

Fwd: Region of Durham Update To Envision Durham

Hello People Who are Envisioning Durham

I am re-sending this email from February 2023 because I am tired of getting absolutely NO response to any comments or emails I've sent regarding the longterm plan for Durham Region.

You keep telling us you want our input - but I no longer believe you as I receive no acknowledgement to anything I've said to you over the past 2 years.

While it's charming that I continue to get these lengthy emails regarding the development of Durham Region, I am continually frustrated by the confused and confusing nature of the information attached.

I have been reading the emails and going to the sites methodically but it is extremely difficult to see what's being proposed and where. It's almost as if the information is intentionally hard to access and purposefully hard to understand.

I've made multiple comments over the last year, particularly about some of the features on some of the maps, but never ever hear back, so I have absolutely no idea whether anyone is bothering to even open the comments let alone read or respond.

This feels exactly as if the powers that be in Durham Region development offices are going through the motions of offering an opportunity for public engagement - it's all for show.

The developers are in control, with the cooperation of different levels of government, and residents have no real say.

As for telling us that there will be twice as many people in the region in 30 years - well, let me say this about that: the weathermen can't forecast the weather accurately 24 hours in advance, Pickering Airport was never built (despite the atrocious treatment of the residents in the area over the past 40 years), and there is still terrible public transit availability in the outskirts of Durham despite multiple promises over decades. So forgive me for thinking these developer-public servant strategists are probably getting it all wrong, and hundreds of thousands of current residents are having their lives interrupted at best and ruined at worst for some predicted events that may never happen. No one in public office seems to give a damn. There's a buck to be made, and it's being cloaked in all sorts of pleasant-sounding meaningless sociological terminology.

Consider me frustrated and weary. And opposed to the removal of any green space for development - once it's gone, it's gone forever, and future generations will remember what happened.

Sincerely
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