



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There is no Staff Correspondence

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6. **Town of Bracebridge** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 3, 2021, regarding the closure of the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College
7. **City of Sarnia** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 1, 2021, requesting the Province of Ontario to adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centres, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system

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3. **Jodi Belec, Durham resident** – re: email to 9-1-1 Management Board congratulating police, fire and ambulance workers for a job well done during the COVID-19 pandemic
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5. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** – re: Zoning Order - O. Reg 167/21 – Municipality of Clarington, Regional Municipality of Durham for zoning requirements for the Special Purpose Commercial (C4) zone in Section 19.3 of the Zoning By-law apply to the uses, buildings and structures. A copy of Ontario Regulation 167/21 may be viewed on the e-laws website at [O. Reg. 167/21: Zoning Order –Municipality of Clarington, Regional Municipality of Durham](#)
6. **Metrolinx** – re: PRESTO update regarding the launch of a PRESTO contactless payment pilot, with the first phase of implementation beginning on March 11, 2021

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2021-INFO-26
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report is being provided with a copy of the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002. This report is available on the Region of Durham's [website](#). The report provides a summary of each drinking water system including test results from the reporting period, summary of adverse test results as well as a description of major expenses.

2. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

a. Goal 2: Community Vitality

- 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being

b. Goal 5: Service Excellence

- 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value
- 5.2 Collaborate for a seamless service experience

- 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is being made available to the public in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.
- 3.2 For additional information, please contact Tavis Nimmo, Supervisor, Technical Support, at 905-668-7711 extension 3737.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2021-INFO-27
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

Staff Comments on Proposed Hazardous and Special Products Regulation Environmental Registry of Ontario #019-2836

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report will provide background and staff comments on Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) #019-2836 that was posted on February 11, 2021 on the proposed producer responsibility regulation for Hazardous and Special Products with a comment deadline of March 28, 2021.
- 1.2 To accommodate this shortened comment period, the attached letter has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Any additional comments from Council will be prepared and subsequently submitted.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2016, the Province of Ontario signalled its intent to transition several products and packaging waste diversion programs to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) by passing the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA).

- 2.2 The RRCEA provides the framework for regulations that designate materials for EPR and establishes requirements for producers to manage the designated materials at the end of their useful life.
- 2.3 Under the RRCEA, regulations have already been established for used tires, batteries, and electronics. The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) has successfully transferred its programs for these items to full EPR. The proposed Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation will replace the existing stewardship program for Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) and is scheduled to transition to full EPR on July 1, 2021.
- 2.4 The existing MHSW stewardship program was intended to cover a wide array of consumer products and be phased in over three stages. Phase one was launched in 2008 and covered automotive fluids such as oil, antifreeze, and their containers; used oil filters; paints and coatings; solvents; pressurized containers; fertilizers and pesticides; and dry-cell batteries.
- 2.5 Phase two of the MHSW stewardship program was intended to cover all battery types except automotive; aerosol containers; mercury containing measuring devices and switches; fluorescent light bulbs and tubes; and pharmaceuticals and sharps. These items were already being captured in municipal programs but with no cost recovery from the producers.
- 2.6 Phase three included products with general characteristics of flammable, corrosive, toxic, reactive or leachate toxic and was intentionally broad to capture as many consumer products as possible that should not be disposed of in the garbage.
- 2.7 The expansion of the MHSW stewardship program to include phases two and three was controversial and ultimately unsuccessful. Some phase two materials are now captured under other programs such as the Collection of Pharmaceuticals and Sharps – Responsibilities of Producers Regulation (Ontario Regulation (O.Reg) 298/12) under the Environmental Protection Act, the Batteries Regulation (O.Reg 30/20) and the eventual expansion of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulation to include lighting (O.Reg 522/20) both under the RRCEA.
- 2.8 Municipalities remain financially responsible for the remainder of phase two and three products that are not included in the current MHSW stewardship program or other recently established EPR programs under the RRCEA.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report #2017-COW-178 'Update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's Participation and Opportunities to Influence the Implementation of the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016, the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy.'

4. Proposed Hazardous and Special Products Regulation

- 4.1 The proposed Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation establishes four categories (A – D) of designated products each with different requirements for collection, management and promotion and education.
- 4.2 Most of the designated products are included in the current program as Phase one materials. There is no expansion of designated products to include Phase two or three materials as defined in the existing regulation other than some mercury containing devices.
- 4.3 Category A products include oil filters and non-refillable pressurized containers.
- 4.4 Category B products include antifreeze, paints and coatings, pesticides, solvents, oil containers and refillable pressurized containers. Refillable propane containers such as those used in residential barbeques are excluded from the definition of refillable propane containers meaning proper management of these propane cylinders will not be paid for by the producers of the cylinders.
- 4.5 Category C products are barometers, thermometers and thermostats that contain mercury and may also contain electronic components.
- 4.6 Category D products are fertilizers.
- 4.7 Producers of Category A and B products are required to establish collection networks that meet prescribed density requirements. The collection networks must typically include return to retail options and collection events. Municipal depots would also help producers meet the collection network requirements. Producers of Category A and B products must promote the locations and hours of collection sites on their websites. These producers must also provide point of sale information to consumers in the form of posters or brochures about the safe handling and disposal of HSP.

4.8 Producers of Category C products are only required to educate consumers to return mercury containing devices to municipal depots or other non-retail collection sites or collection events. Category C producers are not required to establish collection sites.

4.9 Producers of Category D products must educate consumers to use up, share or dispose of unused fertilizers and instruct consumers **not** to deliver unwanted fertilizer to municipal depots. Category D producers are not required to establish collection sites.

5. Impacts to Durham Region

5.1 The Region considers MHSW diversion opportunities for residents crucial for environmental protection and the safe operation of the Durham York Energy Centre and accepts significantly more material for diversion at our depots than is currently covered by stewardship programs in Ontario. Under the proposed HSP regulations, much of the financial responsibility for proper management and disposal of household hazardous products will continue to be a municipal responsibility.

5.2 The proposed HSP regulation requires municipal depots to record personal information from any person that delivers 25 kilograms or more of HSP to the Waste Management Facility (WMF) in a single day. Meeting this requirement would require WMF staff to sort delivered HSP into designated and non-designated material, weigh the designated material and request the required personal data from the resident while the resident waits at the drop-off location. This requirement is highly impractical and will be difficult for the Region to meet.

- a. Typically, WMF scales are located at the entrance and exits only and are intended for weighing vehicles, not consumer containers of material.
- b. It will be time consuming for staff and residents to sort all delivered material at the time of receipt to determine if the 25 kilograms limit is exceeded.
- c. Residents have the right to refuse to provide a name and contact information for WMF records required by the proposed regulation.

5.3 In 2020, the Region collected approximately 65 tonnes of refillable propane cylinders at its WMFs and events. This represents five percent of the Region's total MHSW tonnage. The cost of properly managing these cylinders for recycling is borne by producers under the current stewardship program. Under the proposed

- HSP regulation the full cost of managing refillable propane cylinders will be borne by the Region.
- 5.4 The Region currently accepts all types of fertilizers and pesticides at its WMFs and events. Based on the product definitions for these materials and analysis completed by the current stewardship organization, only 10 – 15 per cent of the material received is considered a designated product. The bulk of pesticides and fertilizers collected (85 – 90 per cent) is a municipal responsibility for disposal. This imbalance will continue and worsen under the proposed HSP regulation as the proposed product definition for pesticides is unchanged and fertilizer will no longer be included as a producer obligation to pay for disposal.
 - 5.5 There is no expansion of designated materials proposed in the new HSP regulation. The Region will continue to pay for proper disposal of household hazardous products delivered to WMFs or events that are not designated under the proposed regulation. Municipal costs are expected to increase under the proposed HSP regulation, rather than decrease, since fewer materials are subject to producer responsibility to pay for proper end of life management.
 - 5.6 Currently, all HSP is sorted based on waste characteristic and placed in drums referred to as lab packs, regardless if it is a designated material or not. This conserves storage space and increases the efficiency of processing drums for shipment. The proposed HSP regulation indicates that producers may require non-designated materials be packaged separately from designated materials. This will result in a significant increase in time and education for staff and will require additional lab pack drum storage space.
 - 5.7 Used lubricating oil is not currently a designated product. However, items such as used oil filters and oil containers are designated products and are normally generated wastes associated with mechanical maintenance and repairs that create lubricating oils. Historically, municipalities have received revenue for collecting and selling used oil for recycling and there has been no financial penalty for collecting this material from consumers. However, recent market changes have resulted in many municipalities incurring a cost for used oil recycling. The Region is subject to the same market forces and could incur a cost for managing used oil in the future.
 - 5.8 The Region will continue to incur promotion and education costs associated with educating and encouraging residents to keep household hazardous materials out of the garbage.

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. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability
- 1.2 Increase waste reduction and resource recovery

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The proposed HSP regulation does not expand the current scope of the MHSW stewardship program operating in Ontario. Instead it removes obligations for two important consumer goods managed by the Region: refillable propane cylinders and fertilizer. The proposed HSP regulation also imposes a record keeping obligation that will be costly and difficult for the Region to meet.
- 7.2 Staff have prepared comments that outline concerns with and suggested improvements for the proposed regulation.
- 7.3 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello. Director Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Regional Municipality of Durham Comments on Proposed Producer Responsibility Regulation for Hazardous and Special Products, ERO #019-2836

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Allison Deng:

**RE: Regional Municipality of Durham Comments on Proposed
Producer Responsibility Regulation for Hazardous and Special
Products, Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) #019-2836**

The Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham Region) borders the City of Toronto to the east and includes large urban and rural areas. Durham Region operates four collection depots for Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW) and a fifth collection depot is operated under contract for the Region. Durham Region also provides four MSHW collection events annually that rotate among the eight local area municipalities located within Durham Region.

Keeping MHSW out of the garbage stream is critical for protecting Ontario's soil and water. Programs for collecting and managing MHSW are also consistent with the provincial interest as stated in the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA). Extended producer responsibility programs for MHSW is the most effective method to "hold persons who are most responsible for the design of products and packaging responsible for the products and packaging at the end of life".

Durham Region considers MHSW diversion opportunities crucial for the safe operation of its energy-from-waste facility, the Durham York Energy Centre, and therefore accepts significantly more material than is currently covered by stewardship programs in Ontario. Durham Region was hopeful that the producer obligation for the capture and safe management of consumer products would be expanded with regulations

under the RRCEA. To accommodate this shortened comment period, this letter has been prepared by Durham Region staff in the hope that the proposed Hazardous and Special Products regulation will result in an expansion and improvement of the current program. Any additional comments on this draft regulation from our Regional Council will be prepared and subsequently submitted.

HSP Collection Sites

Section 13(1)6 of the regulation requires non-retail collection sites that accept more than 25 kilograms of designated material from a person on a single day to record personal information and the weight delivered. This requirement appears to apply only to municipal depots since retail locations are exempt. Municipal depots for MHSW may also accept a variety of other residential waste and can be very busy during peak hours of operation. The requirements of this section would require every delivery of MHSW to be sorted into designated and non-designated material at the time of drop off, and then designated material must be weighed and the required information recorded. The resident must remain at the depot and wait while these steps are completed.

Compliance with this clause will be highly difficult for Durham Region as it will require personnel time and equipment that is not currently available at the depots. Residents have the right to refuse to provide personal information and this may deter residents from delivering MHSW to municipal locations. Durham Region is very concerned about this since the alternative disposal option is, most likely, the garbage. This obligation is overly burdensome and will not improve environmental outcomes for the management of the designated materials. **Section 13(1)6 should specifically exempt municipal MHSW depots from record keeping requirements similar to the municipal exemption in Section 10 of the Tires regulation.**

Designated Material

At its inception, the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste regulation was intended to cover a wide variety of hazardous consumer products in Ontario. Stewardship obligations for these products, that should not be disposed in residential garbage, were intended to remove the financial burden from municipal taxpayers since it is municipalities who provide the majority of diversion options for these materials and are responsible for the proper disposal of residential garbage. It is disappointing that the proposed Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation does not expand the existing MHSW stewardship program and, instead, reduces some of the steward obligations for hazardous or special consumer wastes.

A fifth category of HSP should be defined in the regulation to include all the miscellaneous chemical products that were defined in the original MHSW regulation based on characteristics. Flammable, toxic, corrosive, leachate toxic and reactive products continue to be sold to Ontario consumers and require proper collection and management at end of life. Municipalities currently pay between 30 to 50 per cent of MHSW management costs for non-obligated products. These are household hazardous products that require diversion from garbage and proper management, yet they are not covered under any stewardship program. This approach is not consistent with the provincial interest to hold persons who are most responsible for the design of products and packaging responsible for the products and packaging at the end of life. These materials should be added to the HSP regulation and can be phased in after the regulation effective date, similar to the treatment of lighting in the new Electrical and Electronic Equipment regulation.

The current MSHW stewardship program includes obligations for refillable propane cylinders such as those used for backyard barbeques. While these cylinders are intended to be refilled and reused, a significant number are disposed of annually. Durham Region collects approximately 65 tonnes of refillable propane cylinders annually representing approximately five percent of Durham's total annual HSP tonnage. **The exemption for refillable propane cylinders found in clause 1 of the refillable pressurized container definition should be removed from the proposed HSP regulation.**

Category B products should include used motor or lubricating oil. This type of oil is generated by the same 'Do It Yourself' consumers that also generate used oil filters and empty oil containers from automotive oil changes which are covered by the proposed regulation. Used oil is also generated from home maintenance of small engine equipment. Durham Region collected 260 tonnes of waste oil in 2020 which is not currently covered by Ontario's stewardship program. **Used lubricating oil should be an obligated material under Category B of the HSP regulation.**

The definition of pesticides should be changed to indicate that any material marketed to consumers as a method to control or deter unwanted pests in the home, garden or on their person is a covered product. The proposed definition that relies on pesticides being regulated under the *Pest Control Products Act (Canada)* is too narrow and eliminates producer obligations for a large quantity of pesticide products sold to consumers for home use. Despite not being regulated at the federal level, these products still require diversion from garbage and proper disposal. The definition of covered products should also include those marketed for personal use as insect

repellent because these materials are frequently disposed of at the end of a season without being emptied.

Fertilizers should be defined as any material marketed to consumers for the purpose of encouraging the growth of plants, other than compost. **Fertilizers should also be fully obligated under the regulation as Category B products.** Fertilizer continues to be taken to municipal depots for management as MHSW and Durham Region managed eight tonnes of fertilizer in its MHSW program in 2020. Old fertilizers become less effective and wet fertilizer is no longer usable. There are many reasons consumers dispose of these materials and using it all up is often not an option. Given the potential hazards associated with improper storage and handling of fertilizers, these materials should be properly managed as MHSW when no longer useful to the consumer.

Management Targets

The proposed regulation includes management targets for Category A products that obligate producers to collect a regulated percentage of product sold into Ontario for end of life management. Category B and C products have recycling efficiency requirements but no management or collection targets. Durham Region recognizes the intention that most HSP sold is intended to be fully utilized, leaving only empty containers but the regulation ignores the reality that many partially used products are disposed by consumers. Without regulatory obligations for producers to collect a percentage of material marketed, there is little incentive for producers to partner with municipalities on programs to keep the material out of the garbage stream. **The stewardship programs currently operating for MHSW have collection targets, recycling efficiency targets and recycling targets. These targets should be maintained in the proposed HSP regulation.**

Promotion and Education

The promotion and education obligations for producers of Category A and B products in the draft HSP regulation appear appropriate and comprehensive. The requirement to produce educational material on the proper handling and disposal of HSP for distribution at point of sale is a critical opportunity to reach consumers.

The inclusion of mercury containing devices as covered Category C products is appreciated. However, the promotion and education obligations for Category C products imply that municipalities are obligated to provide collection and proper disposal of these products at municipal depots. **Section 23(1)1 should be revised to include the phrase 'where available' after the phrase 'provided by the municipality' such that it is not implied that municipalities are obligated to provide collection depots for**

mercury containing devices. Return to retail options for these devices should be required since they are often replaced with newly purchased, non-mercury containing devices.

The promotion and education requirements for Category D HSP (fertilizers) in Section 24(1) appear contradictory. Producers must instruct consumers to use up, share or dispose of unused fertilizer in clause 1 but clause 2 requires producers to instruct consumers not to dispose of unwanted fertilizer at municipal depots. There is no producer requirement to provide consumers with disposal options for fertilizers. **Proper disposal of fertilizers should continue to be the financial obligation of the producers with instructions to deliver unwanted fertilizers to the retail location where purchased or to municipal MHSW facilities where available.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Hazardous and Special Products regulation. Durham Region remains committed to working with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and producers of hazardous consumer products to maximize capture of these materials for proper disposal.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner, Works

c. G. Anello, M.Eng., P.Eng., PMP, Director, Waste Management Services, Durham Region

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2021-INFO-28
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

Research Findings on the Economic Burden of Cancer

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the article: [The Economic Burden of Cancer in Canada](#), released by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) on February 8, 2021.

2. Background

2.1 CPAC is a federally funded independent organization that works to accelerate action on cancer control.

2.2 To support the [Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control](#), CPAC is working to better understand the economic burden of cancer.

3. CPAC's Research Findings

3.1 Patients and families impacted by cancer incur direct out-of-pocket costs as a result of their illness. Out-of-pocket expenses include medication, childcare, transportation, parking, medical consultations, and more. These expenses may be higher and/or more difficult to afford for people living in rural and remote areas, children, people living on low income, and those that do not have employer-provided health insurance.

- 3.2 Patients, caregivers, employers and the Canadian economy incur indirect costs due to cancer including loss of income, sick days, the need to replace workers, and reduced productivity.
 - a. The overall productivity losses to the Canadian economy range from \$75 million to \$317 million per year.
 - b. Self-employed cancer patients can face greater losses to their income.
- 3.3 Patients and their families impacted by cancer face psychosocial, or quality of life costs including distress, pain, suffering and other negative experiences.
- 3.4 To mitigate cancer's indirect costs, CPAC advocates for:
 - a. Governments and employers to provide more supports to help enable patients and caregivers to engage in productive activities and enjoy leisure time;
 - b. Economic evaluations to start accounting for the psychosocial costs associated with cancer;
 - c. A consistent approach to measuring psychosocial costs for better decision-making; and
 - d. More support to cancer patients and their families to mitigate the psychosocial costs associated with cancer.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Federal, provincial and local research and data inform Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) chronic disease prevention programs.
- 4.2 DRHD also continues to monitor local cancer rates and screening data to inform programs and services. This information is available on the [Health Neighbourhoods](#) and [Durham Health Stats](#) webpages.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2021-INFO-29
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

Report from the National Advisory Council on Poverty

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on [Building Understanding - The First Report from the National Advisory Council On Poverty](#), released on February 23, 2021.

2. Background

2.1 In 2018, the Government of Canada made a commitment to reduce poverty through [Opportunity for All – Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy](#).

2.2 The National Advisory Council on Poverty (NACP) was created to monitor and report on Canada's progress towards achieving its poverty reduction targets.

2.3 NACP completed its first progress report which was tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2021.

3. Canada's Poverty Reduction Progress

3.1 Canada's poverty reduction strategy aims for a 20 per cent reduction in poverty by 2020 and a 50 per cent reduction by 2030.

3.2 Canada is on track to meet its 2020 poverty reduction target.

- a. Between 2015 and 2018, there was a 24.1 per cent reduction in the number of Canadians living below the poverty line.

- In 2015, the national poverty rate was 14.5 per cent.
- In 2018, the national poverty rate was 11 per cent.

3.3 Despite the reduced poverty rate in the general population, improvements have not been equally distributed among socio-demographic groups.

- a. Poverty rates remained persistently high for unattached males and females.
- b. Female-led-sole-caregiver families continue to be at high risk for falling below the poverty line.

- Note: due to data collection limitations, NACP was unable to assess poverty trends for important groups: territorial residents, LGBTQ2S people, Black and racialized populations, people living in institutions, children and youth in care, persons and children with a disability, homeless people or Indigenous people living on a reserve.

3.4 Aside from the poverty line indicator, other measures of poverty show there are continued and growing national issues, especially among marginalized groups.

- a. Between 2015 and 2018, food insecurity increased, literacy and numeracy rates decreased, unmet housing needs saw a small rise, and the average poverty gap ratio increased.

4. COVID-19 and its Impact on Poverty

4.1 Populations living in or near poverty face disproportionate negative financial and health impacts. The full effects have yet to be realized.

4.2 The closure of in-person supports and services disproportionately impacted marginalized people.

5. Recommendations from NACP

5.1 NACP recommends that the federal government should:

- a. Continue to implement the Poverty Reduction Strategy and its related programs, while focusing additional investments in areas where progress is slow or non-existent (e.g., food security, housing, literacy/numeracy, and the poverty gap).
- b. Take urgent action to reduce poverty among Indigenous people by ensuring Indigenous leaders have resources to support their people in their own way.
- c. Ensure all federal population-based surveys collect information on sex, Indigenous heritage, immigration/refugee status, race/ethnicity, disability, prior or current institutionalization, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- d. Add an equity lens to the development, review and reporting of federal strategies, programs and policies.
- e. Collaborate with provinces and territories to build on lessons learned from the COVID-19 response. This includes:

- Strengthening existing strategies, programs and policies to ensure there is a social safety net available across Canada that aligns with the poverty line threshold; and
- Streamlining benefits to reduce barriers, make them easier to access and be more flexible to address individual needs.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Since poverty is a key social determinant of health, DRHD is monitoring Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Staying updated on the national strategy will ensure DRHD is informed on national poverty trends and any changes to federal-level programming, policies and resources.
- 6.2 DRHD's Health Neighbourhoods initiative provides a picture of how health varies by where residents live. In 2015, seven Priority Neighbourhoods were identified that require focus to build on health and well-being. These Priority Neighbourhoods have the lowest income levels in the region. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the latest release of Health Neighbourhoods has been delayed.
- 6.3 DRHD works to improve health outcomes for those living with low income by modifying programs and services to address the needs of this target population. DRHD also collaborates with Regional and community partners to help improve outcomes for those living with low income.
- 6.4 DRHD's COVID-19 response activities continue to consider the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on residents living with poverty and it recognizes that impacts will be long lasting and are not yet fully understood. Ongoing support for those living with low income will be required in future years.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2021-INFO-30
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

Public Process for the Proposed Amendments to Regional Transit Development Charge By-law No. 81-2017, GO Transit Development Charge By-law No. 86-2001 and Regional Residential and Non-residential Development Charge By-law No. 28-2018

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the public process necessary to amend Regional Transit Development Charge (DC) By-law No. 81-2017, GO Transit DC By-law No. 86-2001 and the Regional Residential and Non-residential DC By-law No. 28-2018. The proposed by-law amendments are necessary to reflect the recent changes to the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) and Regulations.

2. Background

2.1 In 2019, Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, Bill 138, *Plan to Build Ontario Together Act* and Regulation 454/19 resulted in a number of changes to the DCA, effective January 1, 2020.

2.2 Subsequently, the Province passed Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020* on July 21, 2020 which impacted a number of pieces of legislation, including the DCA. Bill 197 received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020 however the provisions of the Bill were not in force, awaiting proclamation. On September 18, 2020, the Province proclaimed the remaining amendments to the DCA through Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020* and Bill 108: *More Homes, More Choice Act*.

2.3 The changes to the DCA has:

- a. Impacted the timing and process for the collection of DCs;
- b. Modified the determination of the DC rates (i.e. freezing of DC rates);
- c. Broadened the exemptions for secondary units;
- d. Modified the list of services that are eligible for DC funding; and
- e. Removed the ten per cent statutory reduction.

2.4 This report provides the public process necessary to amend Regional Transit DC By-law No. 81-2017, GO Transit DC By-law 86-2001 and Regional Residential and Non-residential DC By-law 28-2018.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 Regional Council in November 2019 approved Report #2019-F-41 which provided staff direction to proceed with amending the Region's DC By-laws to reflect changes to the DCA.

3.2 The following information reports in 2019 and 2020 provided updates to Regional Council on the status of the changes to the DCA and Planning Act from Bill 108, Bill 138 and Bill 197:

- a. Report #2019-INFO-51
- b. Report #2020-INFO-6
- c. Report #2020-INFO-38
- d. Report #2020-INFO-73
- e. Report #2020-INFO-111

4. Requirements of DCA, 1997 and Associated Regulations RE: Public Process

Public Process

4.1 The DCA, 1997 and associated regulations require that Regional Council hold at least one public meeting to receive public representation on the proposed amending by-laws and background studies.

4.2 The required public meeting is to be held at the beginning of the Regional Council meeting on May 26, 2021 in the Regional Council Chambers. In addition, the Regional Council Meeting scheduled for June 23, 2021 will consider the final amending by-laws.

Notice of Public Meeting

4.3 Regional Council is required to give at least 20 days notice of a public meeting. Therefore, the Regional Clerk will by May 5, 2021, advertise a notice in newspapers of sufficient general circulation in Durham Region and on the Regional web-site, the date, time, location and purpose of the Statutory Public Meeting and the date and contact for the release of the proposed amending by-laws and background studies.

Release of Proposed Amending By-laws and Background Studies

- 4.4 Further, the DCA and associated regulations require that the proposed amending by-laws and background studies be made available to the public at least two weeks prior to the public meeting and 60 days prior to the passing of the amending DC By-laws. Accordingly, the proposed amending by-laws and Background Studies will be available on the Regional website and from the Regional Clerk's office at no charge upon request as of April 24, 2021.

Public Input

- 4.5 The statutory public meeting of Council will be on May 26, 2021. Normally, the public meeting permits public representations related to the proposed by-law from any person who attends the meeting, as required under the DCA and associated regulations. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Provincial Emergency Order prohibiting any public gatherings, the Region of Durham will not be allowing the public into the Council Chambers. Members of the public can speak via teleconference during the meeting. Interested parties can also submit written correspondence via email directly to the Regional Clerk or can mail comments to the Regional Clerk.
- 4.6 The public submissions, both resulting from the public meeting and all other comments received in writing by May 28, 2021 will be considered by staff in preparing the final amending by-laws, which will be presented to Regional Council on June 23, 2021.
- 4.7 Staff will contact the local development industry, the local business community and the area municipalities prior to the Public Meeting to offer virtual meetings to discuss the proposed development charge by-law amendments.

5. Time Frame for Regional Development Charge Amendment Review

- 5.1 Figure 1 provides the timing of the necessary actions to amend DC By-law No. 28-2018, No. 86-2001 and No. 81-2017:

Figure 1
Schedule of Dates for the Region of Durham
DC By-law Amendment Process

1.	Background studies and proposed by-laws available to the public on the Region's website (60 days prior to passing of amending DC By-laws)	April 24, 2021
2.	Public Meeting Notice placed in newspapers (20 days prior to Public Meetings)	By May 5, 2021
3.	Public Meetings of Council	May 26, 2021

4.	Final Date for Public Comment	May 28, 2021 5:00 pm
5.	Finance and Administration Committee Consideration of Final Amending DC By-laws	June 8, 2021
5.	Regional Council Consideration of Final Amending DC By-laws	June 23, 2021
6.	Implementation of DC By-law Amendments	July 1, 2021
7.	Newspaper and other notice given of by-law passage	By 20 days after passage of by-law
8.	Last day for by-law appeal	40 days after passage of by-law
9.	Region makes available pamphlet (where by-law not appealed)	By 60 days after in-force date

6. Other Ongoing Development Charge Work

6.1 Throughout 2021, Regional staff will also be working on amendments to the Seaton Water Supply & Sanitary Sewer Area Specific DC By-law #38-2019, continue to work on a new DC By-law for waste diversion services and will explore the opportunities for new DC services that are now permitted under the DCA, including:

- a. Childcare and early years programs;
- b. Services related to proceedings under the Provincial Offences Act; and
- c. Services related to emergency preparedness.

6.2 The following table provides a high level timeline for this future DC work:

	Task	Waste Diversion DC By-law / Amendment to Seaton ASDC By-law ⁽¹⁾
1.	Background Development Charge Review	June 2020 – October 2021
2.	Consultation with development industry, chambers of commerce and area municipalities	May / June 2021
3.	Public Meeting Notice placed in newspapers (20 days ahead of Public meeting)	By October 6, 2021
4.	Release of Background studies and proposed by-law (60 days prior to passing of DC By-Law and 14 days prior to Public Meeting)	October 12, 2021
5.	Public Meeting of Council	October 27, 2021
6.	Input from public, local development industry and area municipalities	October - November, 2021

7.	Final Date for Public Comment	November 30, 2021
8.	Finance and Administration Committee Review of final By-law	December 14, 2021
9.	Regional Council Consideration of Final By-law	December 22, 2021
10.	Implementation of New DC By-law / Amending By-law	January 1, 2022

Note: This will include work to investigate potential new DC services such as emergency preparedness.

6.3 The Regional Transit DC By-law No. 81-2017 expires on January 1, 2023 and the Regional Residential and Non-residential DC By-law No. 28-2018 expires on July 1, 2023. Work to renew these by-laws will commence towards the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022. Staff will report back with a more detailed plan in the fall of 2021.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Enhanced funding for paramedic services, social services and affordable housing, supporting Goal 4 (Social Investment).

8. Conclusion

8.1 This report provides Council with an overview of the necessary tasks to undertake the public process for the proposed amendments to Regional Transit DC By-law No. 81-2017, GO Transit DC By-law 86-2001 and Regional Residential and Non-residential DC By-law 28-2018 to reflect the recent changes to the DCA.

8.2 This report has been prepared with assistance of the Regional Clerk, Works, Legal and the Planning and Economic Development Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2021-INFO-31
Date: March 12, 2021

Subject:

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides background information on the “Visitor Enhancements to Durham Forest” project that was submitted by the Region of Durham for funding under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, at a total eligible project cost of \$125,130.

2. Background

2.1 On February 9, 2021, the Federal Government, in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Urban Institute, launched the first intake window of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. The initiative provides up to \$31 million, over the next two years, to support community-led projects that respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19.

2.2 Funding under this program is application based and is not guaranteed. The Region’s application will flow through our Community Foundations of Canada local member organization, Durham Community Foundation, which has been allocated approximately \$2.1 million for the communities within its jurisdiction (Toronto, York, and Durham).

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Projects selected for consideration under this funding stream were considered in consultation with the Regional Recovery Framework and Action Plan (Report #2020-COW-22) and the Durham Region Strategic Plan (Report #2020-COW-21).

4. Canada Healthy Communities Initiative - Program Parameters

- 4.1 The goal of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative is to support projects that help communities adapt to COVID-19 under three main themes: creating safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options, and digital solutions. Further details are provided in Attachment #1.
- 4.2 Municipalities and local or regional governments are eligible for funding under this program, as are municipally owned organizations (e.g. economic development and tourism agencies), indigenous governing bodies, provincial or territorial organizations delivering municipal services, and federally or provincially incorporated not for profits.
- 4.3 The minimum funding amount for projects is \$5,000 and the maximum funding amount is \$250,000 for each project. In order to be eligible for funding, all budget items must be incurred during the funding period of April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022.
- 4.4 The initiative includes two rounds of funding and organizations are limited to one application per round. The first application round ran from February 9 – March 9, 2021, with the application review process beginning on March 10. All applicants will receive results by April 30, 2021. The second application round runs from May 14 – June 25, 2021, with results received by August 13, 2021.

5. Project Prioritization Process

- 5.1 A multidisciplinary staff working group, including representation from Finance, Works, Health, Social Services, Durham Region Transit, Corporate Services-Information Technology, and the CAO's Office worked collaboratively to generate a list of viable capital projects supporting both the funding program and the Region's strategic objectives.
- 5.2 Through correspondence with program administrators, it was confirmed that project submissions can include various components that achieve the same ultimate objective. Therefore, it was recommended that visitor enhancements to Durham Forest, including the installation of compostable toilets and Starlink Public WiFi, proceed as the project submission for the Region of Durham during the first round of applications. The project has a total estimated eligible project cost of \$125,130.

Durham Forest Compostable Toilets	\$100,000
Durham Forest Public WiFi	<u>\$ 25,130</u>
Total	<u>\$125,130</u>

- 5.3 In the event the application is not successful, the Region will reapply during the second intake window. In the event the Region is successful and is able to submit another application during the second intake window, the working group will reconvene to select another project for submission.

6. Recommended Project: Visitor Enhancements to Durham Forest

Compostable Toilet Installation

- 6.1 Currently there are no washroom facilities present in Durham Forest as the previous portable toilet units were removed during the onset of the pandemic. The proposed compostable toilets (one two-stall unit) are waterless and odorless facilities with storage tanks below that use bacteria to create compost that can be used to enrich soil. This system requires minimal maintenance and doesn't require connections to municipal water/sewer systems.
- 6.2 The toilets will be installed at the main forest tract located on Concession Road 7 south of Regional Road 21 in the Township of Uxbridge. The toilets will be located at a trail head which has no access to electrical, sanitary sewerage or water supply services.
- 6.3 The installation of washrooms is a significant need for the community as it will allow a greater number of people to enjoy the forest. Fully accessible washroom facilities are also essential for hosting outdoor community events within the forest. The operational target is late spring/early summer 2021 when an increase in forest visitors is expected.

Free Public WiFi Installation

- 6.4 The free public WiFi is expected to utilize the Starlink internet service provider. The company has expressed interest in providing internet service to rural and underserved areas in Canada and the United States. Starlink is expected to be available in the Durham Forest region by mid to late 2021.
- 6.5 The project involves the installation of 10 satellite WiFi locations strategically placed at various locations across the forest. Staff will determine the locations based on areas that provide the best coverage to visitors while ensuring network safety measures are in place. Hardware installation and testing will be completed by an external contractor.
- 6.6 Assuming a mid-2021 launch date for the Starlink service in the Durham Forest area, it is estimated that all work could be completed, with WiFi fully operational, by the end of 2021, or within a 6-month time frame.

7. Project Risks

- 7.1 The risk of project completion by the required deadline is minimal as costs can be incurred over a two-year period (April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022). However, the risk to the public WiFi component is the availability of the Starlink service. If the launch date is delayed to the end of 2021, the Region will have six months to complete the project before the deadline. Any further delays could result in some costs being incurred after the June 30, 2022 deadline. The Region would be responsible for any costs incurred after this deadline.
- 7.2 Although projects are eligible for funding of up to \$250,000, there is a risk that projects will not receive the entire funding amount for which they applied. The Region will be required to fund any costs not covered by the grant, should the project proceed under those circumstances.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The total project costs, including certain staffing and operating costs associated with the WiFi installation, have been included in the Region's funding application.
- 8.2 The compostable toilets will require ongoing operating costs associated with cleaning and maintenance. These costs are expected to be minimal and will vary depending on the use of the facility. The costs will be determined in conjunction with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority who manage the Durham Forest on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Durham.
- 8.3 The operating costs for the 10 WiFi satellite locations are estimated at \$129 per unit per month, for a total cost of \$1,290 per month. The operating costs up to the project completion deadline of June 30, 2022 have been included in the funding application. Operating costs beyond this date will be included in future budgets.
- 8.4 All project procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Region's Purchasing By-Law.

9. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 9.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Environmental Sustainability - To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change;
 - b. Community Vitality - To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being;
 - c. Economic Prosperity - To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation and partnership;

- d. Social Investment - To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individual is left behind; and,
- e. Service Excellence - To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery

10. Conclusion

- 10.1 The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative is a Federal Government program providing up to \$31 million, over the next two years, to support community-led projects that respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19. The Region of Durham has submitted a \$125,130 funding application for the “Visitor Enhancements to Durham Forest” project during the first round of applications. In the event that the Regional submission is unsuccessful, the project will be resubmitted during the second round.
- 10.2 This report was prepared with the assistance of the Regional Works – Facilities and Corporate Services - Information Technology divisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By _____

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

ATTACHMENT 1: PROJECT CATEGORIES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Project Categories**

Category	Description
Safe and vibrant public spaces	Community projects that create and adapt public spaces, or programming and services for public spaces that improve open spaces, parks, commercial main streets, and access to other amenities. Community projects that adapt public spaces to meet public health guidance.
Improved mobility options	Community projects that deliver a range of transportation and mobility options or adaptations that permit physical distancing through solutions that increase safe social connectivity, walkability, bike-ability and access to public transit. Community projects that improve pedestrian and cyclist safety through roadway, sidewalk or crosswalk improvements and adaptations.
Digital solutions	Community projects that provide digital solutions that use data and technology in innovative ways to connect people and support healthy communities. Community projects that use digital technologies and solutions to encourage citizen engagement, use open data, online platforms or physical digital devices for public benefit.

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Evaluation Criteria

Requirement	Description
Project Rationale	The degree to which the project clearly creates safe and vibrant spaces, improves mobility options or provides digital solutions for communities experiencing the impacts of COVID-19.
Community Engagement	The degree to which the project clearly engages diverse communities in design, implementation and use, and strengthens community resilience; including communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19.
Outcomes	The degree to which the project clearly demonstrates short-term, immediate benefit and potential long-term impact, viability and sustainability.
Project Implementation and Readiness	The degree to which the project clearly has a responsible work plan, project team, timelines, and budget, and considers permits and approvals that may affect successful implementation.

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EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2021-P-**
Date: May 4, 2021

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by 1725596 Ontario Limited to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2021-001.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2021-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On February 16, 2021, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of 1725596 Ontario Limited, submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Municipality of Clarington.

- 1.2 A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in the “Clarington This Week” newspaper. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The subject site is located on the north side of Station Street and east of Highway 35/115. The parcel is municipally known as 40 Station Street, Part of Lot 27, Concession 5 in the former Township of Clarke. It is located east of the Orono Urban Area.
- 2.2 The applicant is a private farm corporation which owns a total of 16 farm properties that encompass over 451 ha (1,115 acres) primarily composed of apple orchards. The subject site was acquired in October 2016.
- 2.3 The agricultural parcel is irregular in shape and contains an existing dwelling and five agricultural buildings. A wooded valleyland associated with the Orono Creek is located on the south-eastern portion of the parcel, and there is a pond with a watercourse located on the northern portion of the parcel.
- 2.4 Surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject site, include:
- a. North – woodland, agricultural lands, Orono Urban Area (deferred);
 - b. East – agricultural lands;
 - c. South – Station Street, rural residential uses; and
 - d. West – Highway 35/115, Orono Urban Area.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of a 0.62 ha (1.54 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 35.8 ha (88.47 acre) agricultural parcel. The retained agricultural parcel will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the ROP. The report also concludes the proposed severance will comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 A Farm Holdings Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Service Ltd., indicates that 1725596 Ontario Limited owns a total of 16 farms in the Municipality of Clarington (refer to Attachment 2). There are five houses, two of which are occupied by farm employees, and three are occupied by persons not related to the farm. The residence on the subject site is currently rented and is not required for the farm operation.
- 3.3 The Site Screening Questionnaire completed by GHD indicated that there are no significant environmental site contamination concerns on the subject property.

4. Provincial Plans and Policies

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan. A small portion of the property, associated with the Orono Creek Valley, includes the “Natural Heritage System” overlay. The Provincial Policy Statement as well as the Greenbelt Plan may permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consultation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context

- 5.1 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” and “Major Open Space Areas” in the ROP. There are also Key Natural Heritage/Key Hydrologic Features identified on the subject site. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 5.2 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
- a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
 - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farming operations;
 - c. For sites within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004; and
 - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances or the establishment of any residential dwelling.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Municipality of Clarington; the

Regional Health Department; Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

7. Public Consultation

7.1 Anyone who attends the public meeting may present an oral submission and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.

7.2 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:

- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Local Area Planning Tribunal (LPAT) (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
- b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

7.3 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Headquarters
600 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON, L1N 6A3

8. Future Regional Council Decision

8.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider the proposed ROP Amendment at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.

8.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

9. Previous Reports and Decisions

9.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Economic Prosperity, Goal 3.5 provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

11. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

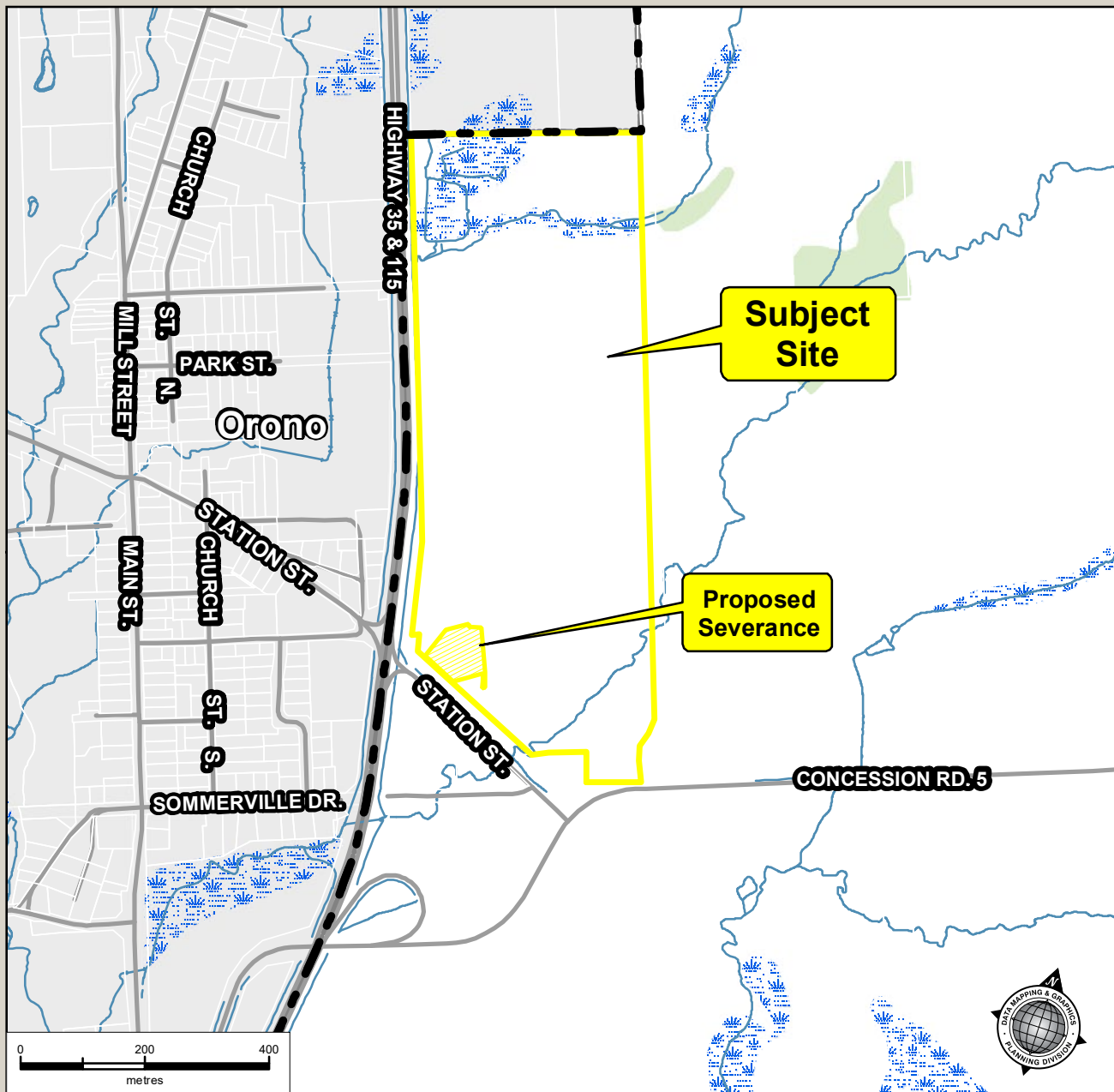
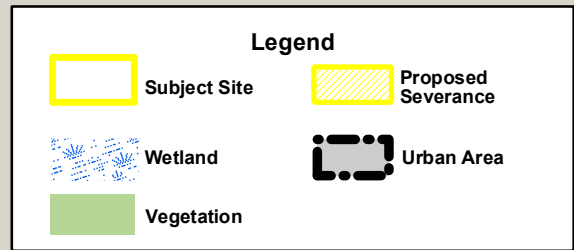
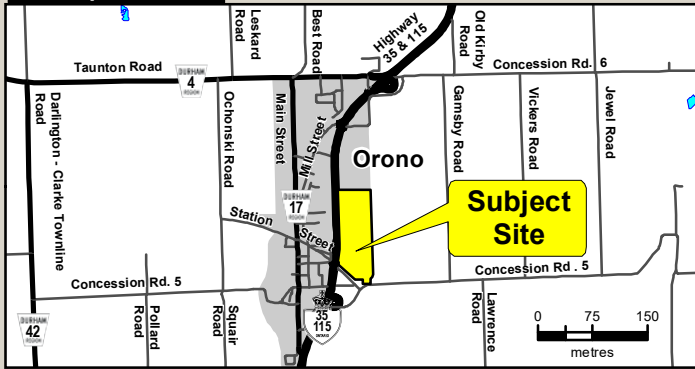
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Municipal Context

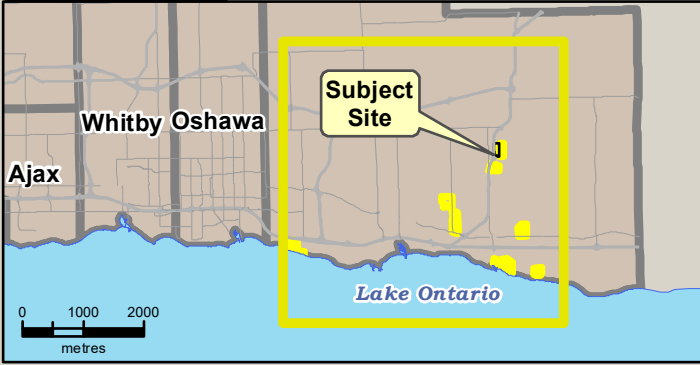


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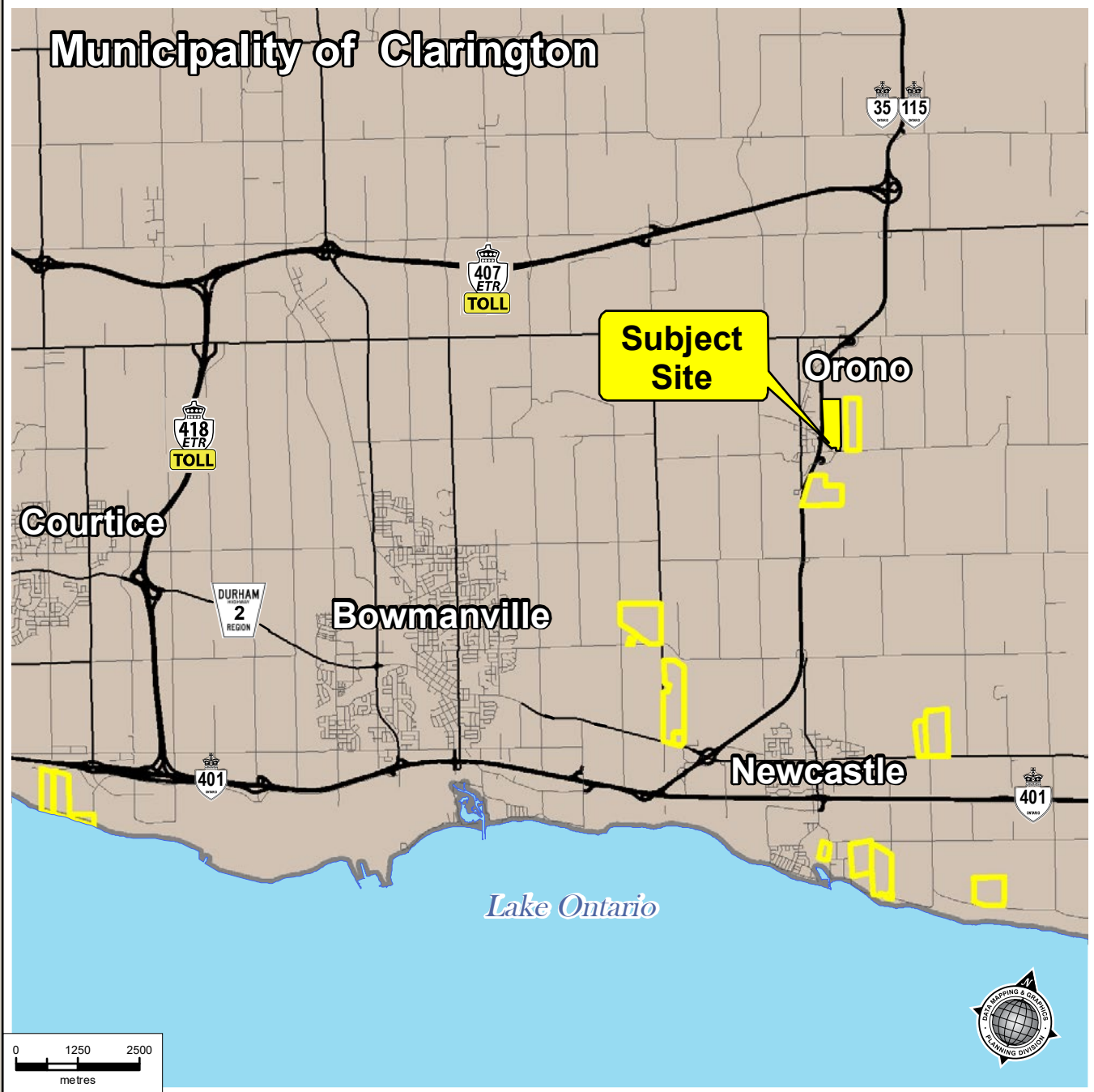
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Municipality of Clarington



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February 25, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Ontario Fire College, Gravenhurst

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	March 08, 2021 9:16 am
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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 24-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centres to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and,

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: The Firefighter certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Brock requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Fire Marshal; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK




Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

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cc. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705 432 2355.

3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK




Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

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- cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario –
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The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock -
laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org
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The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs –
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food - Marie-
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February 25, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Request for an Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementation of a Plan to Phase-Out-Gas-Fired Electricity Generation

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock adopted Resolution Number 11-3 at their meeting held on February 1, 2021, in support of the following:

That the correspondence from Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton, Regarding Request for Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementation of a Plan to Phase-Out-Gas-Fired Electricity Generation, be received for information;

That the City of Hamilton be advised of the Township of Brock's position on the matter as follows;

Whereas the Township of Brock strives to sustain our environment for future generations and to foster a healthy community that nurtures the wellbeing of residents to provide a high quality of life indefinitely;

Whereas the Township of Brock recognizes governments have an important role in reducing the local and global environmental damages associated with the production, transportation and use of energy;

Whereas the Township of Brock is taking action to mitigate climate change through energy conservation and demand management planning and the development of a Corporate Climate Action Plan;

Whereas the Township of Brock has collaborated on the development of the Durham Community Energy Plan, which promotes the transition to low carbon energy to ensure the wellbeing of our community and environment;

Whereas the Township of Brock recognizes the need for energy expenses to be minimized to alleviate the financial burden on residents, businesses and the municipality;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Brock respectfully requests the Government of Ontario take the following actions to reduce GHG emissions in the energy sector while promoting local economic development:

- Prioritize the incorporation of carbon-free energy sources into the Ontario power grid including wind, solar and nuclear;
- Invest in local renewable energy production, transmission and storage, to reduce GHG emissions and household energy expenses and create high quality new jobs in manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and recycling;
- Introduce programs to incentivize energy retrofits for all buildings, as the single most effective way to reduce energy demand, while encouraging local economic development and jobs in the building sector;
- Introduce programs and incentives to encourage the use of electric vehicles by the public, businesses and municipalities to offset GHG emissions from the transportation sector;

That this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs; The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham), David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South);

That this resolution be sent to the Region of Durham and Durham Area municipalities; and That this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for circulation to municipalities with a request for endorsement.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh


cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks -
minister.mecp@ontario.ca
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Jamie Schmale, MP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

The Honourable Greg Rickford, M.P.P., Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, Minister of Indigenous Affairs - greg.rickford@pc.ola.org
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June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington – clerks@clarington.net
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February 26, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only: ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org

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Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 10, 2021 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council meeting.

*Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meadows
Seconded by: Councilor Hall-Chancey*

Resolved, THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further,

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Ernie Hardeman), Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Alice Byl

Alice Byl
Deputy Clerk
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio





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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick



**Background Information to the Township of Howick
Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the
Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act**

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) “The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



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- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5).”

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.


While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
 - [CFFO](#)
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
drainage@howick.ca



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March 9, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 22, 2021 Limerick Township Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Ingo Weise
Seconded By: Councillor Jan MacKillican
Resolution No. 036-2021

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed and
 Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and
 Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and
 Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and
 Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and
 Whereas, the Township of Limerick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;
 Now therefor, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidize and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Victoria Tisdale – Clerk-Treasurer

Victoria Tisdale, Clerk Treasurer

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Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann-Marie Norio".

Ann-Marie Norio


Regional Clerk

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March 2, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Capacity Limits for Restaurants in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised Council is striving to support their local businesses during this pandemic however, the uncertainty they face day to day as rules change have become overwhelming and onerous to these small businesses and something needs to change. With that said, Council at their last regular meeting on March 2, 2021 had a wholesome discussion regarding the challenges our businesses are facing. The following resolution is a result of those discussions:

"Resolution #8(b)/03/02/21

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed O. Reg. 263/20, Rules for Areas in Stage 2 under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 2, Subsection 1(7) states that the total number of patrons permitted to be seated indoors in the establishment must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment, and in any event cannot exceed 10 patrons;

AND WHEREAS restaurants throughout the Province are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the amount of patrons being turned away is impacting the overall experience of the restaurants;

AND WHEREAS many restaurants fluctuate in size and would be able to accommodate more than 10 patrons, while maintaining a physical

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distance of at least two metres from every other person in the establishment;

AND WHEREAS the inequity of establishing a capacity limit of no more than 10 patrons for larger restaurants continues to impact the financial viability of the restaurants during this difficult time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that the Provincial Government review and reconsider the capacity limits for restaurants across the Province be based on the size of the square footage of the seating area instead of a flat occupancy.

AND FURTHER THAT the concept of introducing capacity limits for other businesses listed in Schedule 2 of O.Reg 263/20 being impacted by the constant uncertainty of their operations during this pandemic including restaurants, personal care services, resorts, camps, fitness and recreational amenities, churches, etc. be considered while in lockdown status.

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Premier, Doug Ford, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and all Ontario municipalities.”

Council appreciates and thanks you for all your hard work and dedication during these unprecedented times and is hopeful that the above-noted resolution will assist in amending the restrictions set out in the COVID-19 Response Framework.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

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February 23, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to advise that Norfolk County Council supports the attached Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board's letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes. Please find attached the full recommendation.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

Kristal Chopp
Mayor, Norfolk County

P.c. Norfolk County Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities

Dec 7, 2020

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Bibeau

Our agricultural advisory board (AAB) who represents the agricultural sector in Norfolk County, Ontario is very concerned about the federal government's current carbon pricing policies. It is our hope that you consider our concerns and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Carbon tax remains as a major cost of production for producers in Norfolk County. Although some farm fuel purchases are exempt, it is selective and does not meet the needs of the entire agriculture industry. Currently crop drying, heating/cooling of livestock barns and cooling of perishable commodities are still subject to full carbon taxes.

Currently there are no replacements for fossil fuels in agricultural production. As a result, carbon tax policies are not appropriate for the agricultural sector and only decrease farm margins.

Norfolk County which is known as Ontario's garden is home to one of the country's largest diversity of crop production. In addition to the extensive vegetable, fruit and grain production it boasts some of the highest ecological diverse natural habitats, plants and animals in Canada. There is approximately 25% tree cover in the county which is the highest percentage of forested land in Southwestern Ontario. Norfolk County It is also home to over 10,000 acres of woodlots and wetlands protected under Long Point Conservation Authority. In addition to the natural woodlots and wetlands there is also extensive fruit production with 2000 acres of apples and 1000 acres of sour cherries. A mature orchard can fix upwards of 18 mt of CO₂ annually.

The adoption of production practices to protect the soil and environment are advanced in Norfolk County. There has been a wide implementation of cover cropping, planting green and reduced tillage practices all of which sequester carbon. Additional farming practices of 4R nutrient management coupled with precision technology ensure that appropriate nutrients are applied at the right time, place and rate. In many cases sensitive water sources around ponds and wetlands are planted with buffer strips and soil erosion control measures of grassed waterways and windbreaks are also common practices. ALUS (alternative land use) programs have been embraced across the county, taking unproductive land out of production, and returning it to natural native grass plantings, trees and constructed wetlands. Currently there are 1148 active projects with 189 producers covering 1573 acres in Norfolk County managed under the ALUS program.


The agriculture industry has made great strides to protect the environment and will continue to improve production practices that reduces the carbon footprint in food production.

The AAB board believes that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax. This should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel. We strongly urge the government to be consistent with a sector wide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

Sincerely,

Dustin Zamecnik
Chair of Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board



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The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge

March 9, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request the Province of Ontario to Reverse Decision to Close Ontario Fire College

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 21-GC-057, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to reverse the decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College (OFC) has been in existence since 1949;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018;

AND WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked 0. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the OFC as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.”

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In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA
City Clerk's Department**

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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford,


Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

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- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



ANNUAL REPORT - 2020

**ADR CHAMBERS OMBUDS OFFICE
OMBUDSMAN FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF
DURHAM**

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MESSAGE FROM THE OMBUDSMAN

I am pleased to provide our first Annual Report for the Regional Municipality of Durham. My name is Britt Warlop. I am a lawyer and serve as the Ombudsman with the ADR Chambers Ombuds Office, which has been providing Ombuds Services for over 12 years. I am proud to use my professional skills to serve a public good, helping citizens who believe they have been wronged.

ADR Chambers has been providing Ombudsman Services for the Municipality for approximately four years and provides Ombudsman Services to additional 1.6 million citizens. ADR Chambers is an organization that provides dispute resolution services to citizens across Canada and internationally, also including Integrity Commissioner Services for the City of Brantford, the Town of Fort Erie, the Town of Georgina, the Town of Grimsby, Haldimand County, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the City of Kitchener, the Municipality of Leamington, the City of Markham, the City of Niagara Falls, the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Township of North Dumfries, the Town of Pelham, the City of Port Colborne, the City of Timmins, the Township of Wainfleet, the City of Waterloo, and the Township of Woolwich. Our core business is providing ADR services (mediation, arbitration, investigation) and administering large-scale ADR programs, for both the private and public sectors.

We are extremely proud of the level of professionalism and quality customer service that our team of investigators exercised in 2020. I would like to thank them for all of their work and their commitment to ADR Chambers' values of impartiality, independence and fairness as well as their dedication to providing accountable and fair outcomes.

At ADR Chambers, we believe that every person we serve should feel they've dealt with a fair and balanced process. This is why in 2021 we are committed to continuing the quality of our service, making it more accessible to those we serve and finding ways to better accommodate the needs of particularly vulnerable communities. We look forward to the coming year and will continue to work towards our goal of providing the highest quality service to Canadian citizens through innovation, professionalism and responsiveness.

Britt Warlop

Ombudsman
ADR CHAMBERS OMBUDS OFFICE

ADR CHAMBERS OMBUDS OFFICE TEAM

ADR Chambers Ombuds Office is headed by the Ombudsman, Britt Warlop. Britt is a lawyer who has been called to the Ontario bar and has experience in investigations and employment law. ADR Chambers Ombuds Office is also served by the Deputy Ombudsman, Peter Maniatakis who is a lawyer with extensive drafting and investigations experience. Two Bilingual Intake Coordinators support the office, Diane Menanteau and Susan Felver.

Additionally, ADR Chambers Ombuds Office has a roster of experienced investigators, who also have experience in law, dispute resolution, and complaint handling.

ADR Chambers Ombuds Office and its staff act in compliance with accessibility, privacy legislation, obligations of confidentiality, and applicable codes of conduct.



WHAT WE DO

ADR Chambers Ombuds Office reviews complaints brought by members of the public about the Municipality of Durham. We work with the Municipality of Durham to investigate and resolve complaints as part of the local complaint mechanisms. ADR Chambers Ombuds Office prides itself on its ability to ensure that citizens receive thorough and timely assistance with local issues in the community of Durham.

If a complainant is dissatisfied with the provision of services, a decision or recommendation made by the Municipality in the administration of municipal services, and the complainant has gone through the Municipality's internal complaint system and is not satisfied with the outcome, they may escalate their complaint to the ADR Chambers Ombuds Office. People may contact our office by phone, online and through the mail.

We investigate complaints with a view to resolving them either by agreement among the parties, or by issuing a report with analysis and conclusions, including any recommendations.

ADR Chambers Ombuds Office ensures all investigations are conducted in a fair, neutral, independent and confidential manner while respecting the rights and time constraints of the individuals involved.

⇒ Types of Complaints

The types of complaints that may be submitted by complainants are varied, including complaints about the denial of services or the failure to provide a proper quality of service; complaints that the Municipality has made a decision that is not within their legal power to make; complaints that the Municipality has not followed the appropriate procedures in reaching a decision; and complaints that the Municipality has failed to take a certain action that it is required to take under its rules, procedures or by-laws.

⇒ Process

Upon receiving a complaint, ADR Chambers Ombuds Office first considers whether it has the jurisdiction to investigate the complaint.

Situations where ADR Chambers Ombuds Office Will Not Investigate

There are certain matters that are not within our mandate to investigate. These include:

- Matters that are not within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Durham
- Complaints regarding the conduct of Municipality Councillors and closed meetings of Municipality Council
- Complaints regarding any decision, recommendation, act or omission of any person acting as a legal adviser to the Municipality or acting as counsel to them in relation to any proceedings
- Matters for which there is a right of appeal, under an Act, to a court or tribunal, unless this right has been exercised or the time to exercise this right has expired.

We also cannot investigate where a complainant has not exhausted the Municipality's internal complaint procedures or where more than 12 months have elapsed from the completion of the

Municipality's complaint process, unless the Complainant can establish that there were exceptional circumstances justifying the delay.

There are other circumstances where we may decide not to investigate, such as cases where the subject matter of the complaint is trivial or the complaint is frivolous or vexatious, or where we believe that having regard to all of the circumstances of the case, no further investigation is necessary.

If ADR Chambers Ombuds Office does not investigate a complaint for one of the above reasons, the complainant will be notified of this decision in writing and reasons will be provided. Whenever possible, referral information will also be provided.

Complaints Within ADR Chambers Ombuds Office's Mandate

In cases where ADR Chambers Ombuds Office decides that it has the mandate to investigate, the Complainant and the Municipality are informed of the decision and the file is assigned to an investigator.

The investigator reviews the file and first considers whether a mediated resolution might be possible. Where possible, the investigator will seek to mediate a resolution. Where no resolution is possible, the investigator will proceed to gather information and ultimately draft a report containing a description of the complaint, the Ombudsman's findings, and a conclusion and recommendation.

In certain instances, such as cases where the Ombudsman concludes that the Municipality has acted appropriately, the report will indicate that the Ombudsman does not recommend that the Municipality take any action.

In other cases, the Ombudsman will recommend that the Municipality take certain action(s) to remedy a situation. Recommendations seek to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the complaint, however, all recommendations are non-binding.

Draft reports are submitted to the Ombudsman, who reviews the reports, along with another senior staff member. The reports are then circulated to both the Complainant and the Municipality, who are invited to provide comments. The Ombudsman and the investigator consider the comments and make any necessary changes to the report. The final report is then provided to both parties.

2020 COMPLAINTS

ADR Chambers Ombuds Office received 12 contacts about the Regional Municipality of Durham. Contacts are instances when complainants contact ADR Chambers Ombuds Office, either by phone or through correspondence, expressing a possible interest in filing a Complaint and seeking information regarding the process. Complaints are not open until we have a completed and signed Complaint Submission Form.

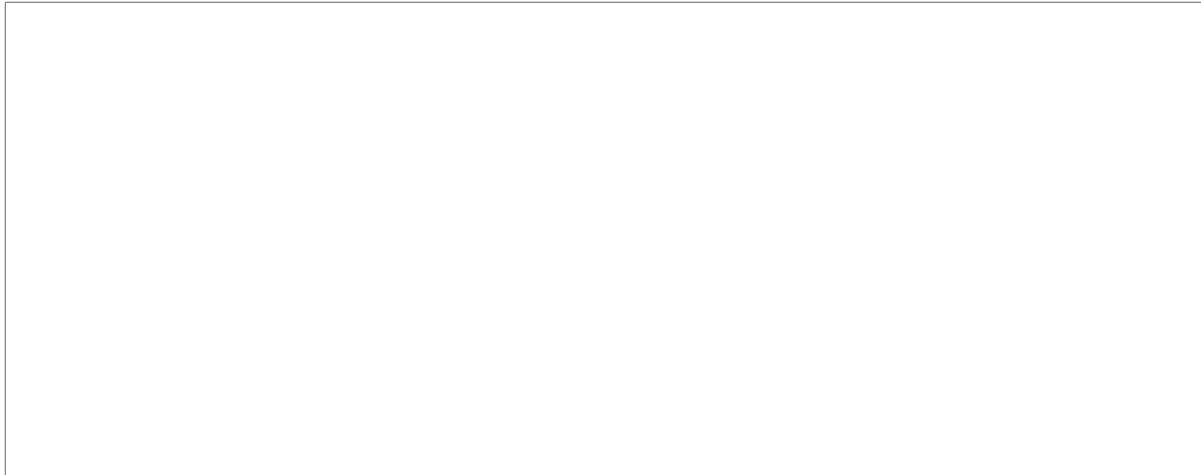
Of the 12 contacts regarding the Municipality, 3 complainants have been advised that we require a Complaint Submission Form to be completed and submitted in order to proceed with their complaints, however, they have yet to submit the completed forms. Complaint Submission Forms are necessary in order to determine whether the complaint is within our mandate and to ensure that all parties are aware of and are prepared to abide by the confidentiality requirement. These complainants were also advised that complainants are first required to bring their complaint to the Municipality before escalating them to the ADR Chambers Ombuds Office, and if they had not already taken this step, they should do so. One complainant was referred elsewhere. One complainant did not wish to proceed with a complaint.

Out of the 12 contacts, 7 resulted in a Complaint file being opened. Six of these complaints were deemed to be outside our mandate and an Initial View letter was issued. Two complaints were deemed outside our mandate on the basis that the complainants had not availed themselves of other adequate under the law or existing administrative practices. One complaint was deemed to be outside our mandate because the subject matter of the complaint was about a courthouse under provincial jurisdiction. Three complaints were outside our mandate on the basis that no further investigation was necessary based on the circumstances.

There was one active investigation as of the end of 2020.

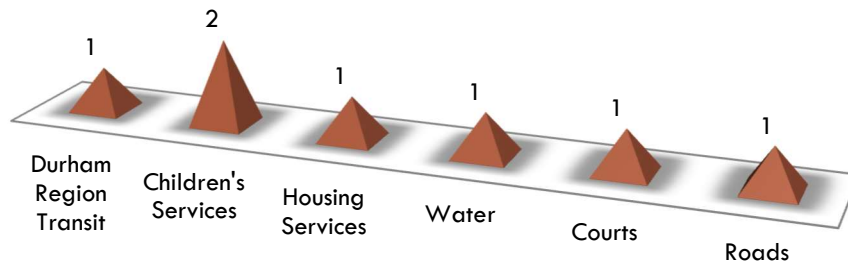
STATISTICS

Out of the 12 complaints made to our office, 3 potential Complaints are pending the return of our intake documents, 6 were outside our mandate, 1 was abandoned, 1 complaint was referred elsewhere, and 1 complaint was opened and assigned to investigation.



Subject Matter of Complaints Received in 2020

■ Number of Complaints



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ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION

This Fire Marshal’s Communiqué is issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

This Communiqué provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes, including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Learning Contracts.

A fire department’s training program should be designed to meet its set level of fire protection service, based on its needs and circumstances, and guided by the advice of the fire chief. A training program can include a combination of different OFC training modes as well as local in-house training.

While the decommissioning of the OFC campus in Gravenhurst is set for March 31, 2021, staff will continue to play a leading role in developing training courses. This will include curriculum design and development, registration services, online training development and maintenance, training development to build capacity in RTCs, and monitoring performance and quality assurance of programs at the local level.

As part of this plan, OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries within their region. Instructors will work collaboratively to ensure the availability of training across Ontario.

Available options for OFC training are outlined below:

1. Online and Blended Courses
2. Learning Contracts
3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

Inquiries on any of the options available, or how to contact the instructor assigned to your region can be directed to Guy Degagne, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, Training and Certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Online and Blended Courses

Online courses are generally self-paced, which allows for greater flexibility in completing coursework.

Blended courses have a portion of the course online, combined with specific in-person training sessions. The purpose of blended learning is to focus in-person training to elements that cannot be taught online. Blended courses are offered through RTCs or Learning Contracts.

The following courses are available in either an online and/or blended format:

Course	Online	Blended
Legislation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – PIO	X	
NFPA 1035 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Level 2		X
Fire Code – Part 2	X	
Fire Code – Part 6	X	
Fire Code – Part 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Level 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Ice/Water Rescue		X
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator		X

The remaining National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) courses are scheduled to be upgraded to online and/or blended by the 2022-23 OFC calendar year. These include:

Course	Online	Blended
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
Fire Code – Part 3	X	
Fire Code – Part 4	X	
Fire Code – Part 5	X	
Courtroom Procedures	X	X
NFPA 1072 Haz Mat Operations		X

2. Learning Contracts

Learning contracts provide access to OFC programs through in-house training that is affordable and scalable, and they are provided at the local fire department at their pace. Learning contracts are set up within one fire department, but there is an opportunity for smaller departments to share in the training.

The OFC supports learning contracts with full OFC course delivery including full registration in the OFC database; OFC course numbers; OFC course material; OFC assistance with arranging ASE testing; OFC support in case of Ministry of Labour investigations; and OFC certificates of completion for each student.

Course delivery costs \$65 per student. Training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments' training staff.

3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)

RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges, or associations. They are strategically located across the province and provide access to training for career, composite, volunteer, Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), and First Nations fire departments.

RTCs are capable of delivering all NFPA programs, including certification testing, and courses meet professional qualification standards including classroom and outdoor fire ground training. It is important to note that course availability across Ontario will be based on a needs analysis that must support local fire departments and the RTC's infrastructure and capacity to deliver.

A number of factors may result in cost savings or avoidance for fire departments that train at RTCs including mileage to and from the home location, costs to backfill fire department personnel, meal reimbursement, banked time and overtime costs.

The interest to open and operate a new RTC has grown significantly since the announcement in January. A map of current RTC locations is provided below, along with some additional locations being considered. Please note that potential locations are continually being updated and not all locations are reflected in the attached map.

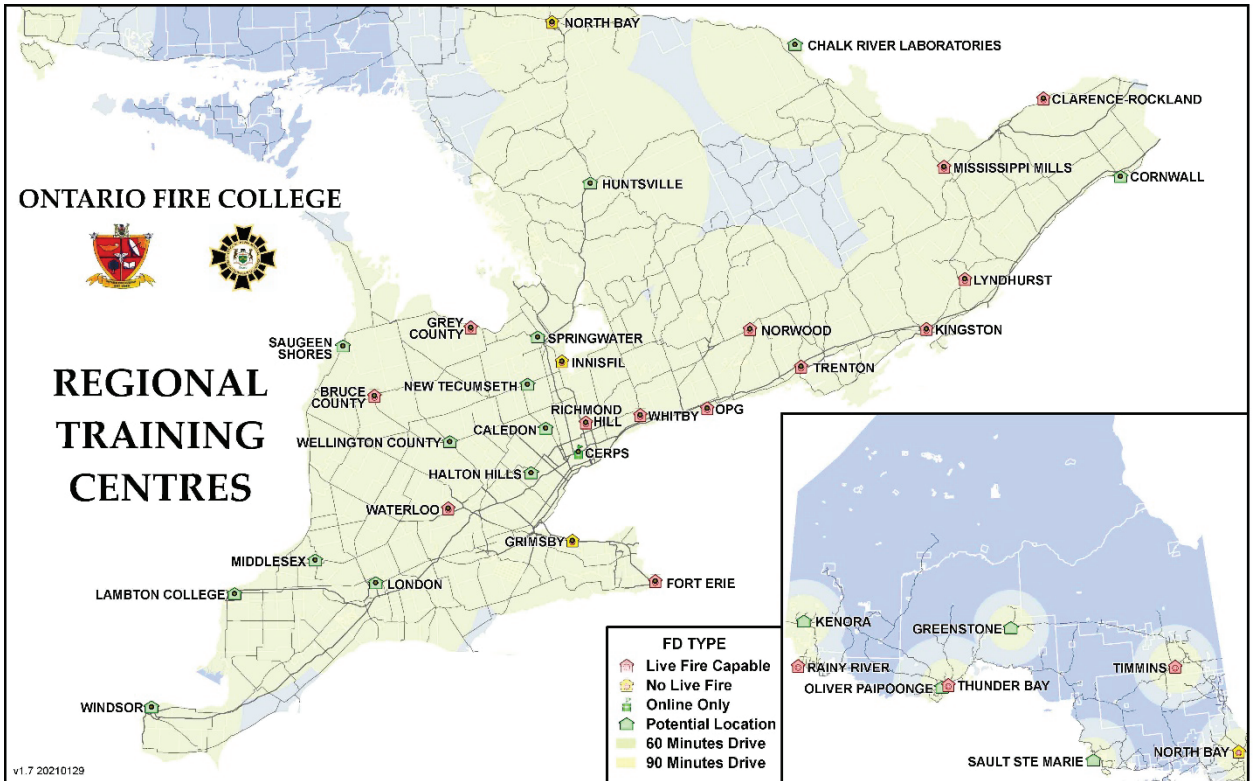
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

The OFM has purchased two mobile live fire training units that will be available to fire departments across Ontario. In order to support training across the province, one unit will be deployed in northern Ontario and one in southern Ontario. However, this will be continually reviewed to assess where there is the greatest need.

The MLFTUs offer diverse options for live fire training to meet the unique needs of training including: a confined space rescue hatch; main level training rooms; different attack options; multi-prop fire simulators; and portable props.

The OFM will be deploying these units in 2021 and can have them delivered to any location. The MLFTUs will need to be booked in advance and will be available seasonally between May and October. Please contact the OFC Registrar at ApplyOFC@ontario.ca to reserve a unit.

Appendix 1
Map of Ontario's 20 Current Regional Training Centres



Appendix 2
Ontario Fire College – Geographic Coverage Areas

<p>Andrew Blair – Eastern Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Northumberland – Peterborough – Hasting – Prince Edward – Lennox Addington – Frontenac – Lanark – Ottawa – Leeds and Grenville – Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry – Prescott-Russell
<p>Robert King – Central Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton – Muskoka – Simcoe – Grey – Bruce – Dufferin
<p>Ken Benoit – GTA / Niagara</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Durham – York – Peel – Toronto – Halton – Hamilton – Niagara
<p>Lyle Quan – Southwest Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Wellington – Waterloo – Brant – Haldimand – Norfolk – Oxford – Perth – Huron – Middlesex – Elgin – Lambton – Chatham-Kent – Essex

Grant Love – Northeast Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Renfrew – Nipissing – Parry Sound – North Bay – Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Far Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sudbury – Algoma (Wawa and East and South of Wawa) – Cochrane – Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Thunder Bay (Area East of Nipigon) – Algoma (Wawa and West and North of Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kenora – Rainy River – Thunder Bay (Area West of Nipigon)

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MODERNISATION DE LA FORMATION AU SEIN DU COLLÈGE DES POMPIERS DE L'ONTARIO

Le présent communiqué du commissaire des incendies fait suite à l'annonce du 13 janvier 2021 concernant le démantèlement du Collège des pompiers de l'Ontario (CPO) et la modernisation de la formation en sécurité-incendie en Ontario.

Le présent communiqué donne un aperçu de la modernisation de la formation du CPO par l'entremise de plusieurs modes, notamment les cours en ligne et les cours mixtes, les centres régionaux de formation (CRF) et les contrats d'apprentissage.

Le programme de formation d'un service d'incendie devrait être conçu pour répondre au niveau de service de protection contre les incendies établi en fonction de ses besoins et des circonstances, et être guidé par les conseils du chef des pompiers. Un programme de formation peut inclure une combinaison de différents modes de formation du CPO, ainsi qu'une formation locale à l'interne.

Alors que le démantèlement du campus du CPO à Gravenhurst est prévu pour le 31 mars 2021, le personnel continuera de jouer un rôle de premier plan dans l'élaboration des cours de formation. Cela comprendra la conception et l'élaboration des programmes, les services d'inscription, l'élaboration et le maintien de la formation en ligne, l'élaboration de la formation pour renforcer la capacité des centres régionaux de formation, et la surveillance du rendement et de l'assurance de la qualité des programmes au niveau local.

Dans le cadre de ce plan, les instructeurs du CPO seront affectés au niveau régional afin que les services d'incendie disposent d'un point de contact central pour toutes les questions relatives à la formation dans leur région. Les instructeurs travailleront en collaboration pour assurer la disponibilité de la formation dans l'ensemble de l'Ontario.

Les options disponibles pour la formation du CPO sont décrites ci-dessous :

1. Cours en ligne et cours mixtes
2. Contrats d'apprentissage
3. Centres régionaux de formation (CRF)
4. Unités mobiles d'entraînement (UME)

Si vous avez des questions concernant les options disponibles ou si vous voulez savoir comment communiquer avec l'instructeur affecté à votre région, vous pouvez vous adresser à Guy Degagné, sous-commissaire adjoint des incendies, formation et certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Cours en ligne et cours mixtes

Les cours en ligne sont généralement à progression autocontrôlée, ce qui permet une plus grande souplesse dans la réalisation des travaux de cours.

Les cours mixtes comportent une partie des cours en ligne et sont combinés à des séances de formation précises en personne. L'objectif de l'apprentissage mixte est de concentrer la formation en personne sur des éléments qui ne peuvent pas être enseignés en ligne. Les cours mixtes sont offerts par l'intermédiaire des centres régionaux de formation ou des contrats d'apprentissage.

Les cours suivants sont disponibles en ligne et/ou sous forme de cours mixtes :

Cours	En ligne	Mixte
Législation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Niveau 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – Agent d’information du public	X	
NFPA 1035 – Niveau 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Niveau 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Niveau 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Niveau 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Niveau 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Niveau 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Niveau 2		X
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 2	X	
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 6	X	
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Niveau 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Niveau 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Sauvetage en eaux vives, sauvetage sur la glace et sauvetage en zones de déferlement des vagues		X
NFPA 1033 – Investigateur en incendie		X

Des versions en ligne et/ou mixtes des autres cours de la *National Fire Protection Association* (NFPA) sont prévues d'ici l'année civile 2022-2023 du CPO. Il s'agit, notamment, des cours suivants :

Cours	En ligne	Mixte
NFPA 1031 – Niveau 1	X	
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 3	X	
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 4	X	
Code de prévention des incendies – Partie 5	X	
Procédures judiciaires	X	X
NFPA 1072 Opérations de matières dangereuses		X

2. Contrats d'apprentissage

Les contrats d'apprentissage donnent accès aux programmes du CPO grâce à une formation à l'interne abordable et évolutive, et ils sont offerts au service d'incendie local, au rythme de celui-ci. Les contrats d'apprentissage sont établis au sein d'un seul service d'incendie, mais les plus petits services ont la possibilité de participer à la formation.

Le CPO soutient les contrats d'apprentissage en offrant tous les cours du CPO, y compris l'inscription complète dans la base de données du CPO; les numéros de cours du CPO; le matériel de cours du CPO; l'aide du CPO pour l'organisation des examens de la Section des normes d'éducation et de l'évaluation; le soutien du CPO en cas d'enquêtes du ministère du Travail; les certificats d'achèvement du CPO pour chaque étudiant.

La prestation des cours coûte 65 \$ par étudiant. La formation peut avoir lieu pendant les heures de travail afin de réduire les coûts des heures supplémentaires et peut être dispensée par le personnel de formation des services d'incendie.

3. Centres régionaux de formation (CRF)

Les CRF sont exploités par les municipalités, les collèges communautaires ou les associations. Ils sont stratégiquement situés dans toute la province et offrent un accès à la formation pour les pompiers permanents, les services d'incendie mixtes, les pompiers volontaires, le Programme de protection contre les incendies dans le Nord (NFPP) et les services d'incendie des Premières Nations.

Les CRF sont en mesure de dispenser tous les programmes de la NFPA, y compris les examens de certification. De plus, les cours répondent aux normes de qualification professionnelle, y compris la formation en classe et sur les lieux d'intervention à l'extérieur. Il est important de noter que la disponibilité des cours dans l'ensemble de l'Ontario reposera sur une analyse des besoins qui doit soutenir les services d'incendie locaux ainsi que l'infrastructure et la capacité de prestation des CRF.

Un certain nombre de facteurs peuvent permettre de réaliser des économies ou d'éviter des coûts pour les services d'incendie qui suivent une formation dans les CRF, notamment le kilométrage à destination et en provenance du lieu de résidence, les coûts de remplacement du personnel des services d'incendie, le remboursement des repas, le temps accumulé et les coûts des heures supplémentaires.

L'intérêt pour l'ouverture et l'exploitation d'un nouveau CRF a considérablement augmenté depuis l'annonce en janvier. Vous trouverez ci-après une carte des emplacements actuels des CRF et de quelques-uns des emplacements supplémentaires envisagés. Veuillez noter que les emplacements potentiels sont continuellement mis à jour et que tous les emplacements ne sont pas indiqués sur la carte ci-jointe.

4. Unités mobiles d'entraînement (UME)

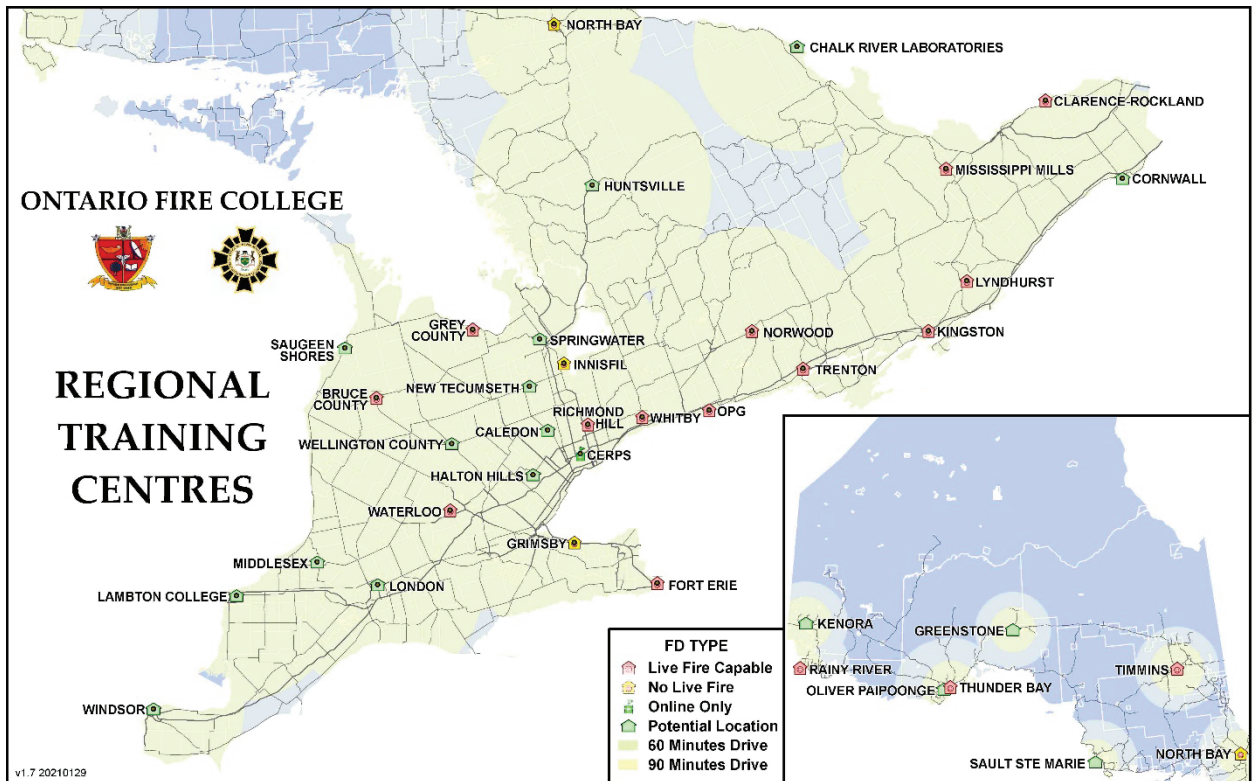
Le BCI a acheté deux unités mobiles d'entraînement qui seront mises à la disposition des services d'incendie dans l'ensemble de l'Ontario. Afin de soutenir la formation dans toute la province, une unité sera déployée dans le nord de l'Ontario et une autre dans le sud. Toutefois, ce point sera continuellement réexaminé pour évaluer les endroits où les besoins sont les plus importants.

Les UME offrent diverses options pour la formation en incendie réel afin de répondre aux besoins uniques de la formation, notamment, une trappe de sauvetage dans un espace confiné, des salles de formation au niveau principal, différentes options de lutte contre les incendies, des simulateurs d'incendie à accessoires multiples et des accessoires mobiles.

Le BCI déploiera ces unités en 2021 et peut les faire livrer à n'importe quel endroit. Les UME devront être réservées et seront disponibles de façon saisonnière entre mai et octobre. Pour réserver une unité, veuillez contacter le registraire du CPO à l'adresse ApplyCPO@ontario.ca.

Annexe 1

Carte des 20 centres régionaux de formation actuels de l'Ontario



Annexe 2

Collège des pompiers de l'Ontario - Zones de couverture géographique

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Lyle Quan – Sud de l'Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Wellington– Waterloo– Brant– Haldimand– Norfolk– Oxford– Perth– Huron– Middlesex– Elgin– Lambton– Chatham-Kent– Essex

Grant Love – Nord-Est de l’Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Renfrew – Nipissing – Parry Sound – North Bay – Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Nord-Est lointain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sudbury – Algoma (Wawa et à l’est et au sud de Wawa) – Cochrane – Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Nord-Ouest de l’Ontario (Nipigon et l’Est)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Thunder Bay (région à l’est de Nipigon) – Algoma (Wawa et à l’ouest et au nord de Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Nord-Ouest de l’Ontario (Nipigon et l’Ouest)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Kenora – Rainy River – Thunder Bay (région à l’ouest de Nipigon)

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From: Jodi Belec [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2021 9:58 AM
To: delegations <delegations@durham.ca>
Subject: 9-1-1 Management board

Good morning.

As a member of the Ottawa Police service, who now resides in Durham, I wanted to congratulate you on a pretty good job handling the current "emergency " situation.

I am privy to many conversations held at "Street level" by a wide variety of constituents in the Oshawa and surrounding areas.

The general consensus is that people feel safe.

There are always those, that are negative.

I just wanted to make sure, that police, fire and ambulance workers know: that they are supported; they are appreciated; they are respected and above all else, we hear them when they say they are overworked, understaffed and underpaid.

We know, they still go to work everyday and do their best to keep us all safe. We Thank you.

Jodi Doucet

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Sent: March 8, 2021 12:58 AM

To: chair <chair@durham.ca>

Subject: Term Limits Are Needed For Regional Councilors

Please share with all Regional Councilors.


I'm hoping now with the creation of the diversity council and it's staff that there will be recommendations that term limits be set so that we can remove career politicians and allow for opportunities for others to have a chance to become regional councilors. I for one will be pushing this through the diversity council and hope that regional council will support this as its mandate that no regional councilor serve more than 2 terms. If the region wants to show that it's not racist then this is a measure that they would vote for without the need of the diversity council's recommendations. Thank goodness that with the creation of this new council that maybe we can now make some head way on getting term limits setup to level the playing field.

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ZONING ORDER - MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

Definition

1. In this Order,

“Zoning By-law” means Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 84-63 of the Municipality of Clarington.

Application

2. This Order applies to lands in the Municipality of Clarington in the Regional Municipality of Durham, in the Province of Ontario, described as Part of Lot 22, Concession 2, Darlington, designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 10R-936, and further identified by Property Identification Number 26610-0041 (LT) registered in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Durham (No. 40).

Permitted uses

3. Every use of land and every erection, location or use of any building or structure is prohibited on the lands described in section 2, except,

- (a) a building supply outlet;
- (b) a garden and nursery sales and supply establishment that is accessory to a building supply outlet; and
- (c) outside storage area that is accessory to a building supply outlet.

Zoning requirements

4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the zoning requirements for the Special Purpose Commercial (C4) zone in Section 19.3 of the Zoning By-law apply to the uses, buildings and structures referred to in clauses 3 (a) and (b).

(2) The zoning requirements for the lands described in section 2 are as follows:

1. The minimum sight triangle is 15 metres by 15 metres.
2. The minimum setback from Durham Regional Highway 2 is 10 metres.
3. The minimum setback from Rundle Road is 10 metres.
4. The minimum landscaped open space is 10 per cent.

Terms of use

5. (1) Every use of land and every erection, location or use of any building or structure shall be in accordance with this Order.

(2) Nothing in this Order prevents the use of any land, building or structure for any use prohibited by this Order if the land, building or structure is lawfully so used on the day this Order comes into force.

(3) Nothing in this Order prevents the reconstruction of any building or structure that is damaged or destroyed by causes beyond the control of the owner if the dimensions of the original building or structure are not increased and its original use is not altered.

(4) Nothing in this Order prevents the strengthening or restoration to a safe condition of any building or structure.

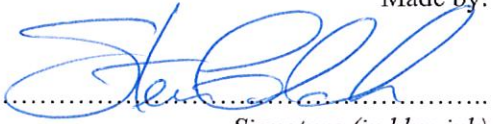
Deemed by-law

6. This Order is deemed for all purposes, except the purposes of section 24 of the Act, to be and to always have been a by-law passed by the council of the Municipality of Clarington.

Commencement

7. This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.

Made by:


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Signature (in blue ink)

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Date made: MARCH 5, 2021

From: Clerks
Sent: March 11, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Lydia Gerritsen
Subject: FW: PRESTO contactless payment - UP Express

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From: CEO (Metrolinx) <CEO@metrolinx.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Theresa Tran <Theresa.Tran@metrolinx.com>
Subject: PRESTO contactless payment - UP Express

Good afternoon,

I am writing today to share an important update on PRESTO contactless payment, which we are very excited about.

PRESTO contactless payment will bring another option to transit riders, offering more choice, ease and convenience. Customers will have the option of continuing to use their PRESTO card or they can choose to use their credit card, debit card or mobile wallet on their phone or watch to tap and go.

The first phase of implementation begins on March 11 with the launch of a PRESTO contactless payment pilot for credit on UP Express. Customers will be able to tap their credit card or use their mobile wallet and receive PRESTO's best adult fare pricing. The added offering of debit card functionality will arrive for UP Express customers later this spring. Both credit and debit options will be tested with customers to further enhance the payment experience and to inform the rollout across the region.

For a preview of what's to come, I encourage you to watch [this video](#) showcasing what the contactless payment experience will look like on UP Express.

This is a significant customer milestone, and we look forward to bringing this experience to your region as we work together to deliver modernized PRESTO fare payment services.

Contactless payment isn't the only great advancement coming to PRESTO. We've taken advantage of the last year to work closely with our transit agency partners to enhance the PRESTO experience in a way that reflects their needs and the needs of their customers. As a result of this collaboration, we're prioritizing the delivery of new and contactless payment options and enhancements, with ridership recovery at the forefront.

In the last year Metrolinx has:

- Worked together with our partners to **introduce new PRESTO payment devices** across 905 transit agencies, GO Transit and UP Express, **setting the stage for PRESTO contactless payment** which will give our customers more freedom by providing a seamless, easy and convenient way to pay their fare and travel around the region.
- **Accelerated the E-Tickets App** with integrated journey planning on Durham Region Transit and Hamilton Street Railway - nearly a year ahead of schedule! E-Tickets give customers a convenient and contactless way to pay using their mobile devices.
- **Delivered significant PRESTO customer enhancements** including the removal of the 25 cent overdraft fee, immediate balance protection for registered PRESTO users, reduction of the minimum card load on the PRESTO

website and App from \$10 to 5 cents, faster more streamlined PRESTO account registration, and full instant load capabilities on the PRESTO app – all helping to boost PRESTO customer satisfaction to 81%.

We are all looking forward to the return of our customers to transit, and we're eager to deliver an improved PRESTO experience.

We look forward to continuing to work together to connect transportation throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Theresa Tran at theresa.tran@metrolinx.com.

Keep Well,

Phil Verster
President & CEO

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