-Farm Diversified Uses Project undertaken between Scugog, Brock, Uxbridge and Regional Community Growth and Economic Development;
- Skilled Trades Programs in the Region;
- Farm Worker accommodation related by-law issues at farms in the Region;
- Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) Grain Terminal update;
- Independent Electricity Systems Operator Battery Storage Site Selection;
- Regional Issues
 - Economic Development initiatives
 - Land Use issues – ROP development, provincial planning responses
 - Transportation issues – road design, culverts

Major Issues Facing Agriculture in the Region

- Backyard chickens and Avian Influenza
- Stormwater Management fees on agricultural properties
- On farm diversified uses
- Transportation of goods
- Price of agricultural land
- Need for more meat processing capacity
- Policy leading to increased costs for farmers, i.e. tariffs

DAAC as a Resource

- Gather an agricultural perspective on new projects, strategies and more.
- Ensure local decisions consider the impacts to agriculture businesses
- Liaise between the Region and agricultural businesses

Example of where DAAC provides feedback

- Regionals and Local Strategies or Plans
- Economic Development Projects and Strategies
- Agricultural Land-Use Matters
- Works Departments Matters (roundabouts, intersections, ditches, roadwork, etc.)

How Can DAAC help you?



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 16, 2025

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – May 11, 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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for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 11, 2025

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/yrakpnwt

- “What’s Up Doc?” Vol 18 No 1 (Apr 28)

tinyurl.com/7x5au5cx

- Rabies Awareness Month provides a reminder to avoid contact with wildlife (Apr 30)

tinyurl.com/2pmbcmxf

- Rabies: Exposure to Humans and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (May 1)

tinyurl.com/anbbtc9h

- Human Rabies: Requirement to Report (May 1)

tinyurl.com/2udhr7fv

- KI pills available for all area residents and businesses near nuclear generating stations (May 1)

tinyurl.com/4f8trtp4

- Prepare to be safe during Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/dp9k2a4h

- Protect what grows – learn about the connection between human, animal and plant health this International Day of Plant Health (May 9)

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

tinyurl.com/ry87yw2s

- Keynote address by President Pierre Tremblay at the 2025 Canadian Nuclear Association conference (May 5)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

tinyurl.com/2sawnm75

- Ontario Boosting Local Emergency Preparedness (May 5)

Ministry of Energy and Mines

tinyurl.com/mu9y27h7

- Ontario Leads the G7 by Building First Small Modular Reactor (May 8)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/a4txjsxz

- Ontario Building a More Connected and Convenient Health Care System (May 5)

tinyurl.com/3b4w3r9s

- Ontario Taking Next Steps to Protect Primary Care (May 7)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/3huayppz

- Ontario Taking Action to Support Seniors and their Caregivers (May 8)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

tinyurl.com/wzfxuuh

- Ontario Taking Action to Protect Parks and Public Spaces (Apr 30)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/548enctw

- Premier Ford Issues Statement on Federal Election Results (Apr 29)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Institute for Health Information

tinyurl.com/47umedne

- Child and youth mental health (May 1)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/4x5jhame

- Statement – CMA ready to work with the Liberal Party of Canada to improve health care for Canadians (Apr 29)

tinyurl.com/2zzp3u3a

- Statement – CMA marks National Physicians' Day (May 1)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/yhuttzjb

- Ninety-seven Per Cent of Canadians Say Eye Health is Crucial to Wellbeing is Crucial to Wellbeing but More Education is Needed to Keep Eyes Healthy: COS Survey (May 5)

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

tinyurl.com/kyukx6df

- New joint CAMH-International Study Finds Major Economic and Health Benefits from Alcohol Tax Increase (May 7)

IC/ES

tinyurl.com/3s9jb2rt

- Safer opioid supply improves health outcomes among people at high risk of overdose (Apr 22)

tinyurl.com/99shuzp4

- Severe, lasting impairment that some consider 'worse than death' affects many residents after long-term care admission (Apr 23)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/ka6metuj

- GOARN marks 25 years of advancing global health emergency preparedness and response (Apr 28)

tinyurl.com/2j9r9ka3

- Gloves do not replace hand hygiene – reminder from WHO (May 5)

tinyurl.com/5aauccje

- Health inequities are shortening lives by decades (May 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/8azspz56>

- Safer walking and cycling crucial for road safety and better health (May 9)



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May 13, 2025

RE: Support Resolution No. 2025-120 regarding Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 16, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-120:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for APRIL 16, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township supports the Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to Nazi Symbols of Hate and directs staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, B'nai Brith Canada



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M.P.A.
Director of
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March 27, 2025

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

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"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 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 of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate 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, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

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Friday, May 9, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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SENT VIA EMAIL: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Re: Town of Goderich Opposition to Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the April 28, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS on April 9, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced the expansion of Strong Mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities, including the Town of Goderich, as a Strong Mayor community granting enhanced powers to the Mayor, effective May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the 169 municipalities affected by the April 9 Strong Mayor powers letter supplied insufficient time for any meaningful feedback and coordinated response on O.Reg. 530/22 from Councils given the six (6) business day turnaround deadline for comments of April 16 - procedural notice provisions to call a special Council meeting and short notice scheduling conflicts of Council members;

AND WHEREAS the Strong Mayors powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, reduced accountability, alters the balance of governance at the municipal level by ultimately undermining the role of Council and decision-making by weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule, diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community, and the potential for the abuse of power;

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

AND WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers would have the effect of fundamentally altering the historic model of local governance, which has existed for almost two centuries;

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;

AND WHEREAS municipal elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concerns regarding the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes if Mayors are granted the ability to by-pass Council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayors framework;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Goderich formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor powers, in order to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;


AND THAT the Council of the Town of Goderich request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Goderich from the list of municipalities designated under Strong Mayors legislation;

AND THAT the Town of Goderich 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 Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

Yours truly,


Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca

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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of North Perth

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 29, 2025:

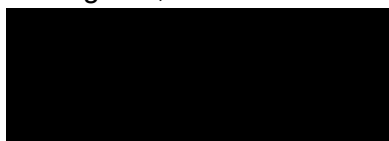
Moved by Doug Kellum Seconded by Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth expresses its desires to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reverse the grant of Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of North Perth;

AND THAT: The letter be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, Association of Municipality of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, please accept this letter as an official request to have strong mayor powers removed from the Municipality of North Perth.

Regards,




Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Enclosure

CC: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Perth Wellington MPP
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Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C195-2025 opposing Strong Mayor Powers.

Resolution C195-2025

Moved by: Cabral
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the Ontario government has expanded the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities, which grants 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 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 able to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Springwater opposes the Strong Mayor Powers; and

That the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's expansion of the Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability.

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Doug Downey, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater


cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. MPP Doug Downey
All Ontario Municipalities
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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
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May 8, 2025

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney

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At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C196-2025 Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Resolution C196-2025

Moved by: Cabral

Seconded by: Fisher

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That Township of Springwater calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Right Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Doug Downey; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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May 8, 2025

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RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Quinte West

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 7, 2025 Council supported the following resolution:

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 City of Quinte West;

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 Premier Ford, Minister Flack, Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario Municipalities.

We hope that you give consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – rob.flack@pc.ola.org
Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte – tyler.allsopp@pc.ola.org
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