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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-INFO-98
Date: December 1, 2023

Subject:

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the third Quarter of 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority between July 1 and September 30, 2023 (Q3).

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 Reports on planning activity and how the delegated planning approval authority is used by the Commissioner is presented at the end of every quarter.

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial

Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the Regional Official Plan. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

3.2 In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received four area municipal official plan amendment applications. All applications are exempt from Regional approval, as follows:

- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 23-003/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density to 755 units per hectare (uph), in order to permit a 220-unit residential condominium building and 2 ground floor retail units. Staff are reviewing this application in conjunction with the related rezoning application A 09/23.
- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 23- 004/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density on the lands to 221 uph. This will facilitate the development of a 12-storey building containing approximately 262 units. Staff are also reviewing this application in conjunction with the related rezoning application A 10/23.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA-23-A1** proposes to remove the future roundabout symbol from Schedule 'C-1' of the Town of Ajax Official Plan, as it relates to the future development of segment of Church Street North, located north of the Hydro Corridor, and south of Taunton Road West.
- In the City of Oshawa, application OPA-O-2022-06 proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the permitted density on the lands to 102 uph. This will facilitate the development of a 46-unit residential building. Staff are also reviewing this application in conjunction with related condominium application C-O-2022-06, and rezoning application Z-2022-07.

4. Commissioner's Review and Approval of Subdivision and Condominium Applications

4.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for proposed plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division received one subdivision application.

- In the Township of Scugog, application **S-S-2023-01** proposes to create a 12-lot subdivision consisting of single detached dwellings serviced with private well and septic systems located on the west side of Simcoe Street, north of Bank Road within the Hamlet of Seagrave.

5. Commissioner's Approval of Part-Lot Control Exemption By-laws

5.1 The Commissioner is the approval authority for part-lot control exemption by-laws in the three northern Townships. In the third quarter of 2023, the Planning Division did not receive any Part- Lot Control applications.

6. Region's Review of Planning Applications

6.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and responds to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

6.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.

6.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

7. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan

7.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Regional Official Plan.

7.2 As of September 30, 2023, there were 15 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the third quarter of 2023, no new ROPA applications were received.

8. Appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

8.1 In the third quarter of 2023, one appeal related to a Land Division Committee application was received.

8.2 Four non-exempt area municipal official plan amendment applications are currently before the OLT (Refer to Attachment 3B).

9. Reserved Street Names

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services, primarily from a public safety standpoint, to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. The Region does not assess whether the proposed street names may, or may not be, in good taste. Street names that are viewed as not being in conflict or duplicative with existing street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. In the third quarter of 2023, the Region approved 27 new street names (Refer to Attachment 4).

10. Regional Woodland By-law Permit Applications

10.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting Permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Good Forestry Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, the applicable area municipality and the applicable conservation authority. The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development also approves minor clear-cutting permits, and Council is the approval authority for major clear-cutting permits (1 hectare or more in size). During the third quarter of 2023, two new Good Forestry Practice permit application were received.

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

11.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

12. Attachments

- Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications
- Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #3B: Land Division Applications before the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

**Regional Review of Planning Applications –
Summary July 1 to September 30, 2023**

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	4
Commented	4

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	4
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	2
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	1
Provided Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	0

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	0
Commented	0
Approved	0

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	10
Commented	5

Consents

Received	22
Commented	22

Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	2
Issued	2

**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed, or
before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (as of September 30, 2023)**

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2000-003	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan). Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Clements Road connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re-examine the connection.
2005-009	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road. Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Road extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.
2005-011	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort/ conference centre in the Prime Agricultural designation (formerly Permanent Agricultural Reserve). Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the applicant.
2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor’s yard and office in the Major Open Space designation. Status: Application appealed on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 7, 2021. The appeals were dismissed at the OLT hearing held on April 4, 2022. The applicant has since submitted a leave to appeal the OLT decision with the Ontario Divisional Court. The May 20, 2022 was adjourned. A motion to dismiss the appeal is to be scheduled by the Ontario Divisional Court.

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2021-002		Sunrise International Investments Inc. Lot 4, Concession 5 City of Pickering (3695 Sideline 4)	<p>To permit the redevelopment of the existing 12-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, golf dome for indoor driving range, and a maintenance structure.</p> <p>Status: Awaiting a revised application from the Applicant. Application is on hold until it is received.</p>
2021-003		Region of Durham. Various sites in proximity to existing and planned GO Rail stations.	<p>To implement Protected Major Transit Station Area policies and delineations as a component of the Region's municipal comprehensive review.</p> <p>Status: Regionally adopted ROPA 186 was submitted to MMAH for approval in January 2022.</p>
2021-005		Bridgebrook Corp. Lot 33, Con 6, Township of Uxbridge (7370 Centre Road)	<p>To redesignate the subject lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas to allow a plan of subdivision.</p> <p>Status: Applicant appealed ROPA application as well as related rezoning, subdivision and local OPA application on March 16, 2022. OLT Case Management Conference conducted on September 1, 2022. Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2024.</p>
2021-006		Winchcoron Holdings Limited Lot 30, Con 5, Town of Whitby (605 Winchester Road West)	<p>To develop a golf course expansion</p> <p>Status: Public meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2022-002		Norman Clements Township of Uxbridge Lot 15, Concession 4 (10899 Concession Road 4)	<p>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</p> <p>Status: Statutory Public Meeting was held June 7, 2022. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>

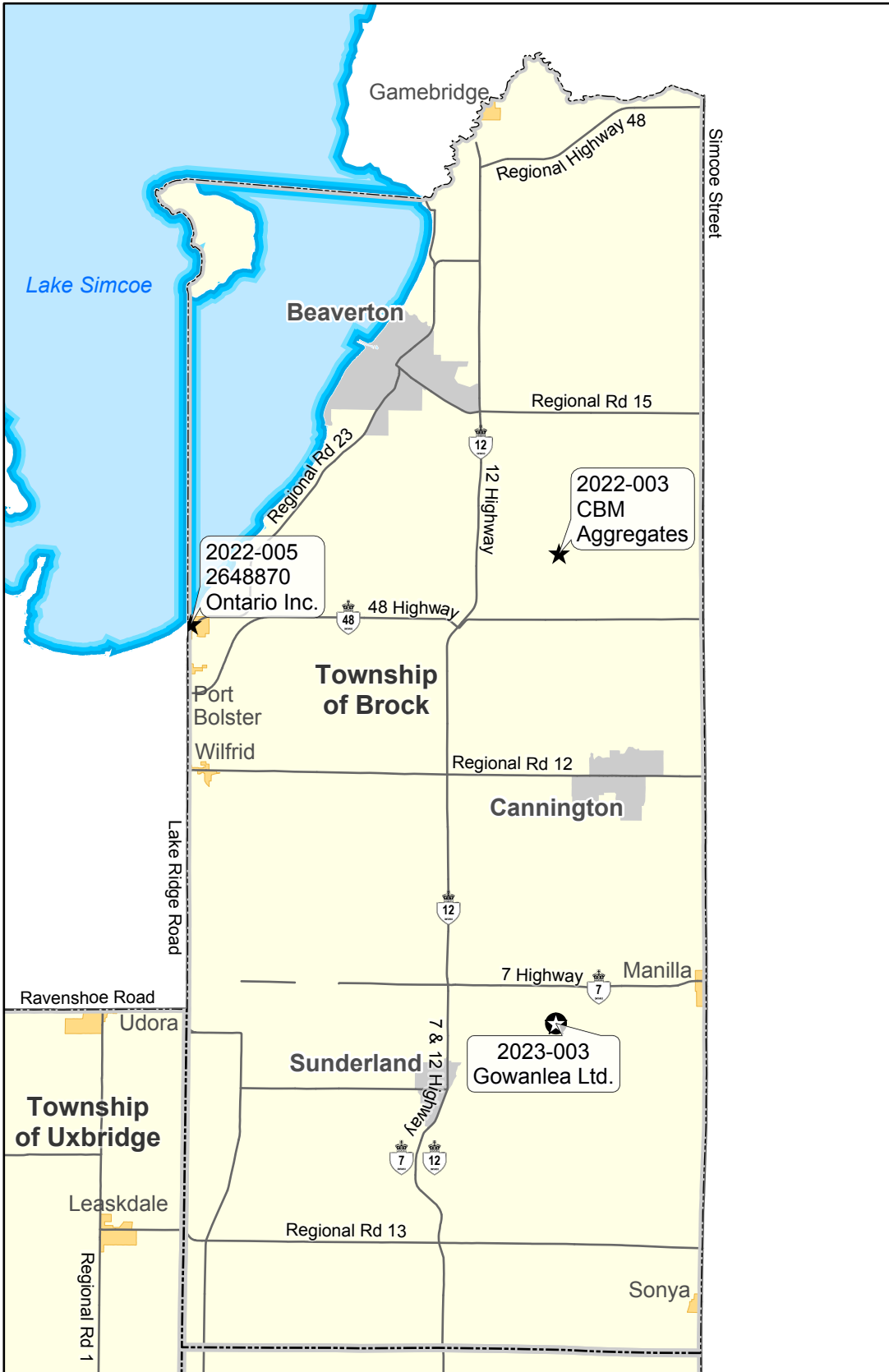
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2022-003		CBM Aggregates Township of Brock Lots 7&8, Concession 2 (S895 Regional Road 13)	<p>To permit an aggregate pit expansion consisting of a licensed area of approximately 35.2 ha and an area proposed for extraction of approximately 22.4 ha, including above and below the water table extraction.</p> <p>Status: Decision Meeting scheduled for November 7, 2023.</p>
2022-005		2648870 Ontario Inc. Township of Brock Lot 1, Concession 14 (23801 Thorah Park Boulevard)	<p>To permit the development of a resort comprised of a three-storey building with 42 suites and four single-storey “villas” for a total of 46 rental units.</p> <p>Status: Public Meeting held January 10, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2022-006		Wooden Sticks Golf Inc., Township of Uxbridge, Part Lot 27, Concession 6. (40 Elgin Park Drive)	<p>To permit a five-storey hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course.</p> <p>Status: Decision Meeting scheduled for November 7, 2023.</p>
2023-001		Bethesda Ridge Farms, Municipality of Clarington, Part of Lot 8, Concession 6 (2774 Sixth Concession)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>
2023-002		Thornlea Holsteins Ltd. Municipality of Clarington Part Lot 1, Concession 5 (4854 Concession Road 5)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Public meeting held on April 4, 2023. Decision meeting to be scheduled.</p>

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2023-003		Gowanlea Ltd. Township of Brock Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 7 (1705 Concession Road 7)	<p>To permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties.</p> <p>Status: Approved by Regional Council on September 27, 2023. No appeals were received.</p>



Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

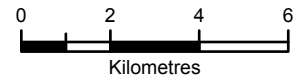
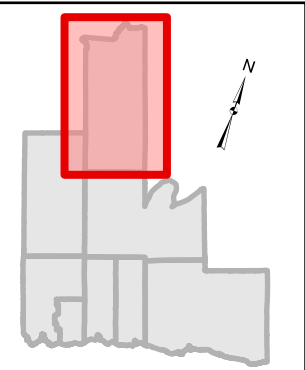
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ROPA Locations

- ☆ New Application
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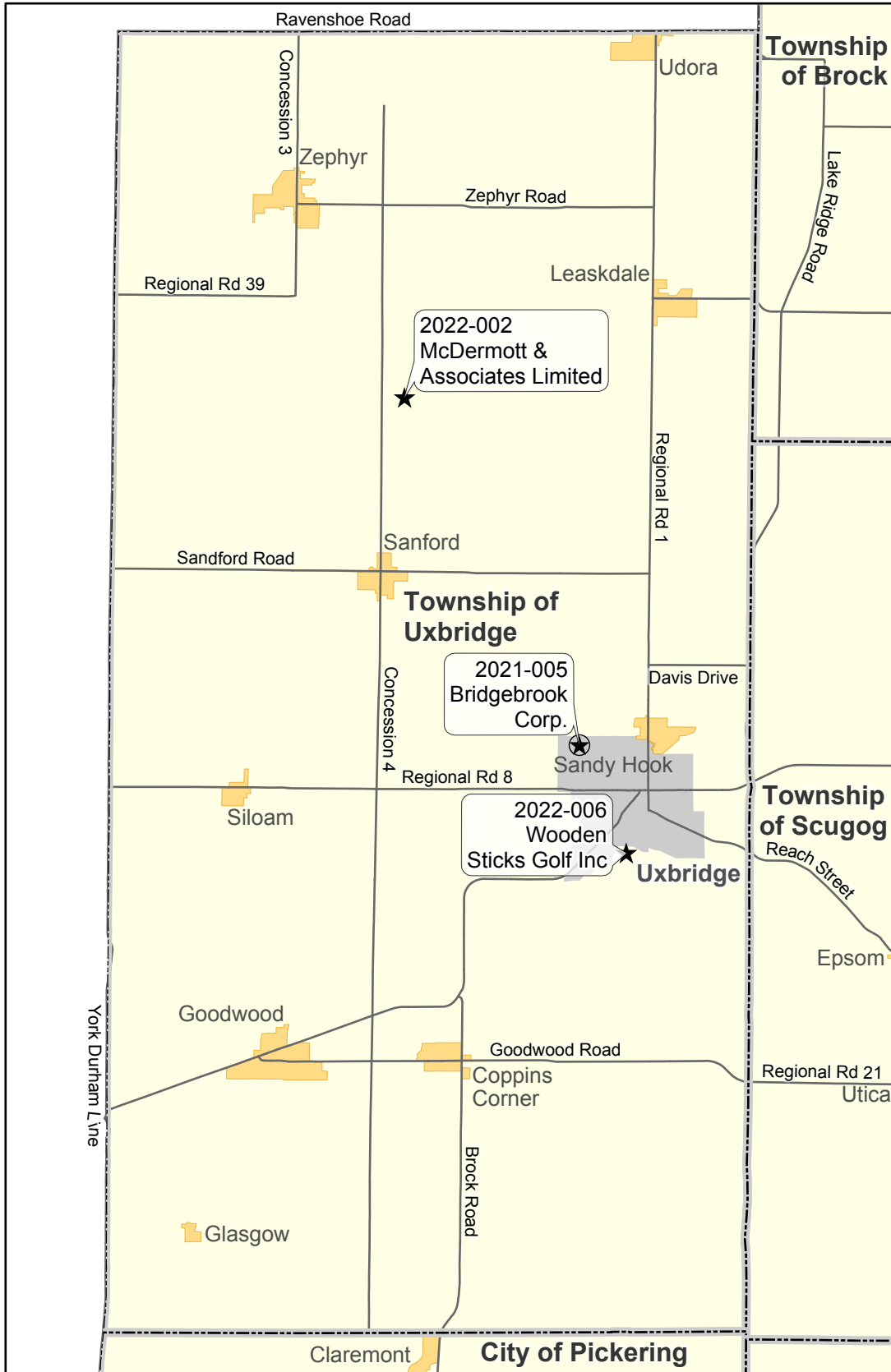
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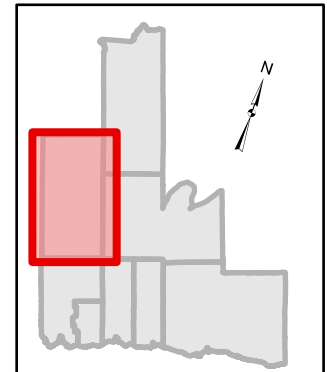
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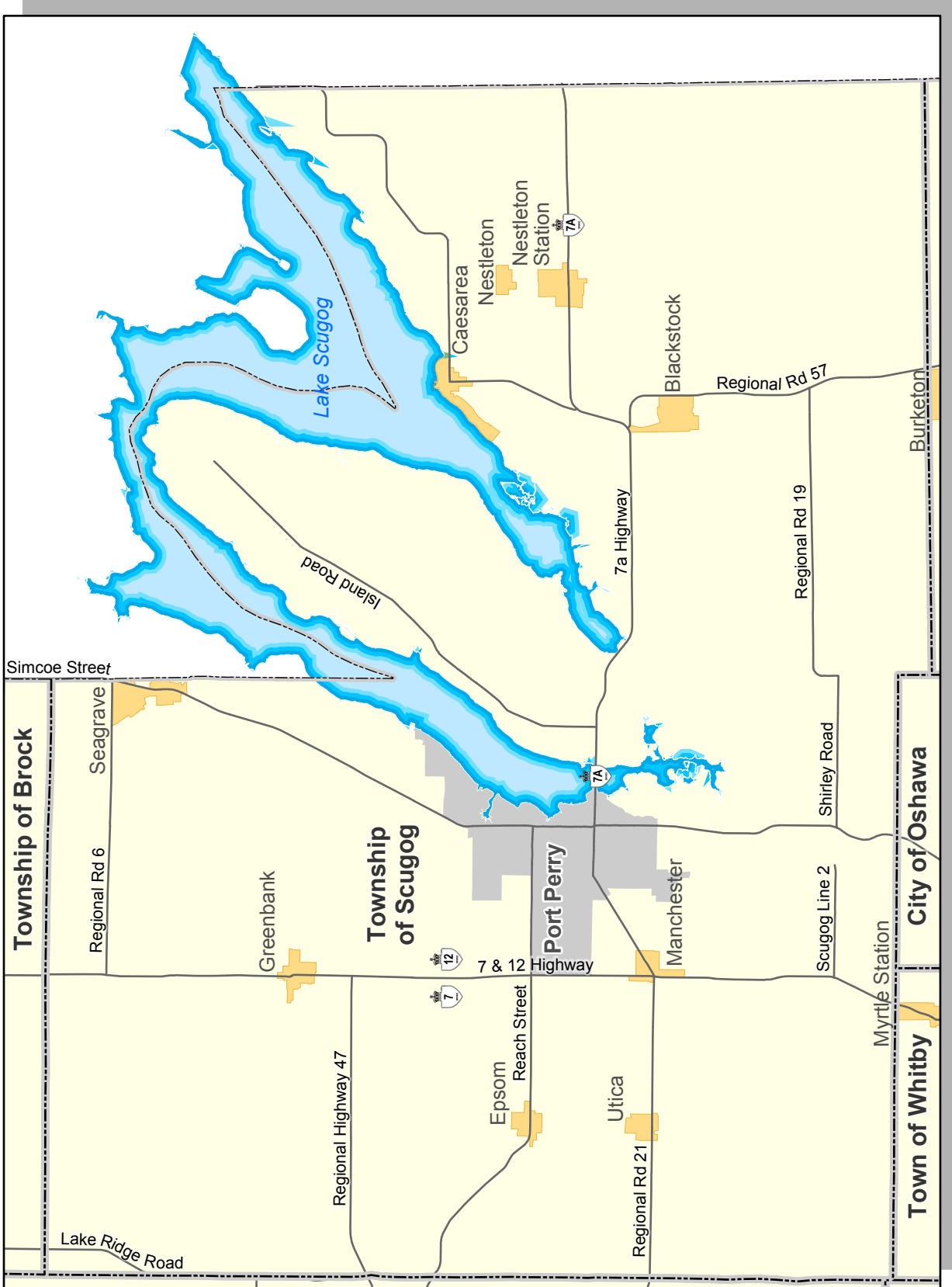




Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs)

Township of Scugog

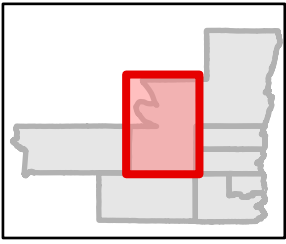
As of September 30, 2023 there are no active ROPA applications in the Township of Scugog



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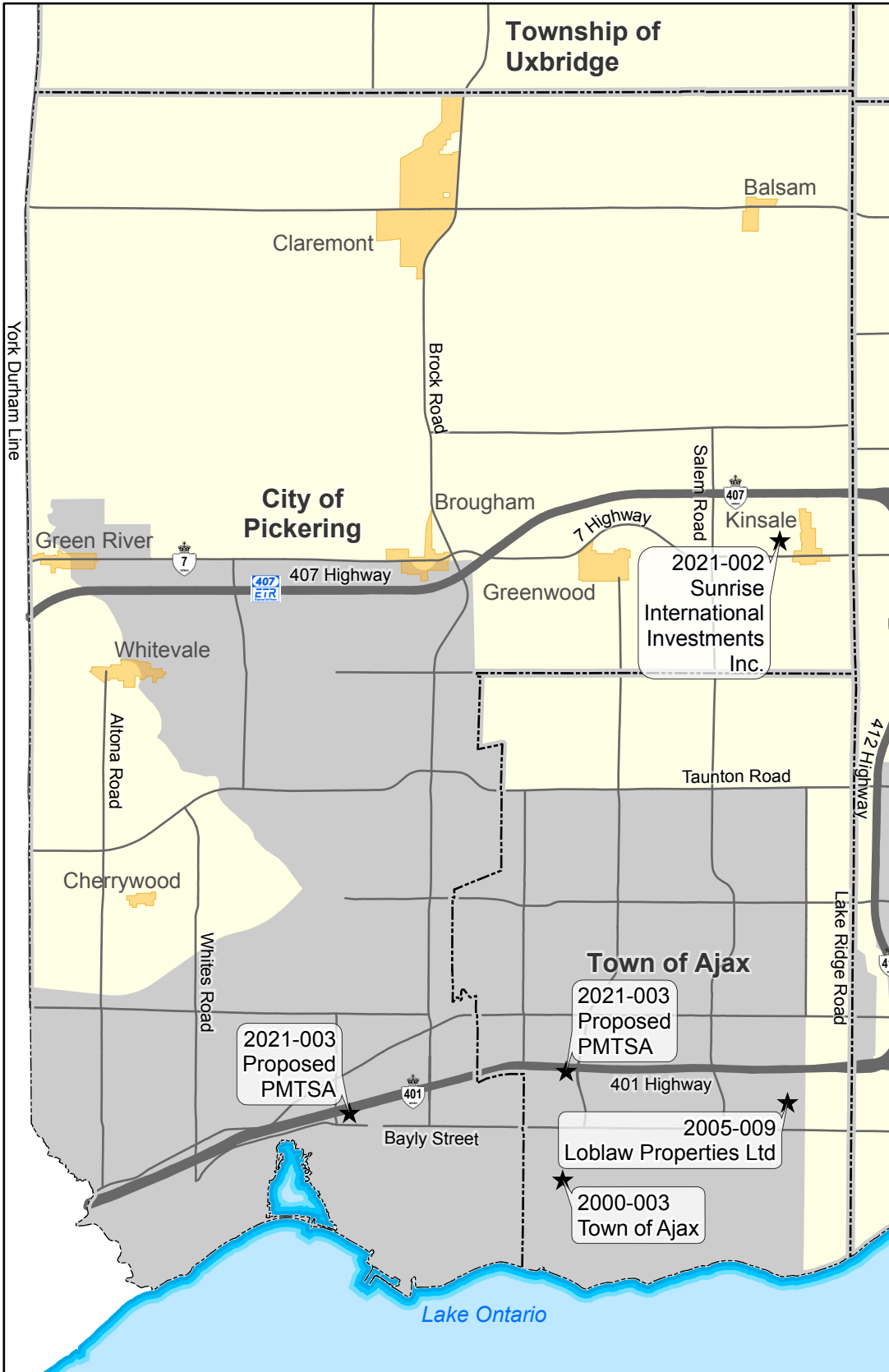
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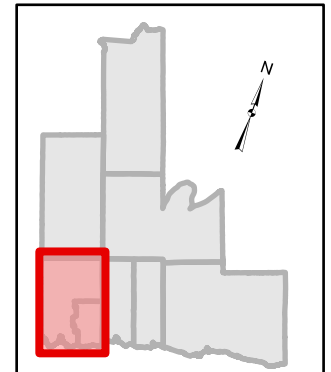
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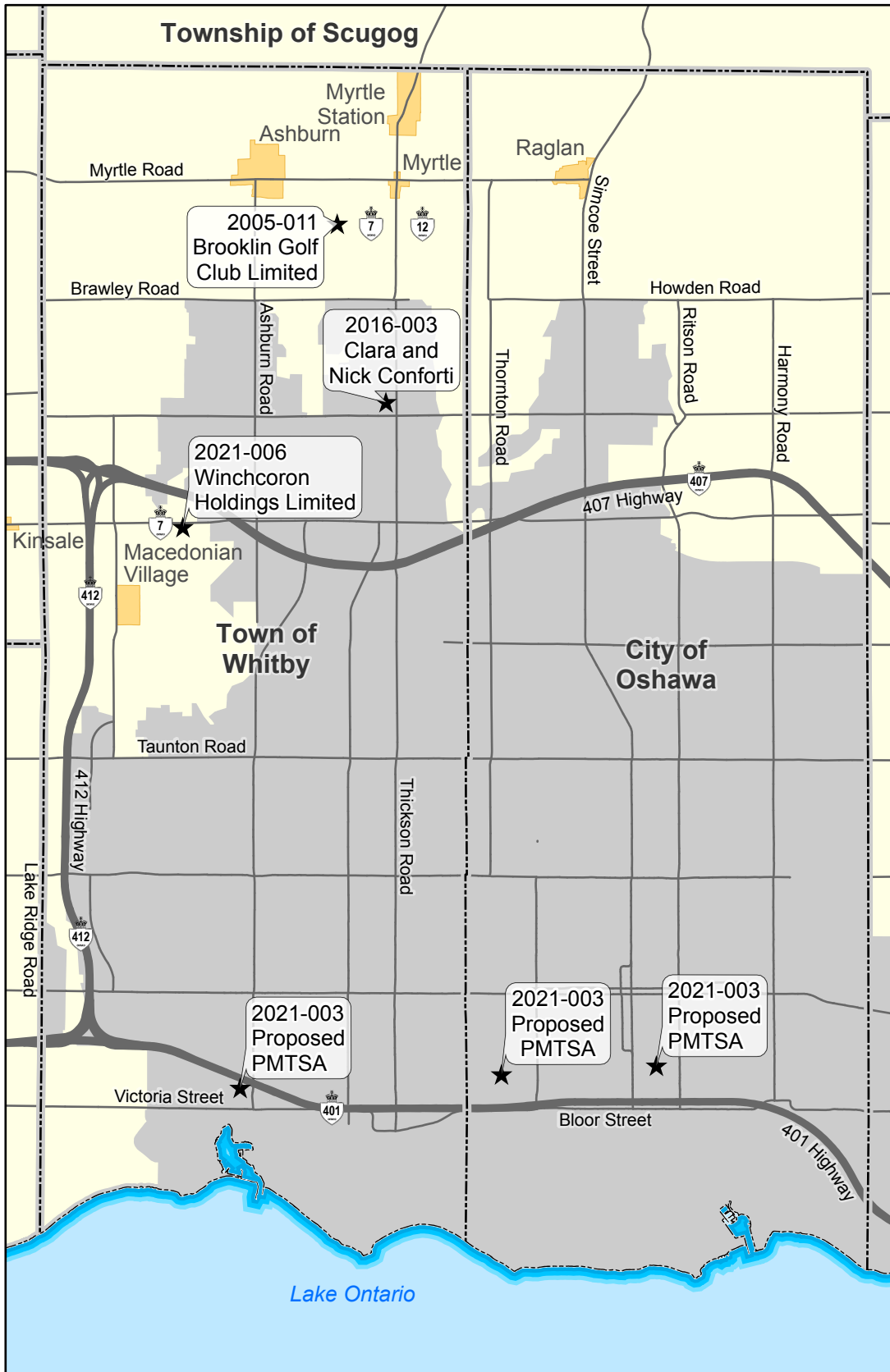
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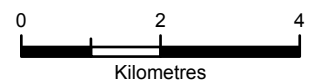
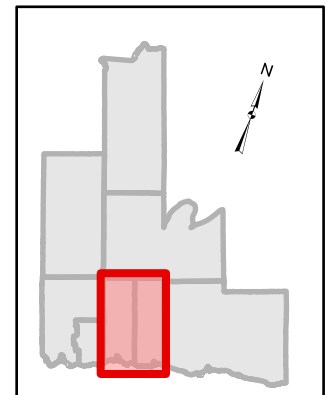
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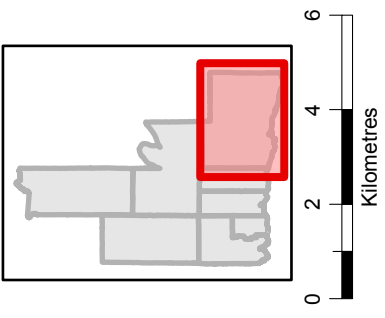
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Ontario Land Tribunal (As of September 30, 2023)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 66 OLT-22-002958 &OLT-22-002959	Bridgebrook Corp.	Township of Uxbridge	To redesignate the lands at 7370 Centre Road from Future Residential Area to Residential.	Applicant appealed to the Township of Uxbridge's failure to make a decision on March 16, 2022. This application is related to ROPA 2021-005. An OLT Case Management Conference was held September 1, 2022, and OLT Case Management Conference conducted on September 1, 2022. Hearing is scheduled for January 15, 2024.
COPA 2022-003 OLT-22-004850	Wasser and Yassim Philobes	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing the low-density designation on specific parcel of land to permit a higher density use. Appealed various policies and sections of the Southwest Courtice Secondary Plan.	The second Case Management Conference was scheduled for November 7, 2023.

Regional File No./OLT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA 20-004/P (OPA 38) OLT-22-004770	City of Pickering	City of Pickering	To add new policies and change existing policies and land use designations to the Pickering Official Plan to enable the redevelopment and intensification of the Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node, and to identify required infrastructure improvements and transportation connections throughout the area in support of anticipated population and employment growth.	The second Case Management Conference was held May 26, 2023, a third Case Management Conference is scheduled for July 28, 2023. The matter has been adjourned with no new date set. All the parties have indicated that their appeals will be site specific, and the City is working with the parties on next steps on how to proceed with the scoped appeals.
COPA 2022-0003, OLT-23-000308	VAD Retail Limited	Municipality of Clarington	Appealing failure of the Municipality of Clarington to make a decision within 120 days on the applicant's applications to permit a townhouse and seniors housing campus.	A second Case Management Conference is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Ontario
Land Tribunal (as of September 30, 2023)**

Regional File No./OLT Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 041/2023 OLT-23-001036	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Township of Uxbridge	The purpose of this application is to sever a 835.60 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 835.64 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling is to be demolished.	Waiting for the OLT's acknowledgement of receipt of the appeal package.

Summary of Reserved Street Names (As of September 30, 2023)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in third Quarter of 2023	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		318
Brock	0		45
Clarington	0		655
Oshawa	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everette Warne 	465
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		218
Uxbridge	0		153
Whitby	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterlily • Moonprint • Napkin Rign • Nappy • Nut Bowl • Octagon • Ostrich • Paperweight • Parkersburg • Parlour • Pastel Hat • Plain Jane • Primrose • Prism • Pulpit • Quill • Radiance • Rising Sun • Rose Spray • Scottie • Scroll • Sea Gulls • Serpent • Shot Glass • Soda Gold 	484

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Total	27		2,996

* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.