



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2025-INFO-38
Date: May 23, 2025

Subject:

2024 Intelligent Community Consortium Year-End Report

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities and achievements of the Durham Region Intelligent Community Consortium (ICC) for 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 The ICC is comprised of members from municipal government, post-secondary education institutions, innovation groups, business organizations and other community organizations located in Durham.
- 2.2 The mandate of the Durham Region ICC is to develop a strategy for partner organizations to work together to address community challenges with intelligent solutions and better the lives of residents and businesses across the region.
- 2.3 2024 was a year of momentum for the ICC. The 19-member committee of municipal representatives and community partners worked to formalize their partnership and understand where the consortium should focus its work.
- 2.4 The ICC applied the Intelligent Community Forum's (ICF), [Community Accelerator Strategy framework](#). The framework outlines six pillars of an intelligent community: broadband connectivity, digital inclusion, knowledge work, innovation, sustainability and community engagement. The Consortium spent time discussing whether the pillar was already a strength within Durham Region and how it could be further developed to the benefit of the partners and the community.

2.5 The Consortium achieved the following goals for 2024:

1. Members of the Consortium complete the seven accelerator training courses through the ICF.
2. A collaborative database of Durham's Intelligent Community projects, organized by the ICF factors, was created.
3. Key projects and themes that contribute to Durham's Intelligent Community narrative were identified.
4. A strong Durham Region submission to the ICF Top Intelligent Community of the Year awards application was submitted.
5. The first annual progress report for the Durham Region Intelligent Community Consortium was completed and shared with partners and Regional Council.
6. Consortium members participated in a visioning session to identify key projects and initiatives for the next year.

2.6 The Consortium participated in the ICF's full certification and awards process, which resulted in Durham Region being named a Top7 Intelligent Community in the world and achieving full certification with the ICF. Certification will remain in place through October 2027. This international recognition provides third-party validation that the region is poised for investment and growth.

2.7 At year-end, the Consortium completed a survey to identify their priorities for 2025. Two activities were agreed to:

1. Continue to focus on telling the region's intelligent community story.
2. Establish a consortium-led project that will advance the region's intelligent community status.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 The Durham Region Intelligent Community Consortium report aligns with the strategic direction of:

1. Strong relationship – Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The report was prepared by the Communications and Engagement Division in consultation with the Durham Region Intelligent Community Consortium.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: Infographic — Intelligent Community Consortium 2024 Year in Review

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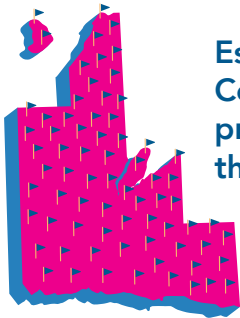
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Intelligent Community Consortium 2024 Year in Review



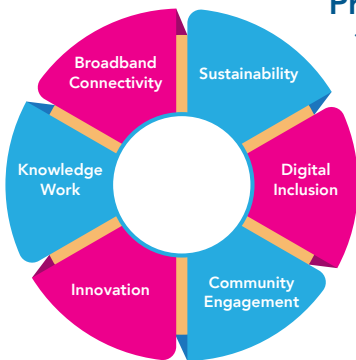
19 Consortium members completed seven modules as part of the ICF Community Accelerator Training



Established an Intelligent Community database with 72 projects listed from across the region.



Top7 Intelligent Community of the Year for three consecutive years.



Produced a 10-article series showcasing our local intelligent community stories, driving awareness and celebrating achievements on a global scale



Awarded full certification as an intelligent community: Signals to the world that we are a top community of choice and ready for investment.

Certification is valid until October 2027

Second Canadian community to receive full certification.



Showcased the Durham Region Intelligent Community story on the international stage at the Intelligent Community Summit, highlighting why we are recognized as a leading intelligent community globally.



Received local, national and international coverage of Durham Region's intelligent community work.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2025-INFO-39
Date: May 23, 2025

Subject:

Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law Reporting Requirements for July 1 to December 31, 2024

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides details related to capital program awards and material contract amendments for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2024, in accordance with the Region's Budget Management Policy and the Purchasing By-law 16-2020.

1.2 All dollar amounts are before applicable taxes.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 The Region's current Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law 16-2020 were approved by Regional Council (Council) on March 25, 2020. The Budget Management Policy provides guidelines for semi-annual reporting by the Treasurer to Council in cases where financing of additional capital project costs is provided through reallocation of funds from within the current year capital program. The Purchasing By-law requires reporting to Council of emergency purchases over \$100,000 and awards of proposals for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater on a semi-annual basis, as well as annual reporting of the renewal of existing software licenses, support and maintenance agreements.

- 2.2 The previous semi-annual report, #2024-INFO-50, covered the period of January 1 to June 30, 2024. Report #2024-INFO-07 covered software renewals for the period January to December 2023. Report #2024-INFO-83 provided details of the use of delegated authority during the July 1 to September 3, 2024 recess of Council.

3. Reallocation of Capital Financing Under \$250,000

- 3.1 Section 15.4 of the Budget Management Policy requires that where the estimated project costs, based on the award of a tender or other contracts, are expected to exceed the approved capital project budget by less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.
- 3.2 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000, based on tender awards, for the period are described below:

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
1. Detailed design for the widening of Hopkins St. (Reg. Rd. 36) from Consumers Dr. (Reg. Rd. 25) to Dundas St., in the Town of Whitby (R2220). Funding was allocated from the Winchester Rd. (Reg. Rd. 3) and Thicksen Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) construction project, in the Town of Whitby (R1832) and at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024.	1,835,000	2,083,751	248,751

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
2. Weigh Scale replacements at the Brock and Oshawa Waste Management (WMF) facilities (2023_WORKS 5252100009_R138 and 2024_WORKS 5252400009_R035). Funding was allocated from the Oshawa WMF optimization project (G2102) and the 2024 Waste Roll-off Bin replacement program (2024_WORKS 5252100009_R205).	300,000	454,766	154,766
3. Surveillance system installation in all Durham Rapid Transit (DRT) vehicles to comply with the Surveillance System in DRT Vehicles policy (H2203). Funding was allocated at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024.	160,000	195,000	35,000
4. Audio/Visual equipment upgrades at the Whitby/Oshawa and Scugog Depots (D2436). Funding was allocated from the Thermal Glass Door at the Orono Depot project (F2307).	90,000	120,000	30,000

3.3 Section 17.2 of Budget Management Policy requires that where additional commitments that increase the cumulative project over-expenditure by an amount less than \$250,000, the additional expenditure and financing shall be approved by the Department Head, Treasurer and C.A.O. Financing for the additional project costs will be provided through reallocation from within the current year capital program, with the details of the material reallocations incorporated into a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

3.4 Instances where there was a reallocation of capital financing under \$250,000 for additional expenditures for the period are described below:

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
1. Lake Simcoe Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) diffused air system replacement, in the Township of Brock project (D1716). Funding was allocated from the replacement of a forcemain on Wilmot Creek easement from Cobbledick Rd. to Toronto St., in the Municipality of Clarington project (C1502).	17,538,000	17,738,000	200,000
2. Emergency standby generator at the Oshawa/Whitby Depot (2020_WORKS, 5240524010_N198). Funding was allocated from the replacement of the Ford Smith Hoist at the Orono Depot item (2020_WORKS 5240524010_R313).	456,000	588,000	132,000
3. Installation of a 400mm Sanitary Forcemain from Old Rail Line to Carlin Dr., in the Township of Scugog (S9732). Funding was allocated from the Notion Road Sanitary Sewer project, in the City of Pickering (D2405).	2,118,271	2,241,407	123,136
4. Salt dome entrance widening at the Sunderland Depot, in the Township of Brock (F2305). Funding was allocated from the Replacement of Overhead Doors project at the Orono Depot, in the Municipality of Clarington (F2307).	150,000	235,000	85,000

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
5. Adelaide Ave. (Reg. Rd. 52) watermain replacement from Oshawa Blvd. to Juliana Dr./Mary St. to French St., in the City of Oshawa (O1509). Funding was allocated at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024.	2,709,976	2,747,977	38,001
6. Replacement of lead service connections on James St. and Centre St., in the Town of Whitby (W2104). Funding was allocated at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024.	80,000	102,846	22,846
7. Watermain replacement on Lakeview Blvd. from Poplar Ave. to Maple Ave., in the Town of Ajax (A1705). Funding was allocated at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024.	280,000	291,152	11,152
8. Corbett Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Compliance Study, in the Town of Whitby (D2437). Funding was allocated from the Wilmot Creek Sanitary Forcemain project, in the Municipality of Clarington (C1502).	100,000	110,000	10,000
9. CCTV Camera Upgrades for Long Term Care (LTC) facilities (G2010). Funding was allocated from savings in the 2024 Hillsdale Terraces Furniture budget (2024_LTCHILLSTE 3250100500_R156).	674,000	683,027	9,027

Project	Approved Project Budget \$	Revised Project Budget \$	Total Increase \$
10. Watermain work for the Water St. reconstruction of Downtown Port Perry revitalization project, in the Township of Scugog (S9732). Funding was allocated at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance from savings in capital projects closed in 2024	35,000	41,160	6,160

4. Additional Capital Project Expenditures for Extra Work Greater than \$250,000, Funded from Within the Approved Project Budget

4.1 Section 16 of the Budget Management Policy requires that the Finance Department be advised of the commitment for extra work and the reallocation of financing within a capital project to cover additional expenditures, up to the limits specified in Section 16.1, based on the approved contract value. For additional expenditures exceeding \$250,000, the details of the additional expenditure shall be incorporated in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

4.2 Instances where capital project expenditures for extra work greater than \$250,000 were funded from within the approved project budget for the period are described below:

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
1. T-1089-2021 – Workplace Modernization Project at Regional Headquarters, Phase 1B, in the Town of Whitby (G1901).	Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd.	9,668,134	12,353,951	2,685,817

Description	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
2. T-1149-2021 – Phase 2 of the Durham Regional Police Service Complex, in the Municipality of Clarington (G1405).	Buttcon Limited	85,126,092	86,122,093	996,001
3. T-1020-2023 – Workplace Modernization Project at Regional Headquarters Phase 2A, in the Town of Whitby (G2318).	Govan Brown & Associates Ltd.	10,829,541	11,822,447	992,907
4. D2023-26 – Rehabilitation of the Lord Elgin trunk sanitary sewer replacement, in the Town of Ajax (A1706).	Capital Sewer Services Inc.	4,888,452	5,641,825	753,373
5. D2022-07 – Raw Water Well Upgrades at the Whitby Water Supply Plant (WSP), in the Town of Whitby (D2020).	Jeviso Construction Corp.	13,537,951	14,003,270	465,319
6. T-1102-2023 – RHQ entrance, courtyard, and sidewalk redesign (G2006).	Esposito Brothers Construction Ltd.	1,202,261	1,507,280	305,019

5. Additional Expenditures Exceeding 20% or \$75,000 for Consulting Services Contracts Greater than \$100,000

- 5.1 Section 7.3 of the Budget Management Policy permits the Department Head to approve additional expenditures up to 20% of the approved contract value, to a maximum increase of \$75,000, for consulting services contracts exceeding

\$100,000. Expenditures above these limits will be approved by the Department Head and the Treasurer and be included in a semi-annual information report submitted by the Treasurer.

- 5.2 Instances where additional expenditures exceeding the 20% or \$75,000 threshold for consulting services contracts greater than \$100,000 that were incurred for the period are described below:

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
1. Engineering services to design instrumentation to monitor water quality and lake currents at the Whitby WSP (D1718 / D2419 / D9944) (RC00000682).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	11,979,190	14,071,377	2,092,187
2. Consulting services for Phase 2 of the Durham Regional Police Service Complex, in the Municipality of Clarington (G1405) (RC00002062).	Parkin Architects Limited / RPL Architects	3,777,399	4,974,708	1,197,309
3. Provision and implementation of a customer relationship management and knowledge base system for MyDurham311 program (G2015) (RC00002726).	KPMG LLP	4,588,100	5,180,034	591,934

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
4. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of watermain relocation at the Ministry of Transportation bridge on Wilson Rd. S. relocation, in the City of Oshawa (D2221) (RC00003096).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	515,428	968,412	452,984
5. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Kingston Rd. (Reg. Hwy 2) from 200m west of Steeple Hill to Merritton Rd., in the City of Pickering (D1848) (RC00002695).	GHD Limited	1,330,746	1,709,572	378,826
6. Seaton Paramedic Response Station, in the City of Pickering (G1805) (RC00002194).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	1,076,324	1,438,558	362,235
7. Carruthers Creek Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station (SPS) chemical system upgrades, in the Town of Ajax. (D1116) (RC00002207).	CIMA Canada Inc.	1,051,961	1,393,073	341,112

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
8. Environmental Impact Statement, TPAP, Noise Assessment, Air Quality, Cultural Heritage Screening, Archeological Stage 1/2, Socio-economic and land use for the DRT Bus Storage Operation and Maintenance Facility, in the City of Oshawa (H2006) (RC00003111)	Stantec Consulting Limited	9,947,388	10,280,914	333,526
9. Engineering services for the Uxbridge WPCP upgrades and rehabilitation project, in the Township of Uxbridge (D2336) (RC00002524).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	3,235,244	3,516,649	281,405
10. Detailed design services for Bloor St. (Reg. Rd. 22) from 300m east of Harmony Rd. S. (Reg. Rd. 33) to 250m east of Grandview St. S., in the City of Oshawa (R2023) (RC00002925).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	1,732,290	1,996,761	264,471
11. Mulberry Lane SPS project, in the City of Pickering (D1710) (RC00001752).	WSP Canada Group Limited	1,408,389	1,642,339	233,950

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
12. Detailed design for the widening of Bowmanville Ave. (Reg. Rd. 57) from Baseline Rd. W. to south of Reg. Hwy. 2, in the Municipality of Clarington (R1721) (RC00002027).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	1,694,058	1,924,129	230,071
13. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Wentworth St. (Reg. Rd. 60) from Cedar St. to Farewell St. (Reg. Rd. 56), in the City of Oshawa (R1823) (RC00002983).	GHD Limited	1,397,721	1,621,447	223,726
14. Consulting services for the cable car feasibility study for Simcoe St. (Reg. Rd. 2), in the City of Oshawa (IC030) (RC00003193).	Shea, Carr & Jewell, Inc. (SCJ Alliance)	528,217	746,492	218,275
15. Contract administration and site inspection services for the Taunton Pumping Station Upgrades, in the City of Oshawa (D1933) (RC00002388).	CIMA Canada Inc.	231,600	422,082	190,482
16. Management support services for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Division (RC00003008).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	90,000	270,000	180,000

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
17. Engineering services for bridge, culvert and retaining wall Ontario Structure Inspection Manual Inspection Program (M2454) (RC00002820).	GHD Limited	228,000	388,000	160,000
18. Durham Region Groundwater Monitoring Program 2022 to 2027 (M0101) (RC00002870).	R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited	566,933	715,403	148,471
19. Surface water quality monitoring plan and monitoring of avoidance and mitigation measures for the Winchester Rd. (Reg. Rd. 3) from Baldwin St. to Garrard Rd. construction project, in the Town of Whitby (R0802) (RC00000713).	Stantec Consulting Ltd.	1,189,599	1,326,910	137,311
20. Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of Kingston Rd. (Reg. Hwy 2) from 200m west of Steeple Hill to 50m west of Altona Rd. (Reg. Rd. 27), in the City of Pickering (IC010/D2401) (RC00002739).	AECOM Canada Ltd.	1,339,455	1,460,540	121,085

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
21. Geotechnical, hydrogeological, Phase 1 and 2 environmental site assessment of 300 Ritson Rd. S., in the City of Oshawa (R2232) (RC00002816).	WSP Canada Inc.	115,385	229,850	114,465
22. Consulting services for the detailed design of the intersection rehabilitation and improvements of Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) at Rossland Rd. (Reg. Rd. 28), in the Town of Whitby (R1912) (RC00002277).	GHD Limited	146,841	254,935	108,094
23. Provision of Management Services - Plant Operations Water Supply (RC00002778).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	560,000	664,330	104,330
24. Master Site Plan & Design of Seaton LTC Home, including addition of level 2 terraces and completion of scheduling reviews, analysis, and reporting, in the City of Pickering (G2110) (RC00003002).	Montgomery Sisam Architects Inc	5,987,417	6,082,912	95,495
25. Electrical and Instrumentation & Control Design Review of Capital Projects Deliverables, Region of Durham (RC00002804).	ETO Solutions Group	90,000	180,000	90,000

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
26. Detailed design of the Dundas Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), including Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23) widening and extension to Bayly St. (Reg. Rd. 22), in the Town of Whitby (R0207) (RC00002637).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	4,035,957	4,125,712	89,755
27. Preliminary and detailed design for the replacement of the Water Street Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station, in the Township of Scugog (D1304) (RC00002801).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	2,328,087	2,415,320	87,233
28. Twinning of the Forcemain from the Liverpool Rd. SPS to the Duffin Creek WPCP, in the City of Pickering (P0503) (RC00001656).	GHD Limited	1,047,214	1,132,484	85,270
29. Consulting services for a traffic study required to determine the corridor optimization at Westney Rd. (Reg. Rd 31) from Bayly St. (Reg. Rd. 22) to Kingston Rd. (Reg. Hwy 2), in the Town of Ajax (R1916/R1929) (RC00002883).	HDR Corporation	231,853	312,468	80,615

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
30. Consulting services to undertake a feasibility study for design and construction of Tertiary Filtration System for the Nonquon (WPCP), in the Township of Scugog (RC00003072).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	79,580	159,715	80,135
31. Engineering services for design and schedule change for the Liberty St. Zone 1 Reservoir and Zone 2 Pumping Stations, in the Municipality of Clarington (D1106/D1917) (RC00002182).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	2,169,769	2,249,043	79,274
32. Engineering services for the detailed design, contract administration, and inspection—of the Baseline Rd. SPS stairway design (D2107) (RC00003087).	R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	2,099,811	2,178,001	78,190
33. Assessment of project delays for the new Seaton Paramedic Response Station, in the City of Pickering (G1805) (RC00003181).	JB Pawlak Consulting	82,500	142,500	60,000

Project	Vendor	Most Recent Reported Contract Value \$	Revised Upset Limit \$	Total Increase \$
34. Geotechnical engineering services for the Victoria St. realignment project, in the Town of Whitby (R1102) and the Reg. Rd. 13 from 732m east of Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23) to 955m east of Lake Ridge Rd. (Reg. Rd. 23) project, in the Township of Brock (R0901) (RC00002344).	GHD Limited	58,000	115,550	57,550
35. Consulting engineering services for Kingston Rd. (Reg. Hwy 2) BRT – Canadian National Railway (CN) grade separation preliminary design (IC010) (RC00002609).	WSP Canada Inc.	82,000	139,262	57,262

6. Emergency Expenditures Exceeding \$100,000

6.1 Section 10 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where emergencies occur outside of normal business hours, the department head or their authorized delegate shall acquire goods or services required to address an emergency and where that purchase exceeds \$100,000, a report for information is to be submitted to Council setting out the nature of the emergency and the necessity of the action taken.

6.2 Instances where emergency purchases occurred are described below:

Nature of Emergency	Vendor	Amount \$
1. Snow clearing due to deficiencies with the existing contractor.	RTJ Property Services Inc., Algonquin Property Services Inc.	4,131,184
2. Repair of a broken watermain at the intersection of Wilson Rd. S. and Wentworth St. E. (Reg. Rd. 60), in the City of Oshawa.	Eagleson Construction	650,751
3. IT upgrades at the Duffin Creek WPCP, in the City of Pickering	Agilicus Incorporated	500,000
4. Repair of a blown transformer at the Courtice WPCP, in the Municipality of Clarington (D2443).	Wilson High Voltage Services Ltd., Sutton Stromart Limited	475,950
5. Repair of a watermain leak on an existing secondary water valve, off the 600mm watermain at Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) and Anderson St, in the Town of Whitby (M2426).	Bry-Ron Contracting Ltd., Elirpa Construction and Materials Limited	347,424
6. Sludge cleaning, rail welding, and review of alternatives and design of the primary clarifier rail system at the Harmony WPCP, in the City of Oshawa (D2454).	GFL Environmental Inc., Troy-Ontor Inc., R.V. Anderson Associates Limited	324,761
7. Repair of a watermain break on Centrefield Dr., in the Municipality of Clarington.	Nick Carchidi Excavating Limited	122,299

7. Request for Proposals (RFPs) \$100,000 or greater that were publicly posted on the Region's Website

- 7.1 Section 9.4 of the Purchasing By-law 16-2020 requires that where RFPs are used for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater that a summary report for

information relating to the award of the proposals shall be prepared and submitted to Council on a semi-annual basis. In some cases, the contract value covers multiple years.

7.2 Instances where the RFPs were issued and awarded are described below:

RFP Number and Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
1. RFP-1022-2024 – Design build services for a deep energy retrofit of the Harwood Manor Seniors Apartment at 655 Harwood Ave. S., in the Town of Ajax.	Martinway Contracting Ltd.	2	22,430,000
2. RFP-87-2024 – Food supply services for the Region of Durham's Early Learning Child Care Centres.	Real Food for Real Kids	3	3,628,373
3. RFP-1081-2024 – Engineering consulting services for the preliminary and detailed design of Thickson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 26) widening from north of Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) to south of Highway 407, in the Town of Whitby (R1913).	CIMA Canada Inc.	3	1,629,999
4. RFP-1052-2024 – Engineering consulting services for the detailed design of the Hopkins St. (Reg. Rd. 36) widening from Consumers Dr. (Reg. Rd. 25) to Dundas St., in the Town of Whitby (R2220).	Parsons Inc.	5	1,602,737
5. RFP-633-2024 – Engineering consulting services for operations and maintenance monitoring services for the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).	HDR Corporation	3	1,516,771

RFP Number and Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
6. NRFP-1106-2024 – Professional consulting services for the renovation and restoration of 1635 Dundas St. E., in the Town of Whitby (G2435).	LGA Architectural Partners	1	1,467,432
7. RFP-1027-2024 – Engineering consulting services to undertake detailed design services for Ritson Rd. (Reg. Rd. 16) widening from North of Taunton Rd. (Reg. Rd. 4) to approximately 250m south of Conlin Rd., in the City of Oshawa (R1803).	CIMA Canada Inc.	3	1,308,051
8. N-244-2024 – Supply and service of lift equipment for the Regional Municipality of Durham's Long Term Care Homes.	Handicare Canada Ltd.	1	1,115,128
9. NRFP-657A-2024 – Authorized dealer for design, supply and installation of Teknion Furniture and Teknion Demountable Wall Systems.	Holmes & Brakel	1	957,956
10. N-358-2024 – Collection of multi residential enhanced source separated organics waste in the Region.	Miller Waste Systems Inc.	1	653,079
11. N-562-2024 – Supply and ongoing service of Multigen rethermalization equipment and SDX ThermoBox meal delivery systems for the Region's Long Term Care Homes.	Burlodge Canada Ltd.	1	284,378
12. RFP-1109-2024 – Consulting services for the design of multi-use paths in various locations throughout the Region (R2230).	R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited	2	261,119

RFP Number and Description	Awarded Vendor	Number of Proposals Received	Contract Value \$
13.RFP-1026-2024 – Consulting engineering services to prepare tender documents and provide field services for the construction, testing and connection of Municipal Well MW7, in the Township of Scugog (S0102).	Tatham Engineering Limited	2	176,685
14.RFP-1061-2024 – Consulting services for Greenhouse Gas emission reduction pathway for the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation Facilities (F1900).	Green PI Inc.	12	135,800
15.RFP-1108-2024 – Consulting services for Planning and Economic Development's department assessment of organizational structure and resources in the Region.	Ernst & Young LLP	4	124,960

8. Renewal of Existing Software Licenses and Support and Maintenance Agreements for the Period January 1 to December 31, 2024

8.1 Section 15.6 of the Purchasing By-law #16-2020 requires that single source purchases for the renewal of existing software licenses and support and maintenance agreements be reported to Council for information on an annual basis.

8.2 Instances where the sole source purchases were issued are described below:

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
1. 1-year renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and Unified Support renewal for Microsoft software used throughout the organization.	Microsoft Canada Inc.	6,011,852
2. 1-year renewal for license/support renewals for PeopleSoft ERP systems.	Oracle Canada ULC	1,808,591

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
3. 4-year renewal for hosting (Cloud) services for Oracle Utilities Customer Service and Billing.	Oracle Canada ULC	1,436,929
4. 5-year renewal of Ontario Parcel Mapping and Title Data Products Agreements.	Teranet Inc.	903,120
5. 1-year renewal for annual support for Oracle Utilities Customer Care and Billing	Oracle Canada ULC	494,110
6. 2-year renewal for license, maintenance and support renewal for ongoing Oracle services used to support several applications and infrastructure used by several departments across the Region.	Oracle Canada ULC	477,165
7. 1-year renewal for additional licenses for Oracle PeopleSoft ERP systems including Employee Portal, HCM, ELM, and Financials to accommodate the current number of employees and reported budget/revenue.	Oracle Canada ULC	345,987
8. 1-year renewal for software licence renewals and maintenance for Region of Durham Paramedics Services (RDPS) ESO emergency management software used for patient care records, HR and analytics solution to provide data regarding call statistics.	ER Software Canada, ULC	289,911
9. 1-year renewal for PointClickCare Long-term Care and Adult Day Program software licenses and maintenance used for electronic health care records for residents/clients and financial management/billing module in addition to clinical health data software.	PointClickCare	222,000

Description	Vendor	Amount \$
10. 1-year renewal for software licenses and maintenance of Techcom Delinquency Recovery System software used as a collections management system.	Techcom Solutions	190,000
11. 1-year renewal for software licenses and maintenance for BMC Helix Remedyforce ticketing system software used by IT and Finance to provide support for regional employees.	BMC Software Canada Inc.	158,803
12. 2-year renewal for the Electronic Development Charges application cloud hosting and managed application support fees.	OnX Enterprise Solutions Ltd.	140,000
13. 3-year renewal for licensing fee for the Optimy Platform used by Social Services to allow community agencies to submit funding applications as well as identify funding gaps in the community.	Optimy Inc.	124,425
14. 1-year renewal for Profile Electronic Medical Record (EMR) support and maintenance fees.	Intrahealth Global Operations Limited	121,008

9. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

Strong Relationships:

S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

9.2 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

10. Conclusion

10.1 In accordance with the Budget Management Policy and Purchasing By-law 16-2020, Regional Council is to be informed on a semi-annual basis when the threshold amounts for various expenditure limits have been exceeded, where funding is required based on a reallocation of the capital program, and where RFPs are used for the total purchase price of \$100,000 or greater.

10.2 This report has been reviewed by the Works and Social Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2025-INFO-40
Date: May 23, 2025

Subject:

Monitoring of Growth Trends, File: D01-02-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is the first of two biannual reports monitoring growth trends in Durham. It presents historical population and household data for the Region and area municipalities for the 2020 to 2024 period.
- 1.2 The data is provided for the end of May to correspond with the timing of a Census, and for December to correspond with the calendar year-end. Information presented in this report is intended for use in various Regional studies and programs, such as Development Charges Background Studies, and in preparing capital budgets for Regional infrastructure, as well as other agency initiatives.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated May 24, 2024 ([2024-INFO-38](#))
- 2.2 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated November 29, 2024 ([2024-INFO-80](#))

3. Historical Population and Household Estimates (2020-2024)

- 3.1 The population and household estimates presented in Attachment 1 are based on:
- Statistics Canada Census information for 2016 and 2021 including an estimate for net undercoverage¹;
 - Statistics Canada Annual Demographic Estimates;
 - Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) monthly housing completion data; and
 - Building permits issued for residential demolitions.
- 3.2 Base-year household estimates are founded on information from the Statistics Canada Census. Household estimates for 2016 and 2021 are based on the Statistics Canada Census counts for “Private dwellings occupied by usual residents”.
- 3.3 For interim years, CMHC housing completions are used to approximate the number of new households added each year. Housing completions are also the basis for estimating population growth where population estimates are not available from Statistics Canada².
- 3.4 The Statistics Canada Annual Demographic Estimates are calculated from federal records for births, deaths, immigration and emigration. The Regional Health Department also receives this data from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, which is based on the same Statistics Canada annual reporting, to inform their demographic analysis. This data is also published on the Durham Region Population [Data Tracker](#)³.
- 3.5 The process for estimating population and households also considers the impact of vacant homes, short-term rentals and dwellings occupied by non-permanent residents such as international students and temporary foreign workers. To account

1. Net undercoverage refers to the net population counts that are missed during the Census enumeration due to persons with no usual residence, incorrect questionnaires, missed dwellings, away from home, etc.

2. For years where population estimates are not published on the Data Tracker, household growth is used to approximate the increase in population. At the time this report was prepared, population estimates since 2022 were not available through the Data Tracker.

3. Durham Regional Health Department receives population estimates from the Province, that are based on Statistics Canada’s annual population estimate for July 1st. This information is used to interpolate the population for May 31st and December 31st.

for this, household estimates are calibrated with a conservative vacancy rate (0.5%) for new residential units.

- 3.6 The semi-annual population estimates presented in Attachment #1 indicate that the Region's annual population growth increased by 14,760 persons from 2023 to 2024, which is slightly lower than the five-year average (15,370). The growth rate last year was 1.93%. Comparatively, the average annual population growth for the five-year period from 2020 to 2024 was 2.10%.
- 3.7 The semi-annual household estimates presented in Attachment #1 indicate that the Region's annual household growth increased by 4,860 households from 2023 to 2024, representing a growth rate of 1.92%. Comparatively, the annual household growth for the five-year period from 2020 to 2024 was 1.61%.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report addresses the following Strategic Directions and Pathways 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.

b. Strong Relationships

- S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.

- 4.2 This report aligns with the following Foundation in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Regional Council will continue to be kept apprised of emerging population and household data and trends through regular updates of this information.
- 5.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Regional Police Services, Ontario Health atHome (formerly Local Health Integration Network) and the School Boards in Durham.

5.3 For additional information, contact: Colleen Goodchild, Director of Community Growth at 905-668-7711, extension 2580.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2020-2024 (Table 1) and
Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2020-2024 (Table 2)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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P.Eng., PTOE for
Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

Table 1
Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2020-2024 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2020 (May)	132,305	12,910	102,000	179,135	101,310	22,140	22,205	140,755	712,760
2020 (Dec)	132,705	12,850	102,865	179,530	103,755	22,175	22,275	142,630	718,785
2021 (May)	134,225	13,700	104,080	181,080	103,240	22,565	22,350	144,790	726,030
2021 (Dec)	134,630	13,725	105,525	182,210	103,985	22,550	22,360	147,220	732,210
2022 (May)	135,020	13,825	107,225	187,660	105,235	22,940	22,995	149,555	744,455
2022 (Dec)	135,645	13,845	108,265	190,055	105,790	22,930	23,075	151,315	750,920
2023 (May)	135,965	13,865	108,820	191,910	107,115	22,925	23,170	152,650	756,415
2023 (Dec)	136,370	13,880	109,335	193,775	111,280	22,935	23,295	154,430	765,305
2024 (May)	137,070	13,900	109,820	194,655	114,375	22,935	23,345	155,500	771,600
2024 (Dec)	137,565	13,910	110,520	196,885	117,825	22,940	23,520	156,900	780,065

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census, Annual Demographic, CMHC monthly housing completions data and building permit records.

Table 2
Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2020-2024 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2020 (May)	39,325	4,685	35,460	66,405	32,510	8,260	7,960	45,550	240,160
2020 (Dec)	39,450	4,785	35,730	66,595	33,215	8,275	7,990	46,110	242,140
2021 (May)	39,490	4,790	35,955	66,635	33,425	8,290	8,010	46,460	243,050
2021 (Dec)	39,610	4,795	36,455	67,050	33,665	8,285	8,010	47,240	245,110
2022 (May)	39,715	4,800	36,685	67,315	33,875	8,280	8,035	47,890	246,600
2022 (Dec)	39,895	4,805	37,040	68,175	34,055	8,275	8,065	48,455	248,770
2023 (May)	39,990	4,815	37,230	68,840	34,480	8,275	8,100	48,880	250,610
2023 (Dec)	40,110	4,820	37,405	69,510	35,820	8,275	8,145	49,450	253,540
2024 (May)	40,315	4,825	37,570	69,825	36,820	8,280	8,160	49,795	255,590
2024 (Dec)	40,460	4,830	37,810	70,625	37,930	8,280	8,220	50,245	258,400

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census, Annual Demographic, CMHC monthly housing completions data and building permit records.



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Repo

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: 2025-INFO-41
Date: May 23, 2025

Subject:

2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival Economic Impact Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival, show the Economic Impact of this annual event which takes place across Durham Region, and advise Committee of the upcoming event this year.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Ontario Lacrosse Festival (OLF) occurs annually in venues across Durham Region.
- 2.2 As one of the largest youth sports festivals in Canada, and the largest youth lacrosse festival in the world, the OLF promotes health and wellness, supports local businesses, and highlights Durham's vibrant communities.
- 2.3 The Economic Development and Tourism Division through its Sport Durham program is a supporter of this event and provides an \$18,000 sponsorship, advertising through social media channels, and support with our municipalities to facilitate the booking of arena space.

3. 2024 Event and Economic Assessment Results

- 3.1 The 2024 OLF, held August 2-11, 2024, featured 447 teams and approximately 8,000 athletes and coaches. The event showcased participants ages 6-21 competing for 36 Ontario provincial lacrosse championships over ten days, making it the world's largest youth lacrosse event with an attendance close to 50,000. Approximately 38,400 attendees were visitors from outside Durham Region.
- a. 80% of the out-of-town attendees stayed overnight during their visit, for an average of 3.1 nights.
 - b. 26.6% of attendees stayed between 4 and 7 days.
 - c. 80% of out-of-town attendees indicated this event was the sole reason for their visit to Durham Region.
- 3.2 The primary event occurs at the Iroquois Park Sports Centre in Whitby, while games are played at 12 arenas across the region, including in Ajax, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, and Scugog.

4. Results of 2024 OLF and STEAMPRO Assessment

- 4.1 The Ontario Lacrosse Festival organizers worked with Sport Tourism Canada to use their Sport Tourism Economic Impact Assessment Pro Model (STEAMPRO) tool to perform an economic impact analysis on the 2024 Festival. STEAMPRO is utilized by collecting, measuring, and analyzing data to generate the economic impact from actual spending data during the sport event.
- 4.2 The total overall event attendee spending is calculated to be over \$9,250,000. Per-party spending is reported to be over \$1,150. This number is estimated by analyzing survey results of attendees. Further details include:
- a. Accommodations account for 38.7% of overall spending at \$3,103,365 (\$451.22 per party);
 - b. Restaurants account for 22% of overall spending at \$2,217,212 (\$256.61 per party);
 - c. Retail/shopping accounts for 14.5% of overall spending at \$1,463,030 (\$169.33 per party);
 - d. Vehicle expenses accounts for 11.8% of overall spending at \$1,188,004 (\$137.49 per party);
 - e. Other items creating economic impact include groceries, recreation and entertainment, transportation, and volunteer spending.

5. The Economic Impact Results

- a. With the total expenditures (overall attendee spending + operational & capital expenditures) totalling over \$9.9 million, this supported and enabled an estimated \$13.4 million of economic activity in Durham Region.
- b. The 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival supported tax revenues (federal, provincial and municipal) totalling \$2.5 million across Durham Region.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The total cost to sponsor the 2024 OLF was \$18,000 which was sourced from the approved 2024 Economic Development and Tourism Division budget.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Healthy People, Caring Communities
 - Item H4 – Support the development of healthy children and youth (including access to affordable and quality childcare)
 - b. Resilient Local Economies
 - Item R5 – Cultivate and promote local arts, culture, quality of place, and tourism that embrace urban excitement and country charm

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is a flagship event for sport tourism in Durham Region, bringing the community together while welcoming thousands of visitors to the region to participate in sport.
- 8.2 By supporting this event, the Economic Development and Tourism Division are leveraging partnerships to create substantial economic, social, and cultural benefits.
- 8.3 By hosting this annual event, Durham Region continues to enhance its reputation as a premier destination for sport tourism.
- 8.4 Sport Durham will continue its partnership with the Ontario Lacrosse Festival to support this premier 10-day celebration of Canada's national sport. Each year, the festival brings together Ontario's youth and their families, fostering a tradition of

competition and community in Durham. The 2025 Ontario Lacrosse Festival returns for its 20th anniversary when it takes place from August 1-10, with over 430 teams competing in 820 games across Durham Region. Participation is expected to grow annually, further solidifying Durham as a key destination for this prestigious event.

- 8.5 For additional information, contact: Simon Gill, Director of Economic Development & Tourism at 905-668-7711, extension 2611.

9. Attachments

Attachment #1: Economic Impact Assessment: Final Report – Ontario Lacrosse Festival – Durham Region, ON

Respectfully submitted,

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Economic Impact Assessment

Final Report – Ontario Lacrosse Festival – Durham Region, ON

Prepared by: Derek Mager, STC EI Consultant
December 17, 2024

WHAT IS EI?

Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) studies measure the positive change in economic activity resulting from hosting an event in a specific city/town. There are three factors:

1. The spending of out-of-town visitors while they attend the event(s);
2. The expenditures of the event organizers in producing the event(s);
3. Capital construction costs that are directly attributed to hosting the event(s).

An EI study calculates the amount of new money being spent in the host community as a direct result of hosting the event(s), and then the impact these new monies have on the regional, provincial and national economies as a whole.



HOW DO WE MEASURE EI?

Sport Tourism Canada (formerly the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance) has developed three tools called **STEAM**, **STEAMPRO** and **FESTPRO** to predict, collect, measure and analyze event data across the three primary channels.

STEAM is designed specifically as a predictive model to determine the expected economic impact of hosting a sport event, while **STEAMPRO** is utilized to generate the economic impact from actual spending data during the sport event itself.

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STC's latest tool, called **FESTPRO**, is the sister model to **STEAMPRO**. It measures the economic impact of non-sport events like festivals, exhibitions and fairs using actual spending data collected during the event.

Our economic impact services empower event organizers and host cities to accurately assess economic impact resulting from hosting a specific event in a specific location.



RELIABILITY OF THE MODEL

In order to produce economic contribution assessments that are robust and reliable, STC has partnered with the **Canadian Tourism Research Institute (CTRI)** at **The Conference Board of Canada**. The CTRI serves the travel and tourism industry in providing sound economic forecasts and models with timely and insightful interpretation of data specifically relevant to travel.

The findings in this report make use of the most current and detailed input-output tables and multipliers available from Statistics Canada and leverages the credibility and robustness of sector specific tax data available from Statistics Canada's Government Revenues Attributable to Tourism (GRAT) report.



MODEL OUTPUTS

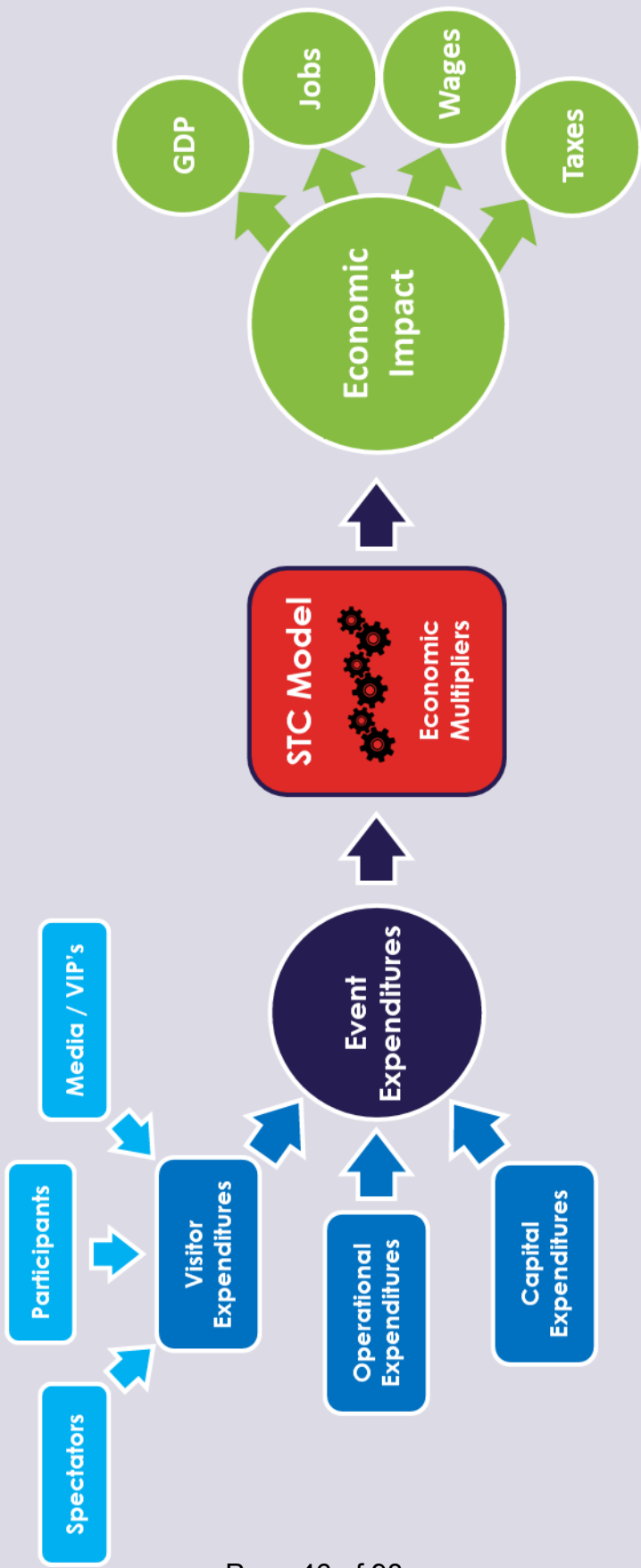
The elements (outputs of the model) used to measure the economic impacts are:

- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Wages & Salaries
- Employment
- Taxes
- Industry Output

STC's **STEAMPRO** measures the direct, indirect & induced effects for each of these elements and the **total impacts** are conveyed throughout this report.



HOW IT WORKS



METHODOLOGY

The visitor statistics cited in this report were derived from a post-event survey that was delivered to all registered participants and their families. The survey was developed by STC, in conjunction with the client, specifically for this event and was administered via email by the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

A total of **1,136** valid attendee responses were collected during this process resulting in a margin of error of $\pm 2.9\%$ at the 95% confidence level.

The survey included a variety of questions for the participants and spectators with regards to their age, place of residence, days attended, etc., while respondents from out-of-town were asked about their length of stay in the local area, and the amount of money spent in various categories while in the area.



THE EVENT

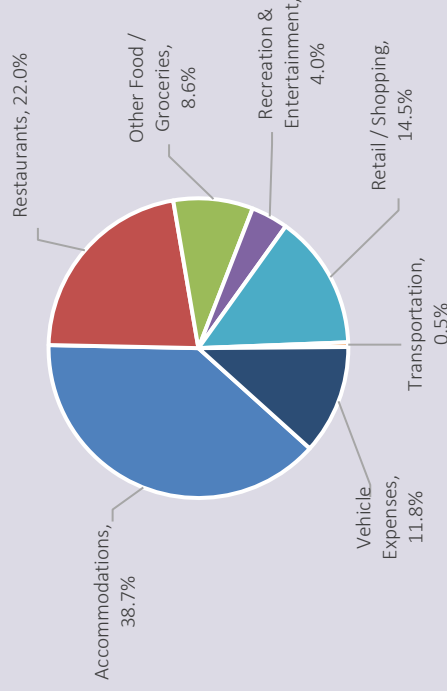
The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is a ten-day celebration of Canada's National Sport hosted in Durham Region featuring 447 teams and approximately 8,000 coaches and athletes competing for thirty-six Ontario provincial lacrosse championships.

Fuelled by television exposure, expanding programs and services, new technology and the growth of professional leagues, Ontario Lacrosse has seen significant membership expansion over the last two decades. This surge in interest paved the way for the inception of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival in 2004. Positioned as a premier youth sports property, the Festival is hosted annually in Durham Region, over ten days. It attracts 447 teams and roughly 8,000 coaches and athletes, making it the world's largest youth lacrosse event with an attendance of around 50,000. The event showcases competitions across thirty-six provincial championships for participants aged 6-21 years.



ATTENDEE SPENDING

Aggregate attendee spending
was just under **\$9.3 million**



	Per Party	Overall
Accommodations	\$451.22	\$3,103,365
Restaurants	\$256.61	\$2,217,212
Other Food / Groceries	\$99.80	\$862,353
Recreation & Entertainment	\$46.90	\$405,253
Retail / Shopping	\$169.33	\$1,463,030
Transportation	\$5.83	\$50,382
Vehicle Expenses	\$137.49	\$1,188,004
Total	\$1,167.19	\$9,289,599

* All spending figures shown in this report are those directly attributable to this event influencing visitation to the local area.



OVERALL VISITOR SPENDING

Attendee spending was **\$9,289,599**

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Other visitor* spending was **\$168,252**

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Aggregate visitor spending was \$9,457,851

* Other visitors include participants, team support personnel, and volunteers

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OPERATIONAL & CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

To ensure the successful operation and staging of this event, the combined purchase of **goods and services** by the event organizers were just under **\$474,000**.

Additionally, **\$1,200** was spent on furniture & fixtures (**capital expenditures**) related to the future of hosting of this event.

Operational

\$473,666

Capital

\$1,200

These operational expenditures include, but are not limited to staff salaries, facility rentals, marketing and advertising services, professional services, insurance, communication, food and beverage, accommodations, merchandise, transportation, and storage.



THE EI RESULTS

The combined spending of out-of-town participants, delegates, spectators and other people who visited the Durham Region for the Ontario Lacrosse Festival, in combination with the expenditures made by the event organizers, totalled over \$9.9 million, supporting just under \$15.7 million in overall economic activity in Ontario, including over \$13.4 million of economic activity in the Durham Region.

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These expenditures supported nearly \$4.3 million in wages and salaries in the province through the support of 94 jobs, of which 86 jobs and over \$3.6 million in wages and salaries were supported regionally.

The total net economic activity (GDP) generated by the 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival was:

- \$8.0 million for Canada as a whole
- \$6.9 million for the province of Ontario
- \$5.6 for the Region of Durham

The 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival supported tax revenues totaling \$3.3 million across Canada.

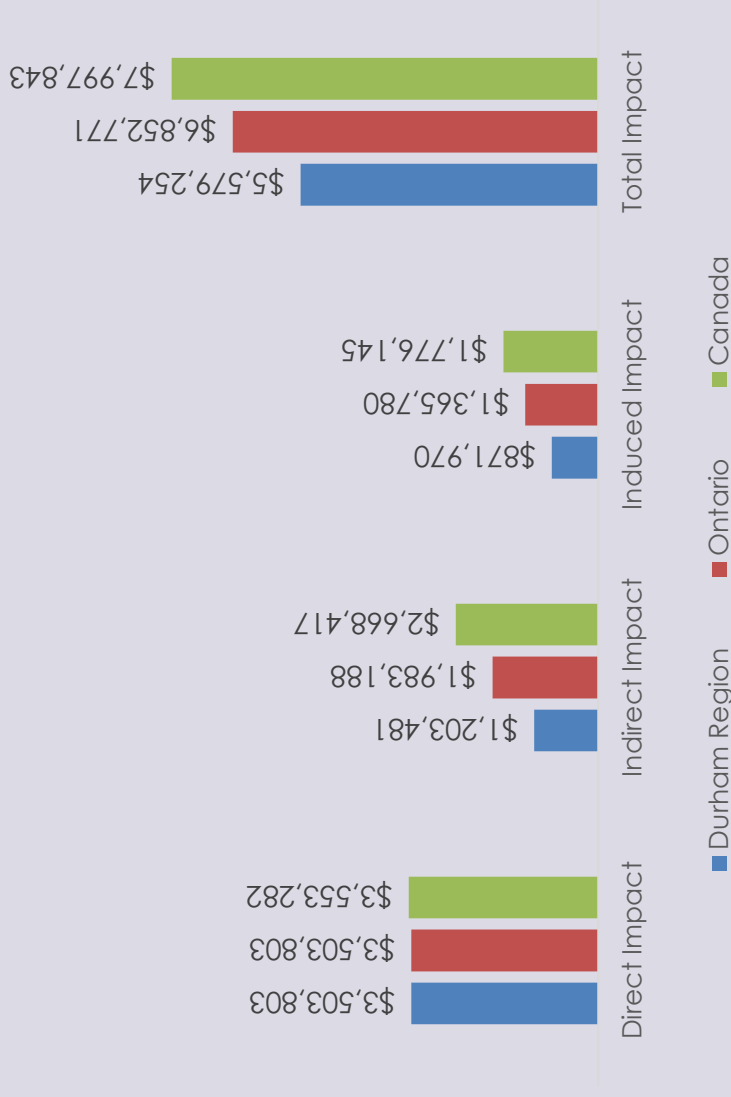
	Durham Region	Ontario	Canada
Initial Expenditure	\$9,932,717	\$9,932,717	\$9,932,717
GDP	\$5,579,254	\$6,852,771	\$7,997,843
Wages & Salaries	\$3,623,725	\$4,294,160	\$4,904,850
Employment	86.1	94.3	104.0
Total Taxes	\$2,510,604	\$2,930,241	\$3,300,694
Federal	\$1,153,399	\$1,337,020	\$1,480,698
Provincial	\$1,140,654	\$1,395,627	\$1,589,372
Municipal	\$216,551	\$197,594	\$230,624
Industry Output	\$13,404,937	\$15,684,058	\$18,085,033



GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

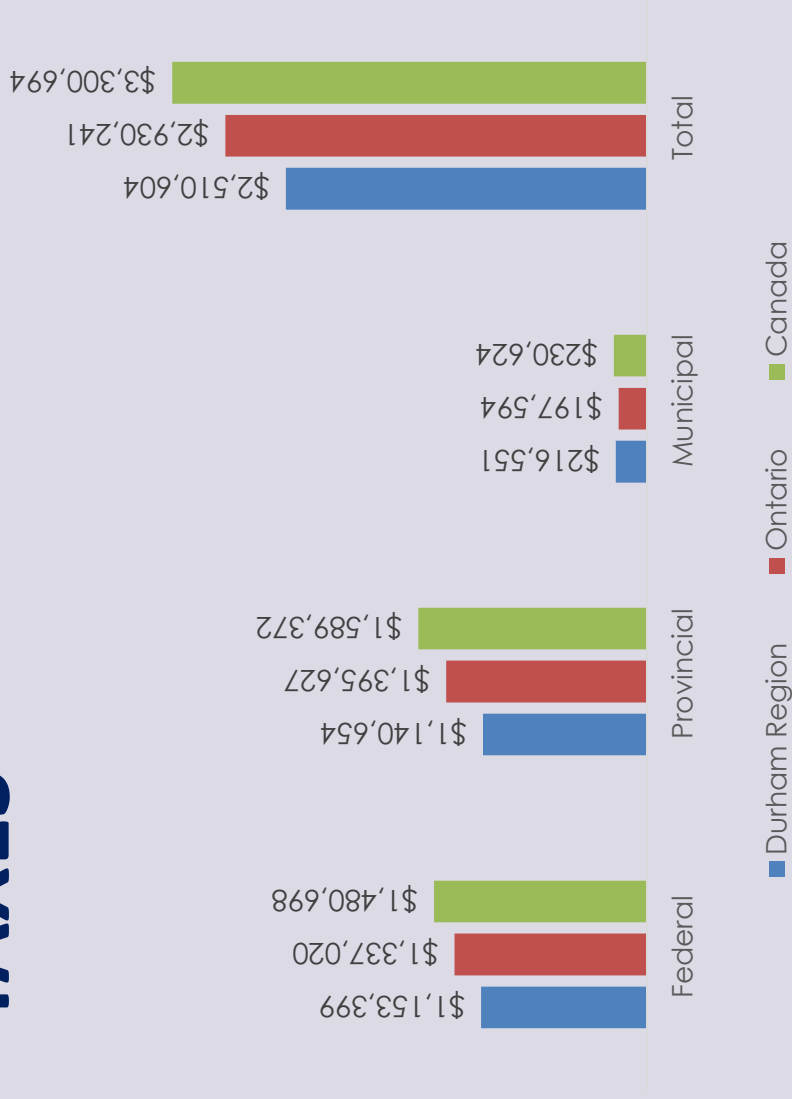
GDP (at basic prices)

The hosting of the **Ontario Lacrosse Festival** in the **Durham Region** contributed just under **\$8.0 million** in GDP to the Canadian economy through direct and spin-off impacts.



TAXES

The **2024 Ontario Lacrosse Festival** hosted in the **Durham Region** contributed just over **\$3.3 million** in federal, provincial, and local **taxes** through direct and spin-off effects throughout Canada.



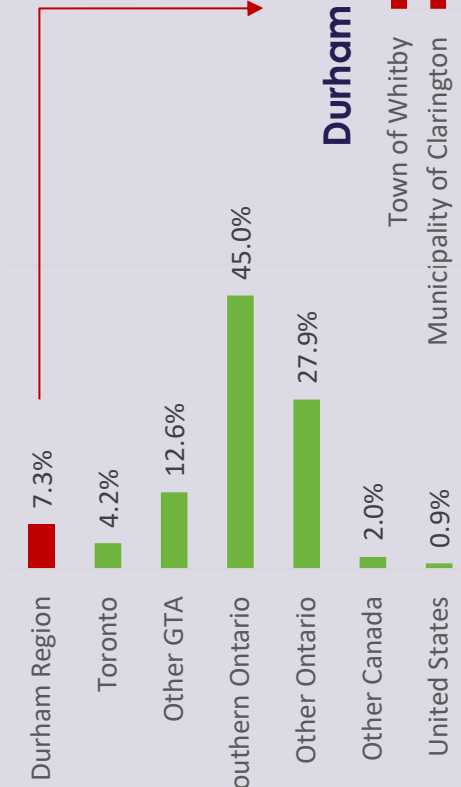
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



The following pages summarize the results from questions that were included as part of the survey but were not all necessarily required for the economic impact analysis calculations.

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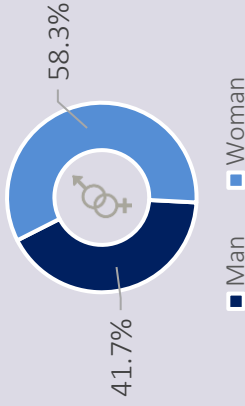
Place of Residence



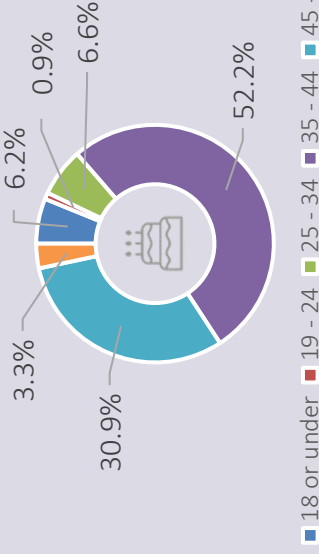
Durham Region



Gender



Age Range



TRAVEL CHARACTERISTICS

80% of out-of-town attendees stayed overnight during their visit to the Durham Region



Of those staying overnight...

- **73%** Stayed in a hotel / motel
- **8%** Camped
- **7%** Used a short-term rental
- **6%** Stayed with friends/family
- **6%** Made other arrangements

Average nights in the Durham Region = **3.1**



Average travel party size = **3.7** people



80% of attendees indicated that this event was the sole reason for their visit to the Durham Region.

Overall, the importance of this event in influencing visitation to the Durham Region was **9.4/10**.

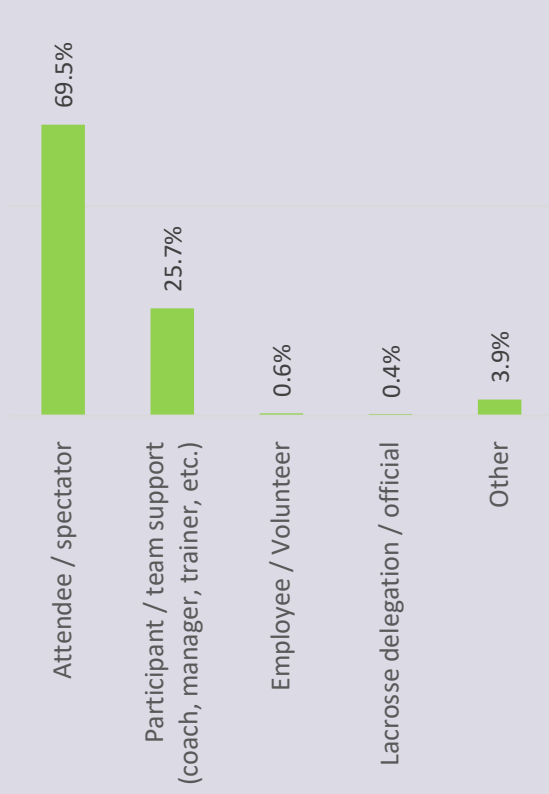


20% of out-of-town attendees made an average of **3.4** day-trips to the Durham Region

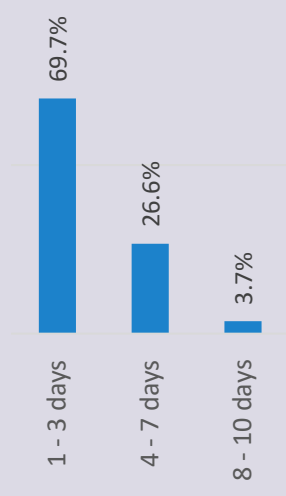


ATTENDANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Role at Event



Days Attended



**Average days
at event = 3.2**

SUMMARY | BY THE NUMBERS

Ontario Lacrosse Festival – Key Facts & Figures				
\$9.9 million of initial expenditures	\$9.5 million of visitor spending	86 local jobs supported by the event	\$15.7 million overall economic activity in the province	
38,400 out of town visitors* in the Durham Region	\$3.6 million of wages and salaries supported locally	\$6.9 million boost to provincial GDP	\$3.3 million in taxes supported across Canada	

* Visitors derived from attendance figures obtained from event organizers combined with results from the survey.



APPENDIX – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Initial Expenditure – This figure indicates the amount of initial expenditures used in the analysis. This heading indicates not only the total magnitude of the spending but also the region in which it was spent (thus establishing the “impact” region).

Direct Impact – Relates ONLY to the impact on “front-line” businesses. These are businesses that initially receive the operating revenue or tourist expenditures for the project under analysis. From a business perspective, this impact is limited only to that particular business or group of businesses involved. From a tourist spending perspective, this can include all businesses such as hotels, restaurants, retail stores, transportation carriers, attraction facilities and so forth.

Indirect Impact – Refers to the impacts resulting from all intermediate rounds of production in the supply of goods and services to industry sectors identified in the direct impact phase.

Induced Impact – These impacts are generated as a result of spending by employees (in the form of consumer spending) and businesses (in the form of investment) that benefitted either directly or indirectly from the initial expenditures under analysis.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – This figure represents the total value of production of goods and services in the economy resulting from the initial expenditure under analysis (valued at market prices). GDP (at factor cost) – This figure represents the total value of production of goods and services produced by industries resulting from the factors of production. The distinction to GDP (at market prices) is that GDP (at factor cost) is less by the amount of indirect taxes plus subsidies.

Wages & Salaries – This figure represents the amount of wages and salaries generated by the initial expenditure. This information is presented by the aggregate of direct, indirect, and induced impacts.

Employment – Depending upon the selection of employment units (person-years or equivalent full-year jobs) these figures represent the employment generated by the initial expenditure. “Equivalent Full-Year Jobs”, if selected, include both part-time and full-time work in ratios consistent with the specific industries.

Industry Output – These figures represent the direct & indirect and total impact (including induced impacts) on industry output generated by the initial tourism expenditure. It should be noted that the industry output measure represents the sum total of all **economic activity** that has taken place and consequently could involve some double counting on the part of the intermediate production phase. Since the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figure includes only the net total of all economic activity (i.e. considers only the value added), the industry output measure will always exceed or at least equal the value of GDP.

Taxes – These figures represent the amount of taxes contributed to municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government relating to the project under analysis.



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2025-INFO-42
Date: May 24, 2025

Subject:

Legal Services Organizational Changes

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Regional Council that effective June 1, 2025, the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that the Legal Services Division will become a Legal Department, with the Regional Solicitor as Commissioner of Legal Services and two Senior Solicitors as Directors.
- 1.2 This change recognizes growth in the volume and complexity of legal work, will improve the effectiveness of Legal Services and is consistent with comparators.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2015, the Legal Department was changed to a Division of Corporate Services and the position of Director of Legal Services was created. As part of this change, the Director of Legal Services reported to the Commissioner of Corporate Services who happened to be a lawyer and therefore could act as General Counsel for the corporation and Regional Council. Without a lawyer in the role, this structure has presented challenges for the Legal Services division in meeting its mandate.
- 2.2 The CAO has worked with Corporate Services and the Regional Solicitor to ensure Legal Services continues to meet the needs of the Region. It has become clear that a Legal Services Department is the most effective model for the Corporation and Regional Council.

3. Rationale

3.1 There are three main reasons why this change is happening:

- (a) To enable Legal Services to provide effective leadership, advice, and guidance on increasingly complex legal issues and projects.
- (b) To provide leadership capacity for growth in Legal Services and the Region as a whole
- (c) To ensure Durham attracts talented lawyers and provides opportunities for growth and succession planning.

Complexity

- 3.2 Legal Services has always been involved in significant Regional projects and challenges, including the Seaton and West Whitby developments, major water, sewer and waste management infrastructure projects, Regional Broadband investments, COVID-19, affordable housing and homelessness, and tariffs and trade.
- 3.3 Durham Region is increasingly leading new and innovative approaches to problems facing our residents. That leadership role means more complicated legal issues requiring support, advice and decisions. It also means that legal strategies play a more significant role in these projects. That legal advice and the decisions that result should be supported by a Department Head.
- 3.4 The role of the Regional Solicitor is to support all departments in meeting legal requirements, following legal principles and advice relevant to their projects, and protecting the legal interests of the Corporation. These important functions are best served with the Regional Solicitor acting as a Department Head providing legal oversight and direction across the Corporation.

Growth

- 3.5 Durham is a growing community. Legal Services has grown across all three programs in the past decade. The Solicitors group now has 26 positions including lawyers, paralegals, law clerks, legal assistants and operational manager. The scope of legal services has expanded significantly as the Region has developed more legal expertise in-house which allows Legal Services to provide high-quality, low cost legal advice to the Corporation and Regional Council while reducing reliance on external counsel retainers.

- 3.6 The Region's lawyers are valued and recognized leaders within their fields of expertise and frequently provide Continuing Legal Education to other lawyers. Legal Services has shared this expertise through external retainers for DRPS and local tiers on a cost recovery basis allowing for dramatic reductions in the cost of external counsel for our municipal partners.
- 3.7 POA Courts and Prosecutions has experienced similar growth. Charge volumes for Courts and Prosecutions has grown to 174% of 2015 levels. Prosecutions has also expanded to provide prosecutions on a cost recovery basis for 4 local tier municipalities as well as CLOCA. This program has reduced the cost of prosecutions for taxpayers and improved the effectiveness and efficiency of these operations.
- 3.8 POA Courts has added new responsibilities and virtual service levels adding to the level of complexity and volume of work. In addition, in 2025 POA Courts are evaluating adding a new program for Administrative Penalty Systems allowing camera-based offences to be taken out of the POA Courts and administered by a more convenient and flexible adjudication panel.
- 3.9 Together POA Courts and Prosecutions have resolution rates, time to early resolution and time to trial timelines that are shorter than any other comparable Court operation.

Legal Leadership

- 3.10 Legal Services has attracted and developed lawyers who are leaders in their field with leadership roles in the Ontario Bar Association, Durham Region Lawyers Association, Durham College, Community Legal Aid Clinic, Ontario Good Roads Association, Municipal Legal Departments Association of Ontario and International Municipal Lawyers Association. Durham's lawyers lead collaborative work through the establishment and leadership of Regional Solicitors and Area and Regional Municipal Solicitors groups.
- 3.11 Legal Services must continue to provide the leadership and direction needed to develop lawyers and legal professionals who are or aspire to be leaders in their field. This requires an organizational structure with opportunities for professional development and advancement. Client departments will benefit from the continuity, institutional knowledge and specialized in-house expertise that comes from a dynamic legal team.

4. Financial Impact

- 4.1 The estimated 2025 impact of this change is \$50,100 and can be covered through projected gapping savings. The annual impact of this change is \$85,900 and will need to be included in the 2026 Business Plans and Budget.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

(a) Connected and Vibrant Communities

- C4. Improve road safety, including the expansion and connection of active transportation networks to enhance the range of safe mobility options.

(b) Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

- E4. Lead the transition to sustainable living through waste management, diversion, and the circular economy.

(c) 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.
- H3. Integrate and co-ordinate service delivery for positive life outcomes, including investments in poverty prevention, housing solutions, and homelessness supports.

(d) Strong Relationships

- S1. Enhance inclusive opportunities for community engagement and meaningful collaboration.
- S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.
- S4. Advocate to the federal and provincial government and agencies to advance regional priorities.
- S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

5.2 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation(s) in Durham Region's 2025–2035 Strategic Plan:

(a) People: Making the Region of Durham a great place to work, attracting, and retaining talent.

(b) Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Re-establishing the Legal Department creates a more effective Legal Services for the Corporation and Council. This change responds to growth and increasing complexity in legal matters and will attract and retain the leadership required to serve the legal needs of the Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE


RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. **2025-03**

DATE: **May 12, 2025**

MOVED BY: **Regional Councillor Garrod**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Beach**

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WHEREAS the Township of Uxbridge and Region of Durham are facing a rapidly aging population, with complex health and wellness needs;

AND WHEREAS caregivers, faced with the inordinate challenge of securing, coordinating and overseeing the care of their loved ones from a multitude of providers, are experiencing burnout and increasing sense of hopelessness;

AND WHEREAS the vast majority of Ontarians want to age in place in their own home and community, but are challenged finding the supports to do so;

AND WHEREAS while Township of Uxbridge and Region of Durham residents wish to age in place, a lack of resources is pressing residents to institutional care, such as hospitals and long-term care.

AND WHEREAS in the next 10 years, the demand for long-term care in the Region is projected to increase by 38%;

AND WHEREAS in the Region, the median number of days people waiting to move into a long-term care home was 260 days – 30% higher than the provincial median;

AND WHEREAS Community Care Durham has been a long-standing and trusted non-profit health and social services provider in Uxbridge, offering a vast array of services such as Assisted Living, Transportation, Day Programs, Meal and Food Security, Mental Wellness supports, and other services;

AND WHEREAS Community Care Durham is seeking Provincial and Regional support to implement a new program – OneConnect – that is modeled after the U.S.A.'s Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

AND WHEREAS this program coordinates comprehensive health and wellness services around vulnerable clients (e.g., those awaiting placement in long-term care) living in the community in order to help them and their caregivers live optimally at home, in the community;

AND WHEREAS other Ontario municipalities are looking to support the adoption of PACE-like models, including municipalities in the Region (Ajax, Scugog, Pickering, Whitby);

AND WHEREAS implementation of Community Care Durham's OneConnect program in Uxbridge would benefit residents, while alleviating demands on local hospitals and related healthcare institutions;

AND WHEREAS Goal 1 of the Uxbridge Age-Friendly Action Plan adopted in 2019 is to ensure that the basic needs of older adults are met in order to help them maintain their homes and age in place;

AND WHEREAS Community Care Durham 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


1. **THAT** the Council for the Township of Uxbridge supports Community Care Durham's vision for implementing OneConnect in Uxbridge and the Region of Durham;
2. **AND THAT** the Council of the Township of Uxbridge 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 the Region of Durham;
3. **AND THAT** Township of Uxbridge Staff continue to assist the Region of Durham and Community Care Durham in future site-planning for expanded Day Program services, and identification of Uxbridge neighbourhoods where there are a high proportion of at-risk adults that could benefit from this comprehensive model;
4. **AND THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Uxbridge-Pickering, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care, John Henry, Regional Chair and CAO of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee, the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, all Durham Region lower tier municipalities, Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, Lisa Kitchen, Director of the Durham Ontario Health Team, and Matt Anderson, President & CEO of Ontario Health.

Dave Barton
MAYOR



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May 21, 2025

Re: Judicial Capacity and Disclosure Timelines

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on May 20, 2025:

Whereas many judicial cases in Ontario are dismissed due to structural gaps in the justice system; and,

Whereas the majority of criminal cases in the province have ended with charges being withdrawn, stayed, dismissed, or discharged before a decision at trial since 2020; and,

Whereas in 2022-23, the latest fiscal year of data available, 56 percent of criminal cases ended with charges being withdrawn, stayed, dismissed, or discharged, a 14 percent increase since 2013-2014, when guilty decisions still made up most outcomes; and,

Whereas without action to address judicial capacity and disclosure timelines from the Ontario government and the Ministry of the Attorney General, cases will continue to be dismissed; and,

Whereas the combination of the R v. Jordan precedent and increasingly complex investigations has put police forces and courts under immense pressure, leading to case dismissals due to delays; and,

Whereas the lead time imposed by the Ministry of the Attorney General has added additional pressure on existing resources, further increasing delays; and,

Whereas the biggest challenge remains initial disclosure, where incomplete materials force additional requests from Crown and Defence, triggering further bottlenecks and delays throughout the process; and,

Whereas on April 15, 2024, Ajax Council passed a motion, Increasing the Number of Judges in Ontario, and on April 11, 2025, Ontario Big City Mayors passed a motion, Judicial Capacity and Disclosure Timelines, both calling for additional resources for Ontario's overwhelmed court system; and,

Whereas on April 28, 2025, Attorney General Doug Downey announced the addition of 17 new judges to the Ontario Court of Justice to help the court keep pace with the growing number of cases and to address some of the backlog; and,

Whereas the addition of 17 new judges is a strong step in the right direction, the pressure from the Ministry of Attorney General's requirements is putting police forces in a strenuous position;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Ajax Council asks the Ontario government to action the following:
 - Expand judicial capacity, including Crown attorneys and court staffs;
 - Review disclosure timelines;
 - Explore technology-driven solutions to help resolve the issue of judicial capacity and disclosure timelines; and
2. A copy of this motion be sent to Attorney General Doug Downey, Ajax MPP Rob Cerjanec, Durham Police Chief Peter Moreira, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all lower-tier Durham Region Municipalities, and the Ontario Big City Mayors.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'TS' or a stylized 'T' and 'S'.

Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Regional Councillor S. Lee
Rob Cerjanec, MPP for Ajax
Durham Police Chief Peter Moreira
The Regional Municipality of Durham
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Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on May 20, 2025:

Whereas Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords; and,

Whereas the Town of Ajax is reviewing and implementing innovative housing opportunities, including ADUs, in an effort to increase the local housing supply; and,

Whereas small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being; and,

Whereas it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld; and,

Whereas proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords;

- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings;
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices;
- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith;
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues;
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress;
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly; and,

Whereas the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury previously passed a motion on March 4, 2025, advocating for the same listed Landlord Tenant Reforms;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Ajax Council requests the provincial government to quickly implement balanced reforms that will protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and
2. A copy of this motion be forwarded to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Rob Flack, Attorney General, the Hon. Doug Downey, Ajax MPP Rob Cerjanec, and the Regional Municipality of Durham and all lower-tier Durham municipalities.

CARRIED


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Councillor L. Bower
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
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April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Stouffville Council Resolution of April 16, 2025 – re: Salt Water Pollution

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 16, 2025, and in this regard, Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Whitchurch-Stouffville is home to many other features including Kettle Lakes, rivers, creeks, wetland and bogs that are also impacted by rising levels of salinity; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville winter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and

THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario, The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Great Lakes City Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, Premier Doug Ford and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Kind regards,

Davneet Rai

Copy: All York Region Municipalities
All Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities
The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
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Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Seconded By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Whereas the Province announced expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, which includes the Town of Shelburne to take effect May 1st 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of Strong Mayor Powers is to accelerate the delivery of key provincial priorities, building 1.5 million new homes by December 31, 2031, constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities and servicing and reduce red tape; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has identified that no research exists to support the impact of housing development

within municipalities having been granted the strong mayor's power; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers blurs the political-administrative authority between the roles of Head of Council and Chief Administration Officer; and

Whereas the Strong Mayor Powers is an erosion to the democratic process historical to the very fabric of Canadian municipal governance;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Shelburne hereby respectively rejects the Strong Mayor Powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offers as an option and the ability for a municipality to opt out of the legislation; and

That a copy this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO, and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

[Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk](#)

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May 15, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

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Honourable Rob Flack

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack:

Council of the Town of Mattawa, at their Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025 approved a resolution on the Strong Mayor Powers, which stated:

Resolution Number 25-95

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced an expansion of strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities that took effect May 1, 2025;


AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa was included in the additional 169 municipalities that gained such powers;

AND WHEREAS these powers allow mayors to unilaterally override council decisions, appoint senior municipal staff, and set budgets without majority council approval, undermining the principles of democratic governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal governance functions best through a collaborative decision-making process where elected councils, representing the collective voice of their communities, work alongside experienced municipal staff and the proposed powers 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 there is no evidence to suggest that strong mayor powers have increased housing starts, contrary to the provincial government's stated justification for their implementation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has raised concerns that strong mayor powers blur the lines

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between political leadership and administration expertise, threatening the neutrality of municipal public service;

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

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 appeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa opposes the expansion of strong mayor powers and formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Mattawa from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers under the designated legislation.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

Council for the Town of Mattawa are formally requesting that the Strong Mayor Powers be removed from our municipality that was granted through the designated legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Leclerc". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Leclerc" clearly distinguishable.


Amy Leclerc
Municipal Clerk
Revenue Services Clerk

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The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council
Special Meeting of Council

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
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Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains boasts a robust agricultural sector and a thriving agritourism industry, with numerous local cideries contributing significantly to the local economy, employment, and tourism;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's craft cider industry is experiencing substantial growth, with over 60 craft cideries across the province, many of which are situated in rural communities and utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and are 100% made in Ontario, thereby supporting local agriculture and local economies;

AND WHEREAS under the current provincial tax structure, cider is officially classified and taxed at the same rate as imported wine which results in higher markups and taxes compared to craft beer, despite cider's comparable production processes and market positioning;

AND WHEREAS this tax disparity places Ontario's craft cider producers at a competitive disadvantage compared to craft brewers, despite the fact that Ontario cider utilize 100% Ontario-grown apples and is 100% made in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Craft Cider Association (OCCA) has been actively advocating for a tax structure that levels the playing field between craft cider and craft beer, recognizing the potential for job creation, economic growth, and the promotion of local agriculture;

AND WHEREAS the Town acknowledges and appreciates the Province's investment in marketing and promotional support for the craft cider industry, but maintains that long-term sustainability and competitiveness for Ontario cider producers requires an adjustment to the underlying tax framework;

AND WHEREAS this motion is meant to support, not oppose, initiatives for fair taxation of the Ontario Craft Cider industry the Province of Ontario may be considering.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains:

1. Supports the efforts of the Ontario Craft Cider Association in advocating for a fair and equitable tax structure for Ontario-made craft cider.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to review and amend the current tax regulations to align the tax rate of craft cider with that of craft beer, thereby fostering a more balanced and supportive environment for local cider producers.
3. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's recent investment in marketing initiatives for the cider sector, while calling for complementary reform of the tax and markup structure that continues to disadvantage cider producers relative to other craft alcohol categories;

4. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP Brian Saunderson, MPP Paul Vickers and MPP Nina Tangri and the County of Grey requesting their consideration and support.
5. Directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario, encourages other municipalities with vested interests in agriculture and agri-tourism to adopt similar resolutions, amplifying the collective voice advocating for the prosperity of Ontario's craft cider industry.

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSENT: 2

The motion is Carried

YES: 5

Deputy Mayor Bordignon Councillor Ardiel
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

NO: 0

ABSENT: 2

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor McKinlay



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Policy Update - Provincial Budget Priorities

This afternoon, Ontario's Minister of Finance introduced the 2025 Ontario Budget, [A Plan to Protect Ontario](#).

Today's budget paints a challenging economic outlook for the province with much larger deficits and lower housing starts now projected over the coming years. While we're facing significant economic uncertainty, the government's plan is a solid first step in addressing the challenges posed by U.S. tariffs.

AMO has been working hard to help its members understand how the rapidly changing economic landscape will impact municipalities. We recently released a [2025 Pre-Budget Update](#) building the case for strategic investments in municipal infrastructure and social housing to stimulate the economy in the short-term and support long-term economic productivity. We look forward to working with the provincial government to bring this

message to federal leaders.

We are pleased that today's budget includes some important actions for our communities, particularly through new investments in infrastructure, economic development and primary care. However, these uncertain times have only escalated the need to address long-standing municipal priorities. AMO remains committed to our urgent call to revisit the provincial-municipal fiscal framework with the provincial government.

"In the face of global economic and political uncertainty, municipalities stand united with provincial and federal governments. Today's provincial budget investments in critical water infrastructure and industries impacted by tariffs are an important first step in helping Ontario weather the current economic storm. AMO and municipalities are ready to work together to advance solutions that will save jobs in the short-term while building enduring economic prosperity across the province" – Robin Jones, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Budget Highlight: Responding to Trade and Tariff Uncertainty

- A new \$40M Trade-Impacted Communities Program (TICP) to help communities and local businesses disproportionately affected by the trade and tariff uncertainty
- A range of investments to diversify Ontario's economy and support local economic development. Highlights include:
 - An additional \$600M for the Invest Ontario Fund to create jobs and attract investment
 - \$1.3B over three years to enhance and expand the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit
 - \$50M over three years to create the Ontario Together Trade Fund (OTTF) to help local businesses develop new markets and re-shore critical supply chains
- Investing in skills training to improve Ontario's labour market, including:
 - An additional \$1B over three years for the Skills Development Fund
 - \$20M to mobilize new training and support centres for laid-off workers, including those impacted by U.S. tariffs
 - An additional \$50M for the Better Jobs Ontario program, including a fast-track stream for job seekers in trade-impacted sectors

Budget Highlight: Infrastructure & Housing

- Additional \$400M through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) and the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) to build the local infrastructure needed to enable new housing
- \$50M over five years through Invest Ontario to grow capacity in modular housing construction
- Up to a further \$5B in funding to the Building Ontario Fund (BOF) to co-invest in priorities like municipal infrastructure, long-term care, energy infrastructure, and affordable housing
- Increasing annual funding for the Connecting Links Program from \$30M to \$45M to support municipalities to maintain critical road infrastructure

Other Commitments of Interest

- Reconfirming the additional \$50M increase to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, bringing the total envelope to \$600M by 2026
- Confirming the previously announced \$20M over two years through the Rural Ontario Development program
- Investing in police training and equipment, including \$1B to expand and renovate two training facilities, \$57M for two new police helicopters, and \$6M through the Preventing Auto Theft Grant
- \$300M over four years to support Primary Care Teaching Clinics, increasing

Primary Care Action Plan investments to \$2.1B

- Adding \$260M over three years in the Learn and Stay Grant to increase the number of health care professionals in underserved communities
- Making the cut to the Gasoline and Fuel Tax rate permanent. This should not impact the portion of the Gas Tax that is allocated to municipalities for public transit
- \$500M in a new Critical Minerals Processing Fund to provide strategic financial support for projects that will accelerate the province's critical minerals processing capacity

An online version of this Policy Update is available on the [AMO Website](#).

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 13, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair
R. Death*, Whitby
N. Guthrie, Ajax
B. Hulshof*, Uxbridge
J. McKay*, Durham Farm Fresh, attended the meeting at 7:33 PM
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Member at Large
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
D. Stevenson, Oshawa
N. Swain, Scugog, Vice-Chair
G. Taylor, Pickering
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor
*** denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture
M. Somerville, Member at Large
T. Watpool, Brock

Staff

Present: A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Community Growth and Economic Development
A. Evans, Director, Waste Management, Works Department
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Community Growth and Economic Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Community Growth and Economic Development

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Andrew Evans, Director – Waste Management, Region of Durham – Durham York
Energy Centre Update

Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management, Region of Durham, provided a
PowerPoint presentation with regards to Waste Management Services.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Who Does What
- Who Received Waste Management Services
- Integrated Waste Management System
- Waste Disposal with Energy Recovery
- Waste Management Hierarchy
- Long-term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040
- Waste Plan Objectives
- Source Separated Organics Management
- Source Separated Organics Generation Trend
- Garbage Generation Trend
- Blue Box Recycling
- Automated Cart Collection
- Automated Cart Collection Pilot
- Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)
- DYEC Quick Facts
- The Energy from Waste (EFW) Process
- DYEC Waste Receiving
- DYEC Waste Processing
- DYEC Environmental Monitoring Program
- Emissions Performance
- Capacity Increase
- Conclusion

A. Evans responded to questions with regards to where the Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility is located; various questions on how and when the materials are moved to the AD facility; how much organic waste is collected from multi-

residential buildings; if the automated cart collection pilot changed the frequency of pick-up; expansion of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC); the current and future capacity limits for the DYEC; input received from the public when the DYEC first opened; possibility of spontaneous combustion in the facility; various questions regarding the renewable energy generated by the DYEC facility; the DYEC energy from waste process; and the future of standardization of recyclable materials across the Province.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

L. Talling provided the following update:

- The Enabling Agricultural Related Uses & On Farm Diversified Uses in North Durham project recommendations have been presented to the Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock Councils. Scugog and Brock Townships have endorsed the recommendations and Uxbridge Township Council directed staff to prepare a report. Staff in Brock and Scugog will proceed with implementing the updated land use policies and processes and hope to have changes implemented by year end.

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- The Agricultural Butcher and Culinary Tour was held on April 28 and was well received by the students.
- The Precision Agricultural Field Day is taking place at the Barrie Farm on May 27, 2025
- Local Food Week is taking place the week of June 2nd and will emphasize food and farming in Durham Region and shopping local.

B) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

T. Barrie provided the following update:

- Clarington's Mayor Foster is being invited to the next meeting to answer questions prepared by the Committee.
- The Stevens property, also known as Wilmot Orchards, has put 160 acres into the Ontario Farmland Trust and is hosting an event on May 31st to celebrate the milestone.
- There has been discussions about holding a smaller farm tour hosted by the Clarington Agricultural Advisory Committee.

C) Durham Farm Fresh Update

J. McKay advised there were technical issues with the meeting invites and was not able to attend the meeting.

D) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

M. Scott advised there is no Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance update at this time. The Annual General Meeting is taking place on May 20, 2025.

E) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

M. Shiers was not in attendance to provide the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture update.

F) "In the Know" Mental Health Training Recap

D. Risebrough advised that the "In the Know" Mental Health Training was a good day with discussions around indicators of mental health issues to watch for in yourself and others, however, there was a low turnout.

Discussion ensued with regards to the number of farmers that attended the training; integrating the presentation into existing events such as Annual General Meetings for overarching organizations; the need for better marketing and promotion of the event; providing the training at a more suitable time of year for farmers to be able to attend; and initiatives being done in other countries to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

M. Scott advised that the "In the Know" Mental Health Training will be added to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Workplan and will be conducted annually.

G) 2025 DAAC Area Municipality Outreach Update

M. Scott advised that the Area Municipality Outreach presentations have all been completed and thanked Committee members who assisted in providing the presentation to the area municipalities. He also advised that next year, staff will plan for them to be done earlier in the year to avoid scheduling conflict for Committee members.

H) 2025 DAAC Farm Tour Discussion

D. Risebrough advised that the farm touring planning is going well for the event taking place at the Kubota warehouse in Pickering on September 4, 2025. M. Scott advised that the invitations will be sent out in the near future.

6. Information Items

A) Clarington This Week – Newcastle’s Wilmot Orchards moves to protect farmland

A link to the Clarington This Week – Newcastle’s Wilmot Orchards moves to protect farmland was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda and received.

B) #2025-INFO-34 – Agriculture Wellness Ontario’s “In the Know” Mental Health Training Sessions Hosted by the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee

A copy of Information Report #2025-INFO-34 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development was provided as Attachment #3 to the agenda and received.

C) Municipality of Clarington Communications – Delegation by Tom Barrie, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC)

Correspondence from John Paul Newman, Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Clarington, regarding Delegation by Tom Barrie, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) regarding a 2024 DAAC Update, was provided as Attachment #4 to the agenda and received.

7. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, Chair
B. Baszytk, Brock
G. Carpentier, Scugog, First Vice-Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering left the meeting at 8:20 PM
C. DeAbreu, Youth Member
K. Murray, Clarington, attended the meeting at 7:39 PM
M. Nasir, Ajax
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student
K. Lui, Member at Large, Second Vice-Chair
Councillor Shahid
B. Widner, Whitby

Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Senior Planner, Community Growth & Economic Development
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
attended the meeting at 7:20 PM
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
left the meeting at 7:20 PM
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, Office of the CAO
Department
***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Nasir, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the agenda for the May 15, 2025, Durham Environment and Climate
Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.
CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Basztyk, Seconded by G. Carpentier,
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. New Member Introduction

A) Chazz DeAbreu, Youth Member

A. Bathe welcomed Chazz DeAbreu to the Committee as the Youth Member Representative.

C. DeAbreu introduced himself to the Committee and provided a brief background on his motivation for joining the Committee.

6. Presentations

A) Roy Mosher, Restoration Coordinator, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Presenting on the 2025 Heber Downs Tree Planting Program

Roy Mosher, Restoration Coordinator, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2025 Heber Downs Tree Planting Program.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Heber Down – Geological History
- Concept and Signage
- Natural Regeneration
- Forest Succession
 - Stages of Primary Succession
- Plan Development
- Partnerships

R. Mosher responded to questions from the Committee regarding what forest succession is driven by; and whether there was an opportunity to move towards using wood chips in the soil that would result in an increase in the fungal population and make the ground more habitable.

B) Ingrid Janssen, Little Forests Durham, Presenting on the 2025 Uxbridge and Whitby Tree Planting Program

Ingrid Janssen, Little Forests Durham, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 Uxbridge and Whitby Tree Planting Program.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- What is a Little Forest?
- Dr. Akira Miyawaki – Japanese Botanist
- Miyawaki Method – Steps & Growth
- Little Forests Durham
- Uxbridge Little Forest
 - Preparation – July 6, 2024
 - Planting Day – November 2, 2024
- What is Happening Here?
- Projects for 2025

I. Janssen responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether nut trees are included in the little forests; how many community members have shown an interest in the Township of Uxbridge and the Town of Whitby Tree Planting Program; whether schools and school boards have been contacted to judge potential interest in participating in the program; and whether certain species are moving North as a result of climate change.

K. Murray, D. Stathopoulos, and C. DeAbreu expressed an interest in assisting I. Janssen with the program.

C) Will Chapple, Forestry and Landowner Services, Kawartha Conservation Authority Presenting on the 2025 Scugog Fall Tree Planting Program

Will Chapple, Forestry and Landowner Services, Kawartha Conservation Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 Scugog Fall Tree Planting Program.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area – Hero Forest
- Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area
- Landscape Ontario Chapter Challenge
- Urban Forest Guide
- The Big Backyard Forest
 - Species Lists
- The Sense-ational Forest
 - Species List
- Site Plan
- Talking Forest App

- Project Timeline

Discussion ensued regarding whether spreading woodchips down in the soil and leaving them for a couple years to prepare the ground for planting, instead of the laborious lasagna method (layering cardboard down), would be more beneficial.

7. Items for Action/Discussion

A) DECAC Webinar Series Update (A. Bathe)

A. Bathe advised that after a discussion with J. Cuthbertson, the best plan regarding the webinar series would be to use the next few months to create a more concrete plan of what the webinars would discuss and schedule them around the entire gardening process (ie. prepping and planting in the late Fall and maintaining through the Winter and Spring).

B) Pollinator Seed Distribution Update (A. Bathe)

A. Bathe advised that instead of the pollinator seeds being distributed at the Compost Giveaway Days she reached out to the education community within the Region of Durham to see if there was interest there to distribute pollinator seed packets.

A. Bathe advised that she created an online form that allowed teachers to indicate how many packets that they would like to receive, and that all of the seed packets were claimed (2,700 seed packets in total).

C) DECAC Membership Update (A. Bathe)

A. Bathe advised that Bruce Foxton has resigned from the Committee and that the recruitment process will begin next week to fill the position. She advised that the Region has recently completed an audit of its policies regarding social media posts and as a result, has scaled back on what is pushed out through the Region's social media channels. She requested help from the Committee members to promote the vacancy.

D) 2025 DECAC Awards Update (A. Bathe)

A. Bathe advised that nominations for the DECAC awards will be open until the end of June. She advised that as a result of the change in the Region's social media policies the Region would not be promoting the awards the same way as in the past.

A. Bathe advised that she would be reaching out to the conservation authorities and school boards directly to share the information. She also advised that a Council information report was written and shared with Regional Council announcing that the nominations were open. She further advised that a public service announcement (PSA) was shared before the Region's policy changed.

M. Kawalec advised that she could share the information with the corporate communications staff at the local area municipalities as well as through the climate change staff. She also advised that it could be shared through the Region's climate change blog.

8. For Information

- A) Proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and a proposal for the Species Conservation Act, 2025 - Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #025-0380

A copy of the proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and a proposal for the Species Conservation Act, 2025 - Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #025-0380 was received.

- B) Information Report #2025-INFO-32: Nomination Period for the 2025 DECAC Environmental Achievement Awards

A copy of Information Report #2025-INFO-32 of the Commissioner of Community Growth & Economic Development was received.

- C) Information Report #2025-A-3: Corporate Decarbonization Financing Strategy

A copy of Information Report #2025-A-3 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received.

- D) Commissioner's Report #2025-COW-19: Courtice District Energy System Update

A copy of Commissioner's Report #2025-COW-19 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received.

- E) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Link to March Minutes) (Link to April Minutes)

A copy of the March 18, 2025, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting minutes and the April 8, 2025, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting minutes was received.

- F) Durham Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes (Link to March Minutes)

A copy of the March 6, 2025, Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) meeting minutes was received.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by G. Carpentier,
That Information Items 8. A) to 8. F) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by K. Murray,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

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

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk