

From: Libby Racansky

Subject: Special Meeting May 17, 2023 on OP and Envision

To Clerks,

Please, distribute our **submission** to Council, especially to Oshawa Councillors and Regional Chair.

We were planning to attend the meeting, but our schedules are not giving us this opportunity. Can you let me know via email, if this is possible, please?

Thank you.

Our submission:

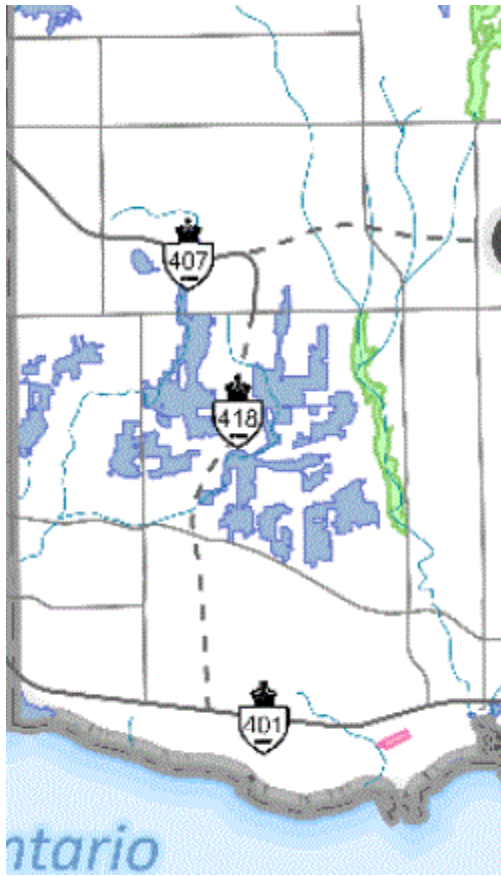
Dear Chair and Councillors,

The [Durham Regional Official Plan](#) guides decisions on long-term growth and development—providing policies to ensure an improved quality of life—and securing the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents of the region.

Together with Envision Region looked at:

- How to use and protect our land and resources by protecting ecological systems including natural features, functions and areas, as well as other matters of provincial interest provided under section 2 of the Planning Act.

We appreciate that Oshawa Second Marsh received ANSI designation. Its watershed contains Harmony, Farewell and Black PSW Complex that is very important for the survival of Marsh.



As you can see, this Provincially Significant Wetland complex located along these three Creeks was ROP's candidate for ANSI as well.

During the 90's, we were involved together with Ducks Unlimited in restoration of Oshawa Marsh. The berm was constructed to prevent siltation coming from upstream to cover this significant Marsh. Federal government, after conducting study on how to protect it. helped financially as well, as you can see below.



We were and still are involved in planting and other activities in the Marsh and upstream to protect this Marsh.

Marsh needs from time to time to open up this bearm to refresh waters in the Marsh and receives salmon coming from all three Creeks, Harmony, Farewell and Black Creeks in Courville to get into it for its significant resident species who make the Marsh to be visited by locals and tourists.





It would be worthwhile to include this Complex within the OP as an ANSI as well, for continual protection of Oshawa Second Marsh. There are endless tourist's possibilities along this Complex to show off its beauty. So far, only the Flea Market is the only tourist attraction in Courtice.

Interpretive signs and trails could explain how the Lake Iroquois Shoreline, on which this Complex is located, was created during Wisconsin glaciation. Over 5 000 artifacts from the Wendat-Huron population were found there. **This could help to introduce native history.**



▲ From top left: Dr. Louis Lesage representing the Huron Wendat and David Garcia, CEO, Blackbird Infrastructure; Dr. Ronald Williamson, project archeologist, with clay pipe found during archaeological investigations; Solina Road bridge embossments: deer, turtle, wolf, bear.

SOLINA ROAD BRIDGE EMOSSMENTS RECOGNIZE HURON WENDAT HERITAGE

Representatives of the Huron Wendat First Nation attended a November 14 commemoration ceremony to unveil embossments on the Solina Road bridge at Highway 407.

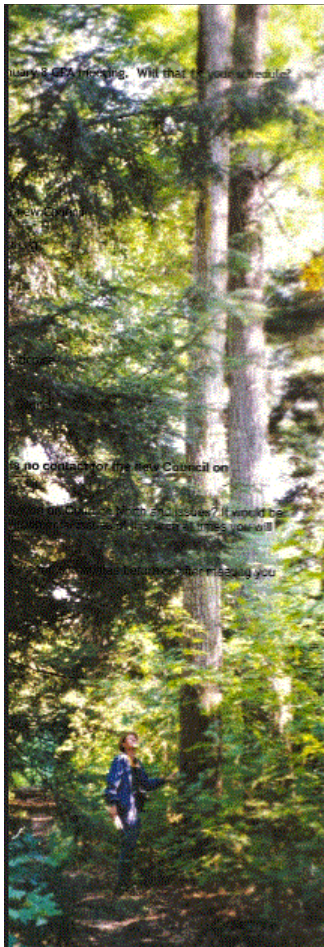
The embossments – turtle, wolf, bear, and deer – represent the four clans of the Huron Wendat. As many as 3,000 members of the Huron Wendat lived in the area, growing corn and other crops. The community is now located on a reserve in Wendake, Quebec, about 20 minutes north of Quebec City.

Archeological work conducted before the construction of Highway 407 East Phase 2 found some 150,000 items. While many were pottery fragments, other items recovered included clay pipes and beads made of sea shells from the Atlantic coast and rocks found only in Quebec, which showed the extent of the trading relationships that existed before Europeans settled the area.

Representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Infrastructure Ontario and Blackbird were on hand to mark the occasion.

Some examples of trees of this Complex:





Please, include this Complex within OP together with Oshawa Second Marsh.

Thank you,

**Libby Racansky for Friends of the Farewell
made up from Oshawa and Courtice residents**