



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Early Release Reports

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### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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### **Advisory / Other Committee Minutes**

There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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 by Wednesday noon the week 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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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2021-INFO-4  
Date: January 22, 2021

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**Subject:**

Additional Provincial Time-Limited Funding

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on three new time-limited Provincial funding programs to support residents due to the impacts of COVID-19

**2. Background**

2.1 In order to respond to increased demands for services and supports as a result of COVID-19, the Province introduced three time-limited funding streams.

- a. The Temporary COVID Emergency Support Fund is funding provided to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 by encouraging testing and self isolation as part of the high priority community's strategy.
- b. The Ontario Isolation Centres Initiative (OICI) is funding provided to support self-isolation facilities to target high-priority communities in Ontario.
- c. The Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Funding is funding to provide mental health and addictions supports.

2.2 Although the need for funded supports is expected to extend well into 2021, all of the above funding streams must be spent by March 31, 2021.

**3. Temporary COVID Emergency Support Fund**

3.1 On December 21, 2020, the provincial government announced a High Priority Communities Strategy to equip designated lead agencies and community partners

in 15 priority communities to deliver key interventions, including community outreach, increased testing, and wraparound supports, in areas hardest-hit by COVID-19. The designated lead agency in Durham Region is Carea Community Health Centre.

- a. Priority communities are characterized as having high positivity and low testing rates, as well as larger numbers of low-income households.
  - b. High-priority communities in Durham Region initially include specific postal codes in Ajax and Pickering. As testing continues other geographic areas may be added.
- 3.2 Provincial social assistance programs (including Ontario Works Emergency Assistance), as well as Federal programs provide income assistance for most individuals facing COVID-related financial hardship, including those needing financial support to self-isolate. However, a small number of vulnerable people (e.g., those with precarious status in Canada) are not eligible for these, or other federal and provincial benefits. Individuals in this situation may face acute financial and housing-related barriers to seeking COVID testing and completing a required period of isolation.
- 3.3 The Region of Durham has been allocated \$50,000 to provide emergency financial support to individuals who are not eligible for social assistance program and other federal or provincial income assistance. The amount of assistance is limited to the maximum amount a comparable Ontario Works benefit unit might receive in income assistance for a similar period.
- 3.4 Regional staff are working with local agencies to determine the most efficient and effective means to administer this program that is congruent with other activities under the province's High Priority Communities Strategy.

#### **4. Ontario Isolation Centres Initiative (OICI)**

- 4.1 As part of the Ministry of Health's High Priority Communities Strategy, the Ontario Isolation Centres Initiative (OICI) is intended to establish publicly funded self-isolation facilities and wrap around services following COVID-19 testing for people in high-priority communities.
- a. Durham has been directed to established self-isolation facilities with capacity for up to 140 rooms.
- 4.2 Durham's OICI allocation is \$3,528,00 and is being used to;
- Block-book the Holiday Inn Express Oshawa from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021
  - Provide catered meal services
  - Provide security services
  - Provide transportation services, and
  - Support wrap around services for people who are self-isolating.

4.3 The hotel location was selected due to its capacity, ability to mobilize under the tight timelines of the program and their ability to accept suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

4.4 Regional staff are working with local agencies to determine the most effective way to provide wrap around supports for people that are self-isolating.

## **5. Mental Health and Addictions Funding**

5.1 The Ministry of Health is providing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with time-limited funding to support people living with mental health and/or addictions.

- a. This funding is being provided to select Service Managers under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).
- b. Funding can be used to support eligible mental health and addictions services and supports.

5.2 Durham Region has been allocated \$139,518 Mental Health and Addiction Funding. Regional Staff are working with local community partners to identify funding opportunities that meets the immediate needs of residents and can be expended prior to the March 31, 2021 program end date.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

- a. The provincial COVID Emergency Support Fund, OICI and Mental Health and Addictions funding contributes to the Social Investment and Community Vitality goals by ensuring supports are available so that no one gets left behind during COVID-19.

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 Three additional time-limited provincial funding streams are being provided to address the increased need for supports due to COVID-19, specifically priority communities and broader mental health and additions.

7.2 Regional staff are working collaboratively with local agencies to maximize the benefit of this time-limited funding to support resident mental health and encourage vulnerable target groups to seek COVID testing and complete self-isolation in accordance with public health guidelines and help reduce the transmission of COVID in priority communities.

7.3 For additional information, contact: Alan Robins. Director, Housing Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 2500.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou  
Commissioner of Social Services



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** January 22, 2021

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – January 17, 2021

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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*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**January 17, 2021**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxqfzfrv>**

- Report of Adverse Event Following COVID-19 Vaccine (Jan 5)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y28erya6>**

- Health Department inspects big box stores Jan 16 and 17 for compliance with public health measures (Jan 14)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yy8k3krl>**

- Statement on Canada's economic and job recovery (Jan 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yy6jep6t>**

- Government of Canada to ensure that international travellers cannot access recovery benefits during mandatory quarantine (Jan 11)

**Governor General of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2tj8chd>**

- Message to Canadians on COVID-19 (Jan 7)

**Health Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yyevdf3n>**

- COVID-19 Expert Panel provides science-based advice on optimizing testing and screening in Canada (Jan 15)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6aps2tw>**

- Statement of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Health on COVID-19 Immunization (Jan 15)

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y56hojk9>**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Jan 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5qvmpnx>**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Jan 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4a2emyf>**

- Government of Canada announces further reinforcement of COVID-19 supports for Indigenous communities (Jan 13)



## **Prime Minister's Office**

<https://tinyurl.com/y2bepwa6>

- Prime Minister releases supplementary mandate letters for ministers (Jan 15)

## **Public Health Agency of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/yyk9meek>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 6, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/yy8lvh9d>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 7, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/yxtw4nmm>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 9, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/y3889ysb>

- CPHO Issue Statement Series on COVID-19: mRNA Vaccines (Jan 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyfawabl>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 11, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ct2478>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 13, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/y5ggesnu>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 14, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/y3o6mf6o>

- Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health: Implementing COVID-19 Vaccination in Canada – Vaccine Dose Interval (Jan 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y65lwyt6>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 16, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/y3j7sj9f>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 17, 2021

## **Transport Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6x3wfcw>

- New pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirements come into effect for all air travellers flying into Canada (Jan 6)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**

<https://tinyurl.com/y34orjwn>

- Ontario Supporting Home-Based Food Businesses During COVID-19 (Jan 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3k7534q>

- Ontario Continues To Support Businesses, Workers and Families during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Jan 8)

### **Ministry of Education**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ku9y7u>

- Expanding Eligibility for Emergency Child Care in Southern Ontario (Jan 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5xklf7w>

- Ontario Provides Funding for Autism Training (Jan 10)

### **Ministry of Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/y4c4adj6>

- Ontario Accelerates COVID-19 Vaccinations for Long-Term Care Homes in Priority Regions (Jan 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxp4rxko>

- Ontario Supports the Redevelopment of the Bowmanville Hospital (Jan 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/yycbjgpg>

- Ontario Expands Case and Contact Management Workforce (Jan 15)

### **Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development**

<https://tinyurl.com/y2rkcyv7>

- Ontario Increasing Workplace Inspections during COVID-19 (Jan 14)

### **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3wymk8e>

- Ontario Temporarily Pauses Residential Evictions (Jan 14)

### **Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility**

<https://tinyurl.com/yytv3ntg>

- Supporting Seniors and People with Disabilities During Provincewide Shutdown (Jan 13)

### **Ministry of the Solicitor General**

<https://tinyurl.com/y2gobkbg>

- Ontario Extends Reopening Ontario Act Orders (Jan 16)

### **Ministry of Transportation**

<https://tinyurl.com/yyvoj2ad>

- Ontario Flows Gas Tax Funding to Municipalities (Jan 14)

### **Office of the Premier**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3a72uoo>

- Ontario Launches Innovative Testing Program at Pearson Airport (Jan 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2av7mfd>

- Ontario Extends Teacher-Led Online Learning Until January 25 to Keep Students and Staff Safe in Southern Ontario (Jan 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6xsqw62>

- Ontario to Vaccinate up to 8.5 Million People in Phase Two (Jan 13)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yy2hyau7>

- Government of Canada invests \$1M in a COVID-19 evidence network to support decision-making (Jan 13)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/y4v5l2u7>

- Ontario's doctors call for stricter enforcement of existing public health measures to curb pandemic (Jan 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6jv8sog>

- Ontario's doctors make five recommendations to improve long-term care (Jan 13)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yyltp42z>

- RNAO calls on Premier Ford to implement four measures to smother COVID-19 (Jan 12)

# Clarington

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January 19, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

**Re:** Support of Opening Ski Hills in Ontario

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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|  <b>Corporate Services Department<br/>Legislative Services Division</b> |  |
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At a meeting held on January 18, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-033-21:

Whereas Clarington Council remains a strong supporter of our Local Businesses and Brimacombe (Oshawa Ski Club) is an important business in our community. Brimacombe laid off 278 people on December 24, 2020 and this is a tremendous loss to this local not-for-profit business and the effects it has on our local economy;

And Whereas Ski Hills in Ontario are mandated to be closed during the COVID-19 Province Wide Shutdown in effect from December 26, 2020 until January 23, 2021, and this Shutdown has resulted in 9000 job losses and \$84 million losses and includes 52 Ski areas in Ontario;

And Whereas thousands of Ontarians rely on snow sports over the winter for employment, their physical health and mental Health;

And Whereas Snow Resort owners and operators across the Province have implemented new protocols to keep all skiers and Ontarians safe and resorts are separating their inside and outside offerings so adjustments can be made safely and efficiently depending on the current COVID-19 measures in the provincial framework and rules are in place to maintain physical distancing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);

And Whereas Ontario is the only jurisdiction in North America to shut down Ski Resorts because of COVID-19;

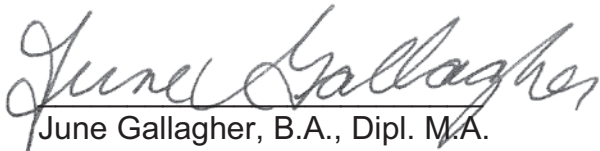
Now therefore be it resolved:

That Clarington Council supports the reopening of the Ontario Ski Hills as soon as possible;

That, if the COVID-19 Province Wide Shutdown was to continue past January 23, 2021 Clarington Council supports removing Ontario Ski Hills from being included in the Shutdown and be permitted to open; and

That this motion be distributed to Premier Ford, Minister Lisa MacLeod Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture, MPP Lindsey Park, MPP David Piccini, all Durham Region Municipalities, The Ontario Snow Resorts Association, and Oshawa Ski Club (Brimacombe).

Yours sincerely,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.  
Municipal Clerk

JG/cm

- c: The Honourable Lisa MacLeod, M.P.P., Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries - [Minister.MacLeod@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MacLeod@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Lindsey Park, M.P.P., Durham - [lindsey.park@pc.ola.org](mailto:lindsey.park@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South - [david.piccini@pc.ola.org](mailto:david.piccini@pc.ola.org)  
Cheryl Bandel, Deputy Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham – [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca)  
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Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog – [mail@scugog.ca](mailto:mail@scugog.ca)  
The Ontario Snow Resorts Association - [osra@skiontario.ca](mailto:osra@skiontario.ca)  
Brimacombe - [info@brimacombe.ca](mailto:info@brimacombe.ca)

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| Notes/Comments:   |   |

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON  
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**SECONDED BY:**  
 Thomas Armstrong  
 Patricia Hull  
 Paul Kelly  
 Lynne Paquette

Motion #: *56*  
 Resolution #: *6*  
 Date: January 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the council of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, requesting that the Province of Ontario address municipal insurance cost; And

WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Outlined seven recommendation to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing (10) day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non- profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Larder Lake call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

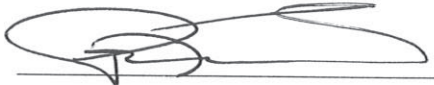
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| Tom Armstrong  | ✓   |         |
| Patricia Hull  | ✓   |         |
| Paul Kelly     | ✓   |         |
| Lynne Paquette | ✓   |         |
| Patty Quinn    | ✓   |         |

I declare this motion

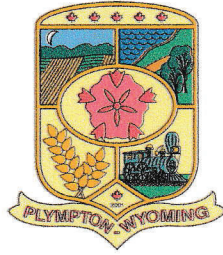
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| <b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b> |
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Chair: 

\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.





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The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan (via e-mail)  
P.O. Box 177,  
Matachewan, ON P0K 1M0

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Re: Support of Resolution from Township of Matachewan regarding request for future grant application deadlines be given a longer turnaround time;**

Please be advised that on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of the Township of Matachewan's motion (attached) requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turnaround time; that was passed on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:

***Motion #13*** – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Plympton-Wyoming Council supports the Township of Matachewan's resolution regarding Extending the Turnaround Time for Grant Applications.

**Motion Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,



Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

December 14, 2020

Honourable Steve Clark  
Office of the Minister  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Clark:

There have been numerous announcements of available grants for municipalities. We acknowledge and are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants. For small municipalities with few employees, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive.

We would like to request that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time.

A copy of Resolution 2020-257 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Knauth", is written over a large, stylized flourish.

Barbara Knauth  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN  
P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: November 25, 2020

RESOLUTION #: 2020-257

Moved by: *A. Commando-Dubé*  
Seconded by: *J. Dubé*

WHEREAS we have been getting numerous announcements of available grants; and  
WHEREAS we are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants; however, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive for small municipalities with few employees;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of the grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to A.M.O., F.O.N.O.M. and all municipalities in Ontario.

|          | COUNCILLOR  | YEA | NAY | PID |
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| CARRIED  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. A. Commando-Dubé<br>Mayor |     |     |     |
| AMENDED  | Mr. N. Costello<br>Mayor  |     |     |     |
| DEFEATED | Mr. G. Dubé<br>Councillor   |     |     |     |
| TABLED   | Ms. S. Ruck<br>Councillor   |     |     |     |
|          | Mr. A. Durand<br>Councillor                                       |     |     |     |

*Anne Commando-Dubé*

Anne Commando-Dubé  
Mayor

*Janet Gore*

Janet Gore  
Clerk

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**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS**

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January 18, 2021

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
TORONTO, ON  
M7A 2J3

**Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark**

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell  
Deputy Clerk  
jrussell@mississippimills.ca  
613-256-2064 x 225  
3131 Old Perth Rd, PO Box 400  
Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

October 20, 2020

**Resolution No 421-20**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds;

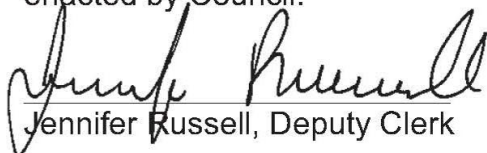
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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

  
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk



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VIA E-MAIL

January 19, 2021

RE: Letter of Support – Town of Matachewan: Extension of Grant Deadlines

This letter is supporting the Town of Matachewan’s resolution regarding the appreciation of grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time. As such, at County Council on January 14, 2021 Council supported the following resolution as noted in their motion:

“THAT Council directs Staff to prepare and send a letter of support on the Township of Matachewan resolution regarding the extension of grants to all Ontario Municipalities and AMO.”

Due to staffing constraints during this unprecedented time, the ability to receive and adequately respond to grants has been relatively short and restrictive. Should you require any additional information or wish other consideration by Council in this matter, kindly advise.

Sincerely,



Tyler Sager  
Manager of Legislative Service/County Clerk

Cc’d: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)





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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
 Legislative Building, Queens Park  
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

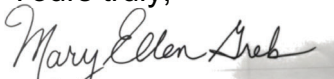
In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*


Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

  
 Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities

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-----Original Message-----

From: Christine

Sent: January 19, 2021 8:16 AM

To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>

Subject: Ashe

Chair John Henry and Regional Councillors,

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Sincerely ,

Christine Hemingway

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Derek Ingham

**Sent:** January 18, 2021 2:16 AM

**To:** chair <[chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca)>; Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>

**Subject:** Kevin Ashe and Bill McLean

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Derek Ingham

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**From:** Diane Seeley <seeley4@gmail.com>

**Sent:** January 18, 2021 4:35 PM

**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>

**Subject:** Covid 19 (stay at Home)

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Sent: January 18, 2021 8:41 AM

To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>

Subject: Letter to John Henry

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Regards

Jeff O'Donnell

Pickering, Ontario.

**From:** Julie Duncan  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 6:04 AM  
**To:** Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>; chair <[chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca)>  
**Subject:** Elected Officials Out of Country Travel During Pandemic

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Julie Duncan

**From:** lesley rajan  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 10:10 AM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for action than more than just words

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Sincerely,  
Lesley Kurian

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**From:** Linda Gasser

**Sent:** January 16, 2021 10:25 AM

**To:** Debbie Bath-Hadden <[dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca)>; Shaun Collier <[shaun.collier@ajax.ca](mailto:shaun.collier@ajax.ca)>; Marilyn Crawford <[marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca](mailto:marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca)>; Joanne Dies <[joanne.dies@ajax.ca](mailto:joanne.dies@ajax.ca)>; Sterling Lee <[sterling.lee@ajax.ca](mailto:sterling.lee@ajax.ca)>; Ted Smith <[tsmith@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:tsmith@townshipofbrock.ca)>; Granville Anderson <[ganderson@clarington.net](mailto:ganderson@clarington.net)>; 'Joe Neal' <[jneal@clarington.net](mailto:jneal@clarington.net)>; Dan Carter <[dcarter@oshawa.ca](mailto:dcarter@oshawa.ca)>; Bob Chapman <[bchapman@oshawa.ca](mailto:bchapman@oshawa.ca)>; Rick Kerr <[rkerr@oshawa.ca](mailto:rkerr@oshawa.ca)>; Tito-Dante Marimpietri <[tmarimpietri@oshawa.ca](mailto:tmarimpietri@oshawa.ca)>; John Neal <[jneal@oshawa.ca](mailto:jneal@oshawa.ca)>; Brian Nicholson <[bnicholson@oshawa.ca](mailto:bnicholson@oshawa.ca)>; 'Dave Ryan' <[mayor@pickering.ca](mailto:mayor@pickering.ca)>; Kevin Ashe <[kashe@pickering.ca](mailto:kashe@pickering.ca)>; Bill McLean <[bmclean@pickering.ca](mailto:bmclean@pickering.ca)>; David Pickles <[dpickles@pickering.ca](mailto:dpickles@pickering.ca)>; Bobbie Drew <[bdrew@scugog.ca](mailto:bdrew@scugog.ca)>; Wilma Wotten <[wwotten@scugog.ca](mailto:wwotten@scugog.ca)>; 'Dave Barton (Mayor of Uxbridge)' <[dbarton@town.uxbridge.on.ca](mailto:dbarton@town.uxbridge.on.ca)>; 'Gord Highet' <[ghighet@town.uxbridge.on.ca](mailto:ghighet@town.uxbridge.on.ca)>; Don Mitchell <[mayor@whitby.ca](mailto:mayor@whitby.ca)>; Chris Leahy <[leahyc@whitby.ca](mailto:leahyc@whitby.ca)>; Rhonda Mulcahy <[mulcahyr@whitby.ca](mailto:mulcahyr@whitby.ca)>; Elizabeth Roy <[roye@whitby.ca](mailto:roye@whitby.ca)>; Steve Yamada <[yamadas@whitby.ca](mailto:yamadas@whitby.ca)>; Mayor Shared Mailbox <[mayor@clarington.net](mailto:mayor@clarington.net)>; John Henry <[John.Henry@durham.ca](mailto:John.Henry@durham.ca)>; Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>

**Subject:** additional Correspondence to Chair Henry and Council -Council appts to DRPS Board, non-essential travel by DRPS Board Chair

Good morning:

In addition to my correspondence to council of January 14th, I ask that you also consider additional information, including a recent Toronto Star article.

The statement issued yesterday by Chair Henry - see pasted in below at end of this email - references accountability in broad terms but does not respond to specific concerns around Councillor Ashe's position as Durham Region Police Services Board (DRPS Board) Chair.

**From Chair Henry's statement:**

*"Accountability from our constituents, our peers and ourselves. **It is our duty** to encourage high standards of conduct—and our residents are entitled to expect the highest standards from us.*

*I want to make it very clear that the public's health and safety is my number one priority as Regional Chair. And I expect that Regional Councillors follow all public health advice in order to protect the health and safety of our community."*

The Toronto Star article indicates that Councillor Ashe hopes to be re-elected to the position of Chair of the DRPS Board. Recall he was appointed to the DRPS Board **by Regional Council**.

On December 5, 2018, **Council** appointed two council members to the DRPS Board, Councillor Ashe being one. Below are screenshots of the nominees and council vote.

I repeat a sentence from my January 14th correspondence: *"**If Chair Henry and Durham Region Councillors hope to retain public confidence in **their** judgment, they must respond quickly and make that decision public.**"*

Public trust is eroded when political and public sector leaders flout public health guidelines which, the general public is repeatedly asked to respect and adhere to for the protection of their own health and that of others, and then trust further eroded if there are no actions taken by those responsible to maintain that public trust.

If the concept of accountability is to actually mean something, then appropriate action should be taken by **the responsible decision-makers**.

Durham Council should consider any action(s) they deem appropriate to restore and maintain public trust in regional political leaders and our regional government.

There will be a DRPS Board meeting on January 19th at which the election of DRPS Board chair/vice take place: [https://members.drps.ca/upload\\_files/19\\_JAN\\_2021\\_AGENDA\\_Public\\_external\\_2021114144315.pdf](https://members.drps.ca/upload_files/19_JAN_2021_AGENDA_Public_external_2021114144315.pdf)

There is no email address shown on the DRPS Board "Contact Us" web page [https://members.drps.ca/internet\\_explorer/police\\_service\\_board/contact.asp](https://members.drps.ca/internet_explorer/police_service_board/contact.asp) nor on the home page.

This matter should be raised at the DRPS Board meeting by one of the three Council members on the DRPS Board.

Thank you for your attention.

Linda Gasser

Whitby

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Minutes at: <https://calendar.durham.ca/default/Detail/2018-12-05-1000-Regional-Council-Meeting/30b068a0-c8e3-4e96-9fe9-a9b300f67f6b>

**7. Appointment of Members**

7.1 Durham Regional Police Services Board

The Regional Chair indicated he wished to serve on the Durham Regional Police Services Board and to therefore, proceed with the election of only two members to the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

The following nominations were made:

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor McLean,  
 (217) That Councillor Ashe be appointed to the Police Services Board.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
 (218) That Councillor Drew be appointed to the Police Services Board.

Moved by Councillor Joe Neal, Seconded by Councillor Nicholson,  
 (219) That Councillor Anderson be appointed to the Police Services Board.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,  
 (220) That nominations be closed.

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The following roll call vote by lot was taken:

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| Councillors | Ashe | Drew | Anderson |
|-------------|------|------|----------|
| Mitchell    | X    | X    |          |
| Collier     | X    | X    |          |
| John Neal   | X    |      | X        |
| Drew        | X    | X    |          |
| McLean      | X    | X    |          |
| Yamada      | X    | X    |          |
| Bath-Hadden | X    | X    |          |
| Highet      | X    | X    |          |
| Marimpietri | X    | X    |          |
| Carter      | X    | X    |          |
| Lee         | X    | X    |          |
| Wotten      | X    | X    |          |

|                |           |           |          |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Dies           | X         | X         |          |
| Anderson       | X         |           | X        |
| Mulcahy        | X         | X         |          |
| Crawford       | X         | X         |          |
| Smith          | X         | X         |          |
| Joe Neal       | X         |           | X        |
| Leahy          | X         | X         |          |
| Ashe           | X         | X         |          |
| Pickles        | X         | X         |          |
| Foster         |           | X         | X        |
| Ryan           | X         | X         |          |
| Roy            | X         | X         |          |
| Chapman        | X         | X         |          |
| Kerr           | X         | X         |          |
| Nicholson      | X         |           | X        |
| Barton         | X         | X         |          |
| Regional Chair | X         | X         |          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>5</b> |

Councillors Drew and Ashe were declared elected to the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

<https://www.thestar.com/local-pickering/news/2021/01/14/pickering-councillor-who-travelled-during-lockdown-has-no-plans-to-quit-job-as-durham-police-board-chair.html>

**A Pickering councillor who left the country for a personal matter while Ontario was in lockdown has no plans to leave his role as chair of the Durham Regional Police Services Board.**



Ward 1 regional councillor Kevin Ashe announced on social media that he traveled to the Bahamas from Dec. 28 to Jan. 2 in order to pay tribute to his late stepson.

His announcement came the same day that Oakville Mayor Rob Burton stepped down as chair of the Halton Police Board, after he told Halton Regional Police Services chief Stephen Tanner that he could travel to Florida over the holidays.

**Ashe has no plans to do the same.**

**“I will not be stepping down,” he said.**

**In fact, Ashe hopes to be re-elected to the position. Unrelated to the incident, the board is scheduled to elect a chair and vice-chair at the public meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19.**

Ashe’s stepson Alex Monaghan died by suicide in 2018, and the family has scattered his ashes in various places around the world, including the Bahamas. Ashe said he and his wife Karen O’Brien made the trip to pay tribute to Monaghan.

“By and large, people understand the reasoning for my decision and I’m fine with the decision I made,” he said.

Ashe said he and O’Brien took three privately paid COVID-19 tests and all were negative.

Durham Regional Chair John Henry, who also sits on the board, said he learned about Ashe’s trip to the Bahamas through media reports.

“I’m disappointed and I was disappointed to find out in the way I found out,” he said. “As elected officials (we know we’re) being held to a higher level.”

Ashe is one of two members of Durham Regional Council who admitted to travelling out of the country over the holidays, while Ontario was in lockdown. Pickering Ward 2 regional councillor [Bill McLean flew to Costa Rica](#) with his wife regarding renovations to their condominium and are still there.

Henry said Ashe has done a great job as chair of the board, but set a bad example by traveling during the lockdown in what he sees as Canada’s greatest challenge since the Second World War.

“It will be interesting to see what happens at the board meeting,” he said. “I don’t know where it’s going to go as of yet.”



But he did say he has heard concerns over Ashe's decision to travel and “I have an expectation that we will do our best to live up to that higher standard.”

Scugog Mayor Bobbie Drew also provided comment on the issue.

“Today more than any time during this COVID pandemic we need to realize that our hospitals are getting full, that it is important...to stay home, not go out if you don't have to, wear your masks, don't gather in groups, follow the rules that are out there,” he said.

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John Henry January 15th statement

**Subject:**Region of Durham News - Regional Chair John Henry's statement on accountability and protecting the community

**Date:**15 Jan 2021 08:40:39 -0500

**From:**[noreply@www.durham.ca](mailto:noreply@www.durham.ca)

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Region of Durham News

1/15/2021 8:33:23 AM

## Regional Chair John Henry's statement on accountability and protecting the community

**Whitby, Ontario** – The following statement is being issued on behalf of John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer:

“Recently, there have been concerns and questions about some Regional Councillors' decisions to travel during COVID-19.

I felt it was important to address this both directly with Regional Council, and with all Durham residents.

I have reminded all Regional Councillors of the importance of leading by example; and that while there are no legal barriers to travel or to following other guidelines and restrictions during this pandemic, as elected officials we are held to a higher accountability.

Accountability from our constituents, our peers and ourselves. It is our duty to encourage high standards of conduct—and our residents are entitled to expect the highest standards from us.

I want to make it very clear that the public's health and safety is my number one priority as Regional Chair. And I expect that Regional Councillors follow all public health advice in order to protect the health and safety of our community.

By following all rules, regulations, and guidelines laid out by our public health experts, we have the best shot at reducing the spread of this horrible disease and saving lives.

The best way we can fight COVID-19 until the full vaccine rollout is complete, is to follow all public health advice, together. And together we remain, #DurhamStrong.”

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**From:** Linda Gasser

**Sent:** January 14, 2021 10:21 AM

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**Subject:** Correspondence to Chair Henry & Reg Council -recent travel by DR Police Svcs Board Chair

Regional Chair John Henry and Regional Council:

Two Pickering regional councillors undertook non-essential travel to deal with personal matters at a time the federal government has urged against that.

For many months now, Chair Henry, other political leaders and public health officials have been urging residents and businesses to comply with public health guidelines.

While Councillor Ashe stated in his posting (copied below), that he is "entirely comfortable" with his decision to travel, he might wish to consider that many Durham Region residents and public health professionals would not be and for valid reasons.

Travellers contributing to Covid's spread is an ongoing concern and personal choices can have consequences for others.

Councillors McLean and Ashe's flouting of public health guidelines undermines public confidence in political leaders.

Councillor Ashe is also Chair of the Durham Police Services Board. This is an untenable situation.

It's possible that police and municipal by-law officers may be requested to enforce Stay at Home orders during the recently declared State of Emergency.

Councillor Ashe should resign his position as Police Services Board Chair immediately or be requested to do so at the earliest opportunity.

If Chair Henry and Durham Region Councillors hope to retain public confidence in **their** judgment, they must respond quickly and make that decision public.

Thank you for your attention.

Linda Gasser

Whitby -----

# Pickering Councillor Kevin Ashe says he took trip to Bahamas to visit son's ashes

January 12, 2021 | 9:54 am

Another Pickering councillor has admitted to taking a trip abroad as the entire province was in lockdown.

Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor for Ward 1 in Pickering Kevin Ashe travelled to the Bahamas with his wife from December 28 until January 2.

Two days after the province-wide lockdown went into effect.

Health Officials continue to tell everyone to avoid non-essential travel.

Ashe posted a statement on Facebook explaining they took the trip to visit his stepson's ashes.

He says his stepson, Alexander Monaghan, died by suicide in 2018 and they had left a piece of Alex in a number of special places around the world because Alex was an avid traveller.

He says they are now in the final days of their quarantine.

Ashe and his wife both tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this year and he said they are entirely comfortable with their decision to travel and the reasons behind it.

His full statement is below:

*Much has been said about public officials deciding to travel during the holidays. While it is a private decision to travel or not the current climate has made this a "public issue".*

*Many are aware that my stepson Alexander Monaghan died by suicide on Easter Sunday April 1, 2018.*

*Karen and I have been very public about the circumstances of Alex's passing as we have become strong advocates for better mental health supports and we have enthusiastically raised money in Alex's name for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Beds at Ajax Pickering Hospital. We have been less public in how we are privately remembering our son and the incredible grief we continue to experience. Since his passing we (our family and his fiancé) have left a piece of Alex, who was an avid traveler, in numerous special places around the world including Glacier Bay Alaska, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Croatia, Mexico, Bermuda, and finally Hawaii.*

*As many who have lost a loved one know, holidays are especially difficult. On December 28 thru to January 2, Karen and I returned to the Bahamas to visit Alex's ashes. We did so in accordance with all health guidelines including three privately paid Covid tests (all were negative). We are now in the final days of our 14 day quarantine.*

*As Karen and I were both ill with Covid in May (with some long lasting symptoms remaining) we understand the physical and mental toll it has taken on families and our community.*

***We are entirely comfortable with our decision to travel and the reasons why. I will have no further comments about this matter.***

*Thank you. Stay safe and God bless*

*Kevin Ashe*

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori McMulin

Sent: January 18, 2021 8:19 AM

To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>

Subject: City councillors poor choices

Chair John Henry and Regional Councillors,

I am sure that all of Durham Region Council is more than aware of the actions that have been so very prominent surrounding the extremely poor decision making by fellow Council members Kevin Ashe and Bill McLean both from the City of Pickering, along with their stated reasons that surround Ashe's and McLean's actions during this dreadful and life taking Covid19 Pandemic that has touched every Durham Region resident in some manner.

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It is because of these special responsibilities that our elected and appointed officials have and are viewed with a higher, elevated level and degree of leadership not granted nor expected of their constituents. Therefore, it is because of this special and elevated responsibility of our elected and appoint leaders that they must be ever mindful and self-critical of not only their spoken words but even more self-critical and mindful of their actions that are viewed through the magnified and discerning public eye.

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Mike Borie

Lori McMulin

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [malibuboo99@yahoo.com](mailto:malibuboo99@yahoo.com) <[malibuboo99@yahoo.com](mailto:malibuboo99@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** January 17, 2021 9:48 PM

**To:** Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>; chair <[chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca)>

**Subject:** Ashe and McLean - mikes writing is absolutely correct -please do the right thing

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**Mike Borie**

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Gibson <michellegibson@sympatico.ca>

Sent: January 18, 2021 9:03 PM

To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>; alongo@drps.ca; 2430@drps.ca; John Henry <John.Henry@durham.ca>; Marilyn Crawford <marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca>; steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Cc: mayor@pickering.ca

Subject: Concerns regarding Elected Municipal Officials

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old father stand helplessly in his driveway as he watches while his wife of 55 years being whisked away in an ambulance, not knowing whether she will live or die? And let's not forget the agonizing 3 hour wait for a phone call from the hospital to tell us if my Mother survived. Do you know what it's like to try to advocate for your Mother with doctors, nurses, etc... over the phone because you aren't permitted to visit? This is not something I would wish on my worst enemy. I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize that even though my family has experienced a horrendous year, I know many of your constituents have endured so much worse. Through everything my family has been through, I would have loved nothing more to jet away on a tropical vacation but, I abided by my civic responsibility and stayed home as all of our government officials have directed us to do. I expect nothing less of our elected officials. If constituents are being not only asked but, expected to make sacrifices then, I expect our elected officials to do the same. We will never eradicate COVID-19 if we do not work together.

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Regards,

Michelle Gibson



**From:** Michelle Gonsalves

**Sent:** January 18, 2021 6:39 PM

**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>; 2430@drps.ca

**Subject:** A call for demonstrated action(s)...more than just words

1. I ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVE A COPY AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT REAPPOINTE KEVIN ASHE AS CHAIR OF POLICE SERVICES BOARD:

2. I ASK THAT KEVIN ASHE STEP DOWN AS DEPUTY MAYOR AND FROM HIS POSITION AS REGIONAL COUNCILLOR.

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There is a great risk of morality being eroded, there has been large consensus that apologies and contritions will not be sufficient enough to right the wrong choices made by these individuals. After all, if the elected officials couldn't adhere to the most basic moral code of conduct to stand with their neighbors, then what message does this send to the 94,000 citizens in Pickering alone?

For your information to date, there have been 257 deaths due to Covid-19, 206 were in long term care or retirement homes. This doesn't even account for the deaths by suicide during Covid-19, in which your public are being put to the mental test because of this pandemic. These deaths are just as impactful and important to the residents of Durham whom have yet to mourn, bury, memorialize and honor their dead, how is it acceptable that Kevin Ashe's and Karen O'Brien were the exception to hold off on their grieving the loss of a loved one, when it was totally unnecessary to jet off to the Bahamas to honor their obviously loved son, this could have been done right here on Ajax where they have a memorial for him.

Simply put, there can be no exceptions, or it directly destroys the public's trust, belief and faith in our elected officials to act as a public servant in the best interests of their constituents.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Gonsalves

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Mike Borie

**Sent:** January 17, 2021 9:19 PM

**To:** Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>; chair <[chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca)>; [aun.collier@ajax.ca](mailto:aun.collier@ajax.ca); Marilyn Crawford <[marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca](mailto:marilyn.crawford@ajax.ca)>; Joanne Dies <[joanne.dies@ajax.ca](mailto:joanne.dies@ajax.ca)>; Sterling Lee <[sterling.lee@ajax.ca](mailto:sterling.lee@ajax.ca)>; Debbie Bath-Hadden <[dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca)>; Ted Smith <[tsmith@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:tsmith@townshipofbrock.ca)>; Mayor Shared Mailbox <[mayor@clarington.net](mailto:mayor@clarington.net)>; Granville Anderson <[ganderson@clarington.net](mailto:ganderson@clarington.net)>; [jneal@clarington.net](mailto:jneal@clarington.net); Dan Carter <[dcarter@oshawa.ca](mailto:dcarter@oshawa.ca)>; Bob Chapman <[bchapman@oshawa.ca](mailto:bchapman@oshawa.ca)>; Rick Kerr <[rkerr@oshawa.ca](mailto:rkerr@oshawa.ca)>; [tdmarimpietri@oshawa.ca](mailto:tdmarimpietri@oshawa.ca); John Neal <[jneal@oshawa.ca](mailto:jneal@oshawa.ca)>; Brian Nicholson <[bnicholson@oshawa.ca](mailto:bnicholson@oshawa.ca)>; [mayor@pickering.ca](mailto:mayor@pickering.ca); Kevin Ashe <[kashe@pickering.ca](mailto:kashe@pickering.ca)>; Bill McLean <[bmclean@pickering.ca](mailto:bmclean@pickering.ca)>; David Pickles <[dpickles@pickering.ca](mailto:dpickles@pickering.ca)>; Bobbie Drew <[bdrew@scugog.ca](mailto:bdrew@scugog.ca)>; Wilma Wotten <[wwotten@scugog.ca](mailto:wwotten@scugog.ca)>; Dave Barton <[dbarton@uxbridge.ca](mailto:dbarton@uxbridge.ca)>; Gord Highet <[gghighet@uxbridge.ca](mailto:gghighet@uxbridge.ca)>; Don Mitchell <[mayor@whitby.ca](mailto:mayor@whitby.ca)>; Chris Leahy <[leahyc@whitby.ca](mailto:leahyc@whitby.ca)>; Rhonda Mulcahy <[mulcahyr@whitby.ca](mailto:mulcahyr@whitby.ca)>; Elizabeth Roy <[roye@whitby.ca](mailto:roye@whitby.ca)>; Steve Yamada <[yamadas@whitby.ca](mailto:yamadas@whitby.ca)>; ian cumming <[icumming@pickering.ca](mailto:icumming@pickering.ca)>; [sbutt@pickering.ca](mailto:sbutt@pickering.ca); [cao@pickering.ca](mailto:cao@pickering.ca); [scassel@pickering.ca](mailto:scassel@pickering.ca); [rob.tylermorin@ajax.ca](mailto:rob.tylermorin@ajax.ca); Brenner, Maurice, Councillor <[mbrenner@pickering.ca](mailto:mbrenner@pickering.ca)>; [bgarrod@uxbridge.ca](mailto:bgarrod@uxbridge.ca); [newmand@whitby.ca](mailto:newmand@whitby.ca); Dave Ryan <[dryan@pickering.ca](mailto:dryan@pickering.ca)>; [cao@pickering.ca](mailto:cao@pickering.ca); [scassel@pickering.ca](mailto:scassel@pickering.ca)

**Subject:** A call for demonstrated action(s)...more than just words!!!

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: January 18, 2021 7:09 AM

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**Sent:** January 18, 2021 9:18 AM  
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**Subject:** Councillors

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