

Durham Region named 2025 Community of the Year

Committee of the Whole

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Intelligent Community Consortium



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Our Journey



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A global model for Intelligent Communities



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Durham was chosen from Intelligent Communities worldwide:

Brazil, Türkiye, USA, Canada, Spain, Iceland, Netherlands, Australia, Vietnam

- Strong regional collaboration
- Investment in local communities
- Career-ready talent
- Clean energy leadership

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What this means for Durham

- Elevates Durham's global profile as a leader
- Stronger attraction of investment, talent and partnerships
- Increased local awareness and pride in regional initiatives
- Reinforces Durham's future-ready identity through long-term planning and collaboration



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Proud to call Durham home



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It's rewarding to support Ontario Tech's 3,200+ work-integrated learning experiences, giving students real-world skills for the future.
-Shenelle,
Ontario Tech University

From classroom to career, discover how Durham students are job-ready at durham.ca/LeadingTheWay.



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Our unfair advantage? The opportunity to tap into top talent from our local colleges, enjoy an awesome work-life balance just minutes from Lake Ontario, and partner with clients, all from downtown Whitby.
-Isaac from geekspeak Commerce

See why businesses are drawn to our growing, connected community at durham.ca/LeadingTheWay.



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A place where green living thrives with free compost and mulch giveaways, and seed libraries that help gardeners grow sustainable communities.
- Kyla, a Durham Resident

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This is Durham's story – built together and worth sharing.

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