



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, April 10, 2026

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- March 24, 2026

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca), if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised not later than noon the day prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** April 10, 2026  
**To:** Health & Social Services Committee  
**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle  
**Subject:** Health Information Update – April 6, 2026

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Health  
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**April 6, 2026**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/mwtesxmf](https://tinyurl.com/mwtesxmf)**

- World Tuberculosis (TB) Day – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Mar 24)

**[tinyurl.com/58awkpcj](https://tinyurl.com/58awkpcj)**

- Lyme Disease Update (Mar 26)

**[tinyurl.com/4b5uce8v](https://tinyurl.com/4b5uce8v)**

- Health Equity Series – Improve Health Through Financial Empowerment #6 (Mar 30)

**[tinyurl.com/3w64tu5s](https://tinyurl.com/3w64tu5s)**

- RSV Prevention Program Update (Mar 30)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canada Border Services Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/2dv235a5](https://tinyurl.com/2dv235a5)**

- The CBSA is deploying new border services officers and the first specialized fentanyl canine teams (Apr 2)

**Canadian Heritage**

**[tinyurl.com/8p26e2dk](https://tinyurl.com/8p26e2dk)**

- Secretary of State van Koerdeden statement on final report of the Future of Sport in Canada Commission (Mar 24)

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3t6drer3](https://tinyurl.com/3t6drer3)**

- Government extends excise duty relief, provides direct support to Canadian breweries, distillers and wine makers (Apr 1)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mt5pmw7n](https://tinyurl.com/mt5pmw7n)**

- Government of Canada extends financial supports for post-secondary students (Mar 23)

**[tinyurl.com/yc88a3cd](https://tinyurl.com/yc88a3cd)**

- Canadian Dental Care Plan renewal season opens April 15 (Apr 1)

**Global Affairs Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yc2xc338](https://tinyurl.com/yc2xc338)**

- Secretary of State Sarai announces renewed investment in Grand Challenges Canada to advance global health innovation (Mar 27)

## **Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3cbtsb6r](https://tinyurl.com/3cbtsb6r)**

- Joint Statement from the Acting Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and the Chief Medical Officer of Public Health for Indigenous Services Canada on World Tuberculosis Day (Mar 24)

**[tinyurl.com/3j2xx75z](https://tinyurl.com/3j2xx75z)**

- Statement from the new Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on the Beginning of her Term (Apr 2)

**[tinyurl.com/457tbbwx](https://tinyurl.com/457tbbwx)**

- Expanding Mental Health and Substance Use Support for Frontline Workers in Ontario (Apr 1)

## **Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/y5d2499y](https://tinyurl.com/y5d2499y)**

- Federal government strengthens support to address homelessness (Apr 1)

## **Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/29adsfe8](https://tinyurl.com/29adsfe8)**

- Minister Gull-Masty announces \$738.9 million to strengthen First Nations health, governance, and emergency management (Mar 26)

**[tinyurl.com/4w757mf3](https://tinyurl.com/4w757mf3)**

- Minister Gull-Masty announces nearly \$1.4 billion to strengthen health, wellness and community supports for Indigenous Peoples (Mar 27)

## **Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4ee2z8ye](https://tinyurl.com/4ee2z8ye)**

- Government of Canada strengthens oversight and security for the handling of human pathogens and toxins (Mar 27)

**[tinyurl.com/48a9jjda](https://tinyurl.com/48a9jjda)**

- Government of Canada is taking meaningful steps to better support Canadians with a serious and permanent injury as a result of receiving a Health Canada authorized vaccine (Mar 31)

## **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mwt6pzbj](https://tinyurl.com/mwt6pzbj)**

- Legislation that strengthens the immigration system and border security receives Royal Assent (Mar 27)

**[tinyurl.com/4pzbheff](https://tinyurl.com/4pzbheff)**

- Government of Canada renews support for gun violence prevention initiatives across Canada (Mar 31)

## **Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat**

**[tinyurl.com/4eu9b2c9](https://tinyurl.com/4eu9b2c9)**

- Government of Canada launches review of Privacy Act (Apr 2)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Finance**

[tinyurl.com/bdfxfrvu](https://tinyurl.com/bdfxfrvu)

- A Plan to Protect Ontario (Mar 26)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/4bmfdejh](https://tinyurl.com/4bmfdejh)

- Ontario Increasing Access to Primary Care Across the Province (Apr 1)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/353fdhn3](https://tinyurl.com/353fdhn3)

- alPHa Congratulates Dr. Kieran Moore on his Reappointment as CMOH (Mar 26)

[tinyurl.com/mrsrbhe4](https://tinyurl.com/mrsrbhe4)

- alPHa Welcomes Dr. Joss Reimer as Canada's new CPHO (Apr 1)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/y68bu2zk](https://tinyurl.com/y68bu2zk)

- Government of Canada invests \$3 million to strengthen primary care research (Mar 24)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/3decrpdu](https://tinyurl.com/3decrpdu)

- Updated statement on proposed changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Mar 25)

### **Ontario Ombudsman**

[tinyurl.com/mr2fd93v](https://tinyurl.com/mr2fd93v)

- Ontario Ombudsman issues end-of-term report on historic decade of promoting fairness and rights (Mar 24)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/5b6k3thc](https://tinyurl.com/5b6k3thc)

- Ontario's doctors call on government to fix OHIP (Mar 24)

### **Ontario Physical and Health Education Association**

[tinyurl.com/5xkf7hwx](https://tinyurl.com/5xkf7hwx)

- What Do You Remember from Gym Class? Ophea Launches Gym Shorts Podcast on the Lasting Impact of Health and Physical Education (Mar 30)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/3wrwwesn](https://tinyurl.com/3wrwwesn)

- Budget 2026 addresses the need for investments in primary care and home care; but fails vulnerable Ontarians and ignores action on the climate crisis (Mar 27)


## **World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/khw5rb8f](https://tinyurl.com/khw5rb8f)**

- WHO recommends new diagnostic tools to help end TB (Mar 24)

**[tinyurl.com/3xfsj5te](https://tinyurl.com/3xfsj5te)**

- WHO calls for action: “Together for health. Stand with science.” to mark World Health Day (Apr 6)

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April 8, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
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Subject: Corr. 01-26  
Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince  
Re: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 01-26, from Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince, dated February 10, 2026, regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

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

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township Of Prince  
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February 10<sup>th</sup> ,2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
[Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

**RE:** Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

**Resolution Number:** 2026 - 33

**Moved by:** Councillor M. Christenson


**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Weir

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

  
Megha Trivedi  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Prince



**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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February 4, 2026

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

**RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

**Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05**  
**Moved by: Councillor Quade**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Banks**

**“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer’s resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children.**

**And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.”**

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

  
Tammy Thompson  
Deputy Clerk  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Prime Minister

**Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children**

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

- 1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;**
- 2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;**
- 3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and**
- 4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;**

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario  
The Attorney General of Ontario  
The Solicitor General of Ontario  
The Prime Minister of Canada  
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack  
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;  
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

**Owen Jaggard**  
**Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer**  
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Hon. Rob Flack [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

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Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore [Theresa.ettore@welland.ca](mailto:Theresa.ettore@welland.ca)

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All municipalities



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December 2, 2025

**Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children**

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,




Frank Campion  
Mayor of Welland



**MISSISSAUGA**

RESOLUTION 0060-2026  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on April 1, 2026

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0060-2026 Moved by: Councillor B. Butt Seconded by: Councillor S. McFadden

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation and ensure accountability within Ontario’s education system;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga relies on dedicated trustee representation to reflect local priorities and advocate for the success of students across our diverse communities;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial supervision of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, alongside proposed governance changes, raises concerns regarding the future of local democratic accountability;


AND WHEREAS maintaining direct, elected representation is critical to ensuring that Mississauga’s unique geographic and growth needs are reflected in education decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mississauga Council affirms its strong support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees for both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
2. Council formally recognizes the vital role of locally elected trustee representation for Mississauga and supports the continuation of meaningful, locally accountable representation;
3. The Province of Ontario be requested to pause any legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent, province-wide consultation with municipalities, school boards, trustees, parents, students, educators and other education stakeholders is completed;
4. The City Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, all MPPs representing Mississauga, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, all MPPs representing Peel Region, and all Ontario municipalities to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education.

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

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April 2, 2026

**Re: Township of Oro-Medonte – Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments**

Please be advised that at their regular meeting on April 1, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock carried the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Scott Zehr  
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Gillespie

**THAT** Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Premier of Ontario
- Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
- MPP Ernie Hardeman
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
- Ontario municipalities

**CARRIED**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



Corporate Initiatives Manager/Clerk  
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March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini  
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Ave  
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

**Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure  
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)  
Ontario Municipalities  
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
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February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte

Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner  
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
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**Subject:** Fw: Town of Whitby Resolution # 41-26 - Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Good morning, Premier Ford.

At the regular meeting of council held on April 01, 2026, members reviewed the letter received from the Town of Whitby with regard to a comprehensive review of the Provincial-Municipal fiscal framework. After discussing the matter, the following motion was adopted:

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Nicholson

SECONDED BY: Councillor O'Donnell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Faraday support the correspondence received from the Town of Whitby dated March 13th, 2026 pertaining to Resolution Number 41-26, Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial- Municipal Fiscal Framework, in regard to:

1. Calling upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity

Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;

2. Requesting that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:

- the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
- the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
- the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. Urging the Province to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges.

OPPOSED:           None

CARRIED:           Mayor Purcell

Regards,

**BERNICE CROCKER**

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April 09 & 10, 2026 - Out of Office, Elections Training/AMCTO Zone meeting

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March 13, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;  
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
  - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
  - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
  - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
  - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
  - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
  - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
  - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
  - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
  - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
  - The Region of Durham;
  - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
  - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
  - All Ontario Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4300.



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**Subject:** CTC Source Protection Committee Report on the Impacts to CTC from Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities

**To: Councils of Durham Region municipal group on the Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee**

The Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee in their meeting on March 25, 2026, passed the following resolution #9/26:

- *THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receives the staff report entitled "Impacts to CTC from Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities", at meeting #1/26 for information.*
- **AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to share this report with all**

**Source Protection Authorities, and municipalities within the CTC  
Source Protection Region.**

In line with the above resolution, please accept the attached report from the CTC Source Protection Committee which summarizes impacts to the CTC of the proposed regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities, outlined in ERO No. 025-1257.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to Behnam Doulatyari ([behnam.doulatyari@cvc.ca](mailto:behnam.doulatyari@cvc.ca)).

Best Regards,

**Nogie Eghobamien** | she/her/hers

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**TO: Chair and Members of the Source Protection Committee  
Meeting #1/26, March 25, 2026**

**FROM: Behnam Doulatyari, Senior Manager, Watershed Plans and  
Source Water Protection**

**RE: Impacts to CTC from Proposed boundaries for the regional  
consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the CTC Source Protection Committee receives the staff report entitled "Impacts to CTC from Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities", at meeting #1/26 for information.

**AND FURTHER THAT** staff be directed to share this report with all Source Protection Authorities, and municipalities within the CTC Source Protection Region.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report informs the CTC Source Protection Committee of the potential implications of the Province's March 10, 2026, decision on proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities. Because source protection areas are tied to conservation authority jurisdiction under s.4(1) and 4(2) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, the proposed consolidation raises significant operational, governance, and administrative considerations for the CTC Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

### **Background**

During the consultation period for ERO No. 025-1257, The CTC Source Protection Committee ("Committee"), on their meeting on December 10, 2025, received a [report](#) titled "Proposed changes to the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Conservation Authorities Act and other relevant legislative and regulatory updates". The committee directed staff to share the report with three Source Protection Authorities and local and regional municipalities in CTC Source Protection Region (SPR), as well as the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). A letter was sent to the ministries and Source Protection Authorities on December 11, 2025. A brief was shared with municipal councils on January 12, 2026.

On March 10, 2026, the Province posted a decision on Environmental Registry of Ontario regarding the “Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities”. A decision has been made on the boundaries for the regional Conservation Authorities (CA), to consolidate 35 of the current CAs into eight regional CAs, by way of statutory amalgamation, to occur in early 2027, or a later date prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, Lakehead Region CA with its current jurisdiction, for a total of 9 regional CAs. This plan will be led by OPCA. Please see ERO No. [025-1257](#) for details and mapping.

The Province, in the Technical Briefing Improving Ontario’s Conservation Authority System outlines the guiding principles below:

- Retain local influence
- Maintain CA watershed-based jurisdictions
- Reduce administrative overlap and duplication
- Strengthen CA capacity
- Continuity of services
- Improve customer service

## Analysis and Recommendations

This section provides an overview of potential impacts and a few recommendations to minimize disruption to program delivery and improve resilience<sup>1</sup>.

### New Regional Boundaries

As noted in the report to the Committee noted above, under section 4 of the *Clean Water Act*, 2006, the area over which a conservation authority has jurisdiction under the Conservation Authorities Act is established as a drinking water source protection area. This requirement, which ensures the watershed basis of the program, has important operational and structural implications for any changes to those boundaries. The decision does not provide any additional information about the impact to the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (“program”). However, given the proposed regionalization framework, there are two options available to MECP:

- Aligning the SPR boundaries with the new regional CAs. In this case CTC SPR will be split across two Regional CAs. This will require revisions to existing documentation (i.e., local assessment reports, Source Protection Plan), governance (i.e., local SPA, Committee, CTC Management Committee), and digital infrastructure (i.e., software licensing, data ownership and intellectual property, data management processes, agreements, and website design).
- Keeping SPRs unchanged under the new regional CA framework. In this case CTC SPR will be governed by two Regional CAs. This path would require further legislative and regulatory changes to the Clean Water Act and will have similar operational challenges.

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<sup>1</sup> Here **resilience** is defined as the program’s ability to continue fulfilling its mandate under changing conditions.

The proposed governance model under both options will change how lower Tier municipalities are represented at the Source Protection Authority<sup>2</sup>. It is unclear at this point whether or how the watershed council would play a role in the program. Aligning the SPR boundaries with the new regional CAs will require new source protection committees to be formed if source protection is to continue as currently prescribed by the *Clean Water Act*. A new program would have to be started in the new Central Lake Ontario Region CA while the program at CVSPA will have to be merged under the new Western Lake Ontario Region CA.

In either option transitioning the program to the new structure will have significant administrative burden and challenges for governance, operation and digital infrastructure. The transfer of payment agreement through which MECP provides funding for the program, including mandatory tasks such as amendments under sections 34 and 36 of the Act, and program maintenance (governance and administration). Source Protection Authority staff will continue to prioritise maintaining service delivery, however capacity and service delivery will be negatively impacted during the transition. Delivery of the CTC comprehensive amendment has already been delayed by a year due to the regulatory and legislative changes in 2025. We also note the timelines for roll out of proposed structures coincides with renewal of Transfer of Payment Agreement, creating additional challenges for work planning and budgets.

- Additional engagement from the Source Protection Authorities and municipal councils during the transition may be required to maintain level of service, particularly as related to ongoing municipal amendments under s.34 of the Act.
- Keeping SPRs unchanged under the new regional CA framework may be easier to implement as it allows time for other components of regionalization to be prioritized. However, this option carries risk because of required amendments to the Act and its regulations.

### CTC Program Priorities

With several “Large and Fast-Growing Municipalities” (Provincial Planning Statement, 2024), the current operational priorities for the CTC SPR are:

- Updating Tier 2 water budgets to ensure adequate assessment of water quantity pressures in the face of significant growth.
- Revisiting how Lake Ontario intakes are assessed under the program and implementation of improved modeling tools.
- Updating the CTC SPP policies to the latest Technical Rules.
- Development of a program evaluation framework to meaningfully assess program effectiveness.
- Increasing technical capacity in the program to maintain level of service, support municipalities facing increase in download of responsibilities from the province and offset declining technical capacity at the ministry.

<sup>2</sup> Item 16 of the [agenda](#) for the January 16, 2026 meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Authority board of director meeting includes councils endorsed positions from CVC municipalities on the regionalization.

- Stewardship funding (s. 97 of the Act) to support successful rural water quality programs, which facilitate implementation and improve water quality.

The proposed changes to CA boundaries, under either option, would contribute little to these priorities or improving the overall outcomes of the program.

- Municipally funded collaborative initiatives such as the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program and Lake Ontario Collaborative Group are efficient ways for improving cross jurisdictional collaboration, maintaining the scientific base of the program, and improving technical capacity on a regional basis.
- Improved technical capacity in hydrogeology, geoscience, surface water (engineering, quality, geomorphology) are important for program success. This technical capacity can be integrated regionally through the program's Municipal Implementation Working Group to help identify and support local needs.
- Increased collaboration between SPAs and local Public Health Units to support municipalities dealing with developments relying on private service, with a focus on leveraging existing data and regional solutions.

### Consultation

The Clean Water Act, 2006 established a locally driven, science-based, multistakeholder process that promotes the shared responsibility of all stakeholders to protect local sources of drinking water from threats to both water quantity and water quality. The goals of the program include the need to strategically ensure adequate good quality drinking water to support future development. The Walkerton Inquiry called for drinking water sources to be protected by developing watershed-based source protection plans. Conservation authorities were tasked with leading local source protection efforts in recognition of their technical expertise, experience in watershed-based work, and the ability to facilitate cooperation among local stakeholders. Accordingly, any changes to the program should be done through a locally driven process including direct engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

The committee has raised concerns about the lack of adequate consultation on several occasions, most recently through the letter sent to the minister, on December 11, 2025, which among other things, requested direct engagement with the source protection authorities and implementing municipalities. Legislative and regulatory changes without proactive engagement with program stakeholders will cause further implementation challenges and duplication of efforts.

- Source Protection Authorities welcome the opportunity to work more closely with the MECP through early engagement in achieving provincial priorities.

## Next Steps

Pending endorsement by the Committee, staff will share this report with the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Authorities, and municipalities across the CTC SPR.

### **Report prepared by:**

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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in the Oshawa Meeting Room, Main Level, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:02 PM.

J. McEwen assumed the Chair.

**1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**

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**

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.  
\* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

Members

Present: J. McEwen\*, Chair  
M. Jaffer\*  
M. Lloyd\*  
Councillor McDougall  
L. Saumur\*  
S. Sones  
J. Stevenson\*  
L. Williams attended the meeting at 1:34 PM

Members

Absent: P. Chandwani, Vice-Chair  
W. Henshall

Staff Present: D. Daniel, A. Hector-Alexander\*, M. Fitzgibbon, P. Hines, R. Inacio, K. Smith, and K. Wall

### 3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### 4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by M. Lloyd,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026, be adopted.

**Carried**

### 5. **Presentations**

- A) Megan Fitzgibbon, Policy Advisor, Innovation and Research, and Deborah Daniel, Program Manager, Community Engagement and Change Management, Durham Region Transit  
Re: Durham Region Transit Accessibility Plan: Overview and Development
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Megan Fitzgibbon, Policy Advisor, Innovation and Research, and Deborah Daniel, Program Manager, Community Engagement and Change Management, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham Region Transit Accessibility Plan: Overview and Development.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Our Working Definition of Accessibility
- 2026-2030 Durham Region Transit (DRT) Accessibility Plan
- Why a DRT Accessibility Plan?
- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) Transportation Strategic Directions
- Accessibility Plan Development: The Innovation Process
- Innovation and Design Services
- Developing DRT's Accessibility Plan
- The Transformational Strategy Approach
- Innovation Process Overview
- Current Status
- Survey Overview
- Who We Heard From
  - Municipality of Residence
  - Disability Status
  - Type of Disability
  - Age
  - DRT Use & Frequency
  - If you do not use DRT, why not?
- Key Insights

- Perceived Change in DRT Accessibility
- Satisfaction with Accessibility of DRT Services and Infrastructure
- What We Heard: Key Themes
- Accessibility for Older Adults
- Next Steps

Staff responded to a question from the Committee with regards to how the Durham Region Transit's Accessibility Plan can be made equitable across all of Durham Region.

Discussion ensued with regards to the paths used to get to transit stops being designed to allow for multiple ways of moving including mobility devices such as scooters and e-bikes; and who is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks throughout Durham Region.

## **6. Discussion Items**

### **A) Revised Terms of Reference**

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P. Hines advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is currently being reviewed and provided a brief overview of the recommended changes from the Legislative Services Division.

Discussion ensued with regards to the term of the committee and its correlation to the term of Regional Council; whether current committee members are required to reapply to sit on the committee for the next term; ensuring that the application process is accessible for anyone applying; whether there is a set limit of how many consecutive terms a committee member can be on the committee; and including a committee member or committee chair in the selection process for new committee members.

### **B) Accessibility Awards Nomination Process**

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K. Wall advised that the Accessibility Awards are being held in Septemberr. The nomination window will be open from April 20 to June 5, 2026 and was intended to be aligned with National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) to be promoted during the NAAW events. K. Wall stated that residents can obtain printed copies of the nomination form at local libraries and at Durham Region Headquarters and that she will be inviting local AAC members to participate in the review panel which will meet in early June.

### **C) National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) Events**

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K. Wall advised that National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) begins on Sunday, May 31, 2026 and that Durham Region will raise the Disability flag on Monday, June 1, 2026. Durham Region will also provide an online proclamation for National AccessAbility Week. The Durham Region Disabilities Committee will be hosting an Interactive Gallery Journey event during the lunch hour on Tuesday,

May 26, 2026 at Durham Region headquarters and encouraged committee members to attend as it is on the same day of the next AAC meeting. She advised that Durham Region is partnering with the Abilities Centre to host an Accessibility Symposium on the morning of Wednesday, May 27, 2026 with David Lepofsky as the keynote speaker centered around the theme of Dismantling Ableism. K. Wall advised that she is looking for a committee member to volunteer to provide closing remarks at the event and to reach out to her if they are interested.

## 7. Information Items

### A) Education Sub-Committee Update

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L. Saumur advised that the education sub-committee has confirmed that the Region of Durham Disability Employment Conference is taking place on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Ontario Tech University in the Science Building from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The event will focus on inclusive design, onsite hiring and partnership growth. There will be space for 15-20 vendors and staff are working with Corporate Communications to put a call out for vendors for the event. The sub-committee will create a job seeker survey to identify attendee needs and guide employer selection and matching.

K. Wall advised that the site plan sub-committee will be doing a tour of the Beaverton Heights residence which is a 47-unit transitional housing facility. K. Wall further advised that the decal project has been reviewed by Legal and provided some recommended changes. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division has also consulted with the Economic Development Division who offered their support and promotion for the decal project when it is launched.

### B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

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The February 17, 2026 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen was emailed to Committee members.

### C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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K. Wall provided the following update:

- The Beaverton Heights tour will be taking place on Monday, May 11, 2026
- The current vacancy for a committee member with a family member with a disability has now concluded and will be presented to the May 12, 2026 Finance and Administration Committee and subsequently to the May 27, 2026 Regional Council for approval
- The 2026-2030 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) and 2025 Accessibility Report will be presented to the April 14, 2026 Finance and Administration Committee and subsequently to the April 29, 2026 Regional Council for approval

- Durham Vision Zero has confirmed that they will be providing an update at the May 26, 2026 AAC meeting

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

**10. Adjournment**

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

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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J. McEwen  
Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

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K. Smith  
Committee Clerk