



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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June 26, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

To Prime Minister Carney:

Re: Minutes from the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee dated June 12, 2025

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on June 23, 2025, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #C-154-25:

That the minutes from the Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee meeting dated June 12, 2025, be received for information, with the exception of Item 8, which shall be endorsed by the Council of the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas hate has no home in Clarington; and

Whereas acts of hate have a profound impact on those directly targeted, as well as the community as a whole; and

Whereas municipalities such as Hamilton, Uxbridge, and Peterborough have either amended their sign by-laws or passed motions banning the display of hate symbols on municipal property; and

Whereas all levels of government have a collective responsibility in keeping our communities safe and welcoming for all residents; and


Whereas in previous sessions of Parliament, bills were introduced to amend the Criminal Code to ban hate symbols; and

Whereas regular data reporting on hate crime incidents, charges and convictions will provide transparency, create awareness, and identify areas of focus.

Therefore, be it resolved that Clarington:

1. Ban symbols of hate on municipal property, either through policy or amendments to the Sign By-law; and
2. Urge the Federal Government to amend the Criminal Code to ban public displays of hate symbols; and
3. Request that DRPS make publicly available statistics on hate-related incidents through a hate crime dashboard and present an annual report on hate crimes, similar to those of the Toronto Police Service; and
4. Endorse the development of the regional, community-based hate reporting system proposed in Report #2025-A-4 of Durham Region's F&A Committee and request that the Region add CDAC and other lower-tier DEI advisory committees in future consultations on the system's development and other anti-hate initiatives; and
5. Forward a copy of Council's resolution to the Region of Durham, other Durham Region municipalities and their DEI advisory committees (where applicable).


Yours truly,


June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Municipal Clerk

JG/lh

c: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Police Services
Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
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Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby
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Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa
Clarington Diversity Advisory Committee
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The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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Re: Supporting Canadians through a Stronger Canada Disability Benefit

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 23, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 152-25:

Whereas over four million working age Canadians 18 and older identify as having a disability, and of these, approximately 1.6 million have a severe or very severe disability; and,

Whereas those working age Canadians with disabilities experience poverty at twice the rate of Canadians without disabilities; and,

Whereas the federal government has recognized the importance of reducing poverty and supporting working-age persons with disabilities through the 2023 enactment of the Canada Disability Benefit Act; and,

Whereas the federal government has further committed \$6.1 billion over six years, beginning in 2025, and \$1.4 billion per year ongoing, through a new Canada Disability Benefit program, expected to be launched in June 2025; and,

Whereas the federal government has sought public feedback to inform how the Canada Disability Benefit will be administered and delivered; and,

Whereas the Town of Whitby supports community well-being, and has a vested interest in ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive adequate financial support from other orders of government that lifts the recipients out of poverty and does not create new barriers to pursuing employment.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby calls on the federal government to raise the maximum payment above the proposed \$2,400 per year maximum to an amount that is adequate to lift people with disabilities above the poverty line, and increase the working income exemptions

(currently \$10,000 per year for a single person, or \$14,000 per year for a couple) before their benefits would be reduced; and,

2. That the Council of the Town of Whitby calls on the federal government to strengthen coordination with provinces and territories who also providing other supports and services to persons with disabilities, to help streamline and integrate application processes while also ensuring that there is no reduction in other funding supports provided to people with disabilities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4330.



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C. Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Subject: Opposition to Bill 5 and Request to Repeal

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 23, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025, the Government of Ontario brought forth Bill 5: *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act*, 2025, a broad omnibus legislation that proposes to make various changes to existing planning, consultation, approval, authority, and protection frameworks found in Provincial statutes in relation to major infrastructure, mining and resource development projects;

And Whereas, on June 4, 2025, Bill 5 passed its third and final reading in the Ontario legislature, but has not yet come into force;

And Whereas, Bill 5 granted broad powers by creating provincial “authority to designate special economic zones”, which allows for the suspension of constitutionally protected rights of Indigenous peoples and the suspension of powers of municipal governments and environmental authorities;

And Whereas, Bill 5 provides powers for the Province that First Nations governments in Ontario have stated would be contrary to Treaty agreements with the Crown;

And Whereas, amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990, fail to address systemic issues in archaeological resource management, such as delayed consultation with Indigenous communities and unilateral provincial control over Indigenous artifacts and cultural heritage. Additionally, the amendments exacerbate already weakened heritage protections brought in Report #2025-CG-7 Page 2 of 10 through Bill 23. Any exemptions under the Ontario Heritage Act could result in negative impacts, including the destruction of Indigenous artifacts and burial sites;

And Whereas, Bill 5 repeals the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and degrades protections for the environment and circumvents policies that have kept Ontarians safe

and healthy for decades, including regulations that prevent the contamination of Ontario's water and the means by which water contamination is identified;

And Whereas, the new regime for endangered species and at-risk species is designed for more flexible permitting and registry-based approvals, rather than automatic prohibitions on activities that harm listed species or their habitats. Additionally, narrowing the definition of habitat in the ESA to just the immediate area surrounding dwelling sites excludes protection of broader ecosystems that endangered and at-risk species rely on for survival. There are more than 230 species at risk in Ontario, many of which are in Durham, including numerous birds, fish, insects, reptiles and plant species. These species have experienced population declines over the past several decades and are at risk of being lost completely. While these changes could expedite development approvals, they may also reduce environmental oversight resulting in devastation to populations of endangered species;

And Whereas, the 'trusted proponent' model under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025, may create a two-tier development system, favouring select private businesses with fewer regulations, thereby undermining labour standards and enabling potentially exploitative and unsafe working conditions;

And Whereas, Bill 5 enables the Province to override municipal authorities and planning activities without consultation or warning, including the ability to upend planning processes already long underway and future planning processes being considered or yet to be contemplated;

And Whereas, Bill 5 undermines the practice and spirit of democracy and a rights- based system in the Province of Ontario, and to date has garnered the public opposition of the Chiefs of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Anishinabek Nation, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, Sandy Lake First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Grassy Narrows First Nation, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Amnesty International Canada, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, World Wildlife Fund – Canada, David Suzuki Foundation, The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Ontario Biodiversity Council, Ontario Nature, Legal Advocates for Nature's Defence, Environmental Defense, Wildlands League, Wildlife Preservation Canada, Ecojustice, the Toronto Zoo, Mining Watch Canada, Democracy Watch, municipalities in Ontario, and numerous other pan-regional and local organizations across Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Opposes the Government of Ontario's Bill 5 due to its infringement on Indigenous rights, assignment of powers to arbitrarily override and ignore long-established areas of municipal government authorities, risks to the long- term health of important ecosystems and the environment generally,

and circumvention of numerous democratic rights and oversight responsibilities;

2. Calls upon the Government of Ontario to immediately repeal Bill 5;
3. Urges the Government of Ontario, in accordance with the recommendation of Grand Chief Joel Abram of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, to “engage in a comprehensive redrafting process with full First Nations participation” and to likewise engage with municipalities and other affected stakeholders in the same comprehensive redrafting process, maintaining a rights-based foundation, inclusive of an evidence-based approach to environmental protections;
4. Supports efforts to streamline the approvals process for mining projects in Ontario when it does not come at the expense of safeguarding against environmental and community impacts, nor negate or remove the duty to consult with our Indigenous stakeholders such as the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First nation (MSIFN), and those Indigenous Nations adjacent to the designated “Ring of Fire” mining zone;
5. Is supportive of mechanisms that would result in increased local procurement in the electricity sector; however, we wish it to be noted that limiting competition could increase costs if local or preferred suppliers are more expensive than international alternatives, which may result in increased electricity prices for ratepayers; and,
6. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships; Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississauga’s of Scugog Island First Nations; all treaty members of the William Treaties signatories; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Region of

Durham; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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Copy:

- The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
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- The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire economic and Community Partnerships
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- Chief Joanne P. Sandy, Beausoleil First Nation
- Chief Ted Williams, Rama First Nation
- Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation
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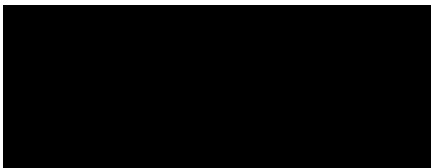
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RE: Township of Scugog Council Resolution of June 2, 2025 – Re: Salt water Pollution

At the last regular Council meeting, of June 23, 2025, the Council of the Township of endorsed the Town of Stouffville Council Resolution of April 16, 2025, regarding Salt Water Pollution, a copy is enclosed.

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-985-7346 ext. 119, clerks@scugog.ca.

Yours Sincerely,



Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
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The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
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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
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Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
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C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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

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June 17, 2025

The Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

Subject: Strong Mayor Powers – Municipality of West Nipissing

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At its meeting of June 17, 2025, the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing considered the recently expanded Strong Mayor Powers granted to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario.

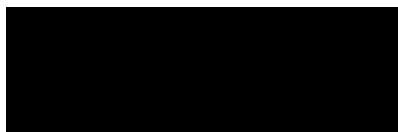
Following a review of the legislation and a discussion of its potential impacts, Council wishes to express its opposition to this legislative framework. West Nipissing, along with many other municipalities, believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine the fundamental principles of local democracy, transparency, and collaborative decision-making, which are essential to effective municipal governance.

The Municipality of West Nipissing takes pride in its inclusive, community-driven approach to leadership, where all members of Council contribute meaningfully in shaping the municipality's future. The legislated concentration of executive powers in the office of the Mayor runs counter to these values and traditions.

While Council acknowledges that the legislation is currently in force, we respectfully urge the Province to reconsider its implementation. We further recommend that any structural changes of this magnitude be preceded by robust consultations with municipalities, residents, and key stakeholders to ensure that local governance continues to reflect the democratic will of the communities it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Council remains available for further dialogue and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Thorne-Rochon
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP



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June 17, 2025

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Attn: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Dear Mr. Flack,

Subject: Strong Mayor Powers – Municipality of West Nipissing

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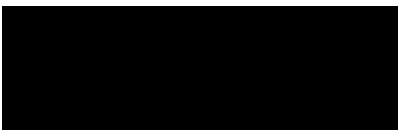
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Sincerely,



Kathleen Thorne-Rochon
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-214
Title: Authorize Resolution & Letter to the Minister - Strong Mayor Powers
Date: June 17, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Roland Larabie
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has expanded Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across the province;
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing values a democratic, collaborative approach to municipal governance in which all members of Council are equal participants in the decision-making process;
AND WHEREAS Council believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic accountability, diminish transparency and centralizes excessive power in a single elected official;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing does not support the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers within its jurisdiction;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor to send a letter to Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing communicating this position;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for their information and support.

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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Council of the Town of Renfrew is writing to formally express its strong opposition to the Province of Ontario's decision to designate the Town of Renfrew as a "Strong Mayor" community, with enhanced mayoral powers that came into effect on May 1, 2025.

The Strong Mayor framework significantly alters the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making, diminishing collaborative governance, and weakening the principle of majority rule that is foundational to local democracy.

The Town of Renfrew has a long history of local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making. At no time did the Town request, seek, or support designation under the Strong Mayor legislation. This designation, imposed without consultation, has raised serious concerns within the community and among elected officials across Ontario.

The Town of Renfrew is not alone in this position. A growing number of municipalities and municipal leaders throughout the province have voiced their opposition to this governance model and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal.



Accordingly, the Town of Renfrew respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Government of Ontario immediately remove the Town of Renfrew from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation.
2. That a copy of this letter be shared with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

The Council of the Town of Renfrew thanks you for your attention to this matter and urges the Province to respect the democratic will of our Council and community.

Yours sincerely,



Gloria Raybone

Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Town of Renfrew Council

CC: The Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)





REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Resolution # RC25101	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Ontario government has fast-tracked Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5), such that it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior on May 6, 2025, after being first read on April 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS the written submission deadline for participation on Bill 5 is May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (EDT), and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025; amend/repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and replace it by enacting the Species Conservation Act, 2025; and amend various Acts including the Ontario Heritage Act, the Mining Act, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act, 1998 and to revoke various regulations in relation to development and procurement, and

WHEREAS Bill 5 will allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to create zones anywhere in Ontario where municipal and provincial laws will not apply, and where projects or proponents can be exempted from requirements under provisions of an Act or of a regulation, including environmental and heritage laws, and

WHEREAS the provisions of Bill 5 as written include anti-democratic principles and risks undermining civil liberties, Indigenous rights, the environment and local government oversight, and

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby opposes Bill 5; and that Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights and;

That Council encourage the province to prioritize democratic principles and governance systems that support responsible development, environmental preservation, and acknowledge our responsibility to future generations; and

That Council formally request that the Ontario government reject Bill 5; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Lisa Thompson; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Standing Committee on the Interior.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL




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June 27, 2025

Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury –
Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 24, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Gwillimbury regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Fred Davies, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and


THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
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DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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June 30, 2025

Mr. Alexander Harras
 Regional Clerk
 Durham Regional Council – Regional HQ Level 1
 605 Rossland Road East
 Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

By Email

Dear Mr. Harras,

On behalf of the Durham Regional Police Service Board, I am pleased to provide a copy of the DRPS 2024 Annual Report, as required by the Protocol for the Sharing of Information between the Durham Regional Police Service Board and the Durham Regional Council.

A copy of the Annual Report is attached to this letter, and it can also be viewed by Members of Council at:

<https://reports.drps.ca/2024>

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Regards,



Shaun Collier
 Board Chair

Attachment: DRPS 2024 Annual Report

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

K. Smith read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

2. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell*, Whitby
P. Chandwani*, Whitby, Vice-Chair
M. Jaffer*, Whitby
Councillor McDougall attended the meeting at 1:12 PM
L. Saumur*, Pickering, attended the meeting at 1:09 PM
S. Sones, Whitby
J. Stevenson, Oshawa
L. Williams*, Pickering
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: W. Henshall, Whitby
M. Lloyd, Oshawa
J. McEwen, Clarington, Chair

Staff

Present: P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***denotes staff participating electronically**

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by M. Jaffer,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, May 27, 2025, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

A) Review Panel for AAC Award Nominations

P. Hines advised that an invitation to be part of the selection committee for the AAC Award Nominations has been sent to all members and asked which Committee members would be interested in being part of the selection committee. S. Sones, L. Williams, M. Jaffer, and J. Stevenson advised they would be interested in participating in the selection committee. P. Hines also advised that the invitation to be part of the selection committee has been sent to the municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees as well.

P. Hines responded to questions with regards to the level of commitment for the selection committee and whether the meetings will be in-person, virtual or hybrid.

P. Hines advised that nominations for the AAC Award are still currently open and posters with a QR code have been provided to the municipal Accessibility Coordinators to distribute to the public.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

P. Hines advised that the Education Sub-Committee did not meet since the last meeting. She further advised that the conference scheduled to take place during reading week in October was supposed to be held at Ontario Tech, however they cannot confirm a date until September and therefore staff will need to find a new venue for the conference. P. Hines asked Committee members for suggestions on an accessible venue that can hold approximately 150 people and that has multiple rooms for different set ups.

Discussion ensued with regards to potential venue locations.

Discussion also ensued with regards to moving the event to different dates in October, so it coincides with Disabilities Employment Awareness Month.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

W. Henshall and J. McEwen were not in attendance to provide the Transit Advisory Committee update.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

P. Hines provided the following update:

- The Site Plan Sub-Committee will be meeting soon to review the window display or decal for businesses to display stating they provide accessible services.
- P. Hines asked Committee members for their thoughts on an informal event that would allow Committee members to network, bond and meet outside of a meeting. Discussion ensued with regards to potential opportunities. P. Hines advised she would send Committee members a few dates to chose from.
- A meeting with the Vision Zero Committee will be taking place over the summer and an update will be provided before the next Committee meeting.
- An update on the Multi-Use Pathways will be provided before the next Committee meeting.
- Today is Natalie Dash's last Committee meeting and Karen Wall will be returning to the Accessibility Coordinator role for the next Committee meeting.
- Thanks was extended to all that assisted with the Accessibility Conference and to the Abilities Centre for hosting the event.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

A) Accessibility Advisory Committees at Local School Boards

Councillor McDougall asked Committee members if they were aware if the Durham District School Board (DDSB) or the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) have accessibility committees or advisory groups. M. Jaffer advised that the DCDSB has an accessibility committee and the DDSB has an accessibility working group and that she sits on both of them.

B) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

P. Hines advised that the current Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is expiring this year and work has started on the new 4-year plan for 2026-2030. All Committee members have been invited to provide input. P. Hines stated the focus groups have been completed, there was a survey completed, and staff met with the senior leadership team at Durham Region to review the results and provide input in relation to Durham Region's Strategic Plan. The next step is to get feedback from the Durham Regional Police Service as they are collaborators in the plan as they also provide accessible services.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

P. Chandwani, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk