



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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June 29, 2023

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Acting Commissioner of Works
Report: [#2023-INFO-58](#)
Date: June 29, 2023

Subject:

York Region Sewage Works Project

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

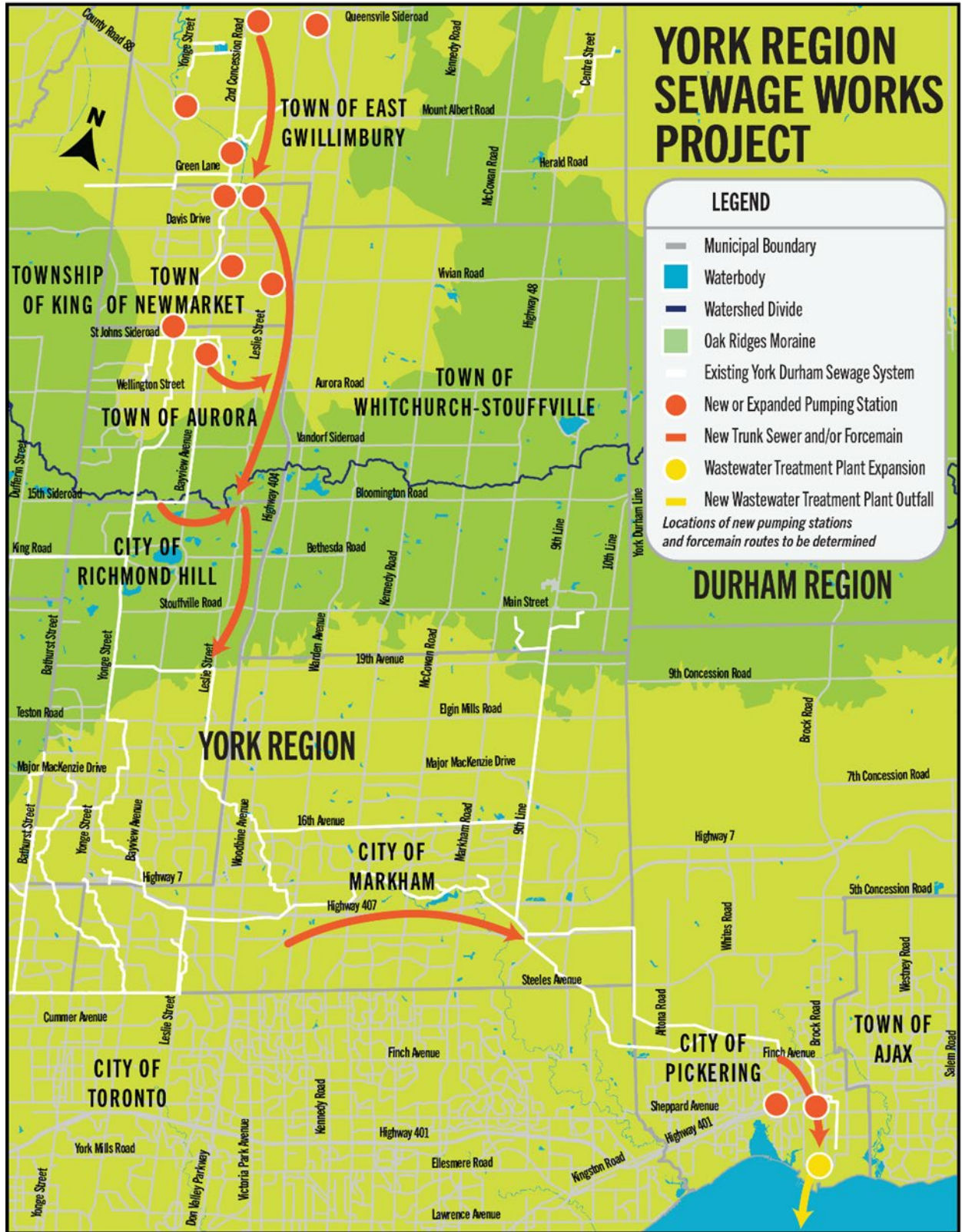
1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee and Council members on the initiation of and the progress of the York Region Sewage Works Project.

2. Background

- 2.1 On November 28, 2022, the Province of Ontario passed Bill 23, *the More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23), making changes to nine statutes, revoking various regulations, and introducing Schedule 10 of Bill 23, *the new Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* (the Act). The Act mandates expediting wastewater servicing for the Upper York area and allows for growth in York that impacts Durham. Bill 23 is intended to streamline approvals and build more affordable housing across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, with the provincial goal of 1.5 million new homes over the next ten (10) years.
- 2.2 These changes will require new water and wastewater servicing infrastructure. The Act mandates that York Region change from the Upper York Sewage

Solution Environmental Assessment recommended Lake Simcoe watershed solution to work with Durham Region to develop a Lake Ontario solution. This solution involves the conveyance and treatment of wastewater at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) in Durham Region and discharge to Lake Ontario for wastewater servicing in the Upper York Watershed. York and Durham Regions will work in partnership to enlarge and improve the existing York Durham Sewage System (YDSS).

- 2.3 Some of the key points and obligations related to Bill 23, Schedule 10 are summarized as follows:
- a. York Region and Durham Region shall work together to develop, construct and operate the York Region Sewage Works Project.
 - b. The York Region Sewage Works Project is exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act. A Class Environmental Assessment will not be required for the works proposed by the York Region Sewage Works Project.
 - c. A Report will be prepared that details the work required, the cost of the work, approvals required for the work, impacts to the environment and mitigation of those impacts.
 - d. The Report will be made available to Indigenous Communities, Agencies, and the Public for review and consultation.
 - e. Following the consultation noted above, two separate Consultation Reports will be prepared and submitted to the Province; one with respect to Consultation with Indigenous Communities and the other with respect to other interested parties.
- 2.4 The project components as listed and shown in Figure below, will become the “York Region Sewage Works Project”.



- a. Durham's component of the project will include:
- Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Stage 4 Expansion
 - Twinning of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Outfall
 - Twinning of the existing Primary Sanitary Trunk Sewer from the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant to the intersection of Valley Farm Road and Finch Avenue
 - Two new sanitary sewage pumping stations in the City of Pickering namely, Pickering Parkway Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station (SSPS) and Squires Beach Road SSPS
- b. York's component of the project will include:
- Twinning of the existing Richmond Hill Collector (also referred to as Yonge Street Sewer)
 - Twinning of the Markham Collector
 - Expansion of the existing Aurora Sewage Pumping Station including a new sewage pumping station and forcemains
 - Expansion of Newmarket Sewage Pumping Station
 - Expansion of Bogart Creek Sewage Pumping Station
 - Expansion of existing Second Concession Sewage Pumping Station
 - Expansion of existing Queensville West Sewage Pumping Station
 - Expansion of Holland Landing Sewage Pumping Station
 - New sewage pumping station, forcemains and linear work to service Queensville, Holland Landing and Sharon
 - New linear works to optimize the expansion of the existing York-Durham Sanitary Sewer (YDSS) sewage pumping stations (i.e., Aurora, Newmarket, Bogart Creek, Second Concession, Queensville West and Holland Landing)
 - New linear work along Bloomington Road to connect new infrastructure with existing and new Richmond Hill collectors.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report #2022-COW-33 provided a summary of the implications on the Region of Durham of Bill 23 summarizing the anticipated impacts of Bill 23 on the Region, and to Region of Durham taxpayers and ratepayers.
- 3.2 Report #2021-INFO-93 provided an overview of the *More Homes Built Faster Act 2022* (Bill 23) including its impacts on the Region, staff-level feedback to the province and key messaging reflecting staff-level positions on the Bill.
- 3.3 Report #2021-COW-28 provided a summary on Council's preferred alternative to the Upper York Sewage Solution as an advanced treatment system in the Lake Simcoe watershed within the Regional Municipality of York.

4. Update on Project Activity

- 4.1 The Region of York has hired the Consultant GHD to lead the preparation of the Report for the York Region Sewage Works Project.
- 4.2 The Region of York has also hired the Consultant Jacobs to complete the portion of the works that are located within Durham Region including the Twinning of the Existing Primary Sanitary Trunk Sewer, Stage 4 Expansion at Duffin Creek WPCP including the Twinning of the Outfall Pipe, and the two new Sanitary Sewage Pumping Stations in the City of Pickering.
- 4.3 The Consultant (Jacobs) has initiated the review of the background information available to plan for desktop and field investigations needed to support the preliminary and detailed design of the project, by revisiting previously proposed alternative alignments for the primary trunk sanitary sewer and the required linear infrastructure and SSPS locations, and the overall sanitary system upgrades requirements to meet the Regions needs for the planning period.
- 4.4 Region of Durham staff are involved in the technical aspects of the project and all meetings related to the parts of the project that will be within Durham Region.
- 4.5 The Region of York has sent letters to the Indigenous Communities listed below to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project. A copy of the email and letter addressed to Tom Turoczi of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (consultation@scugogfirstnation.com) is attached to this report for reference.
 - a. Williams Treaties First Nations:
 - Curve Lake First Nation

- Alderville First Nation
 - Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
 - Hiawatha First Nation
 - Rama First Nation
 - Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
 - Beausoleil First Nation
- b. Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- c. Kawartha Nishnawbe
- d. Huron Wendat
- 4.6 The Region of York has sent letters to the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project. A copy of the emails and letters addressed to the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax are attached to this report for reference.
- 4.7 The Region of York has also initiated communication and engagement activities with the public, stakeholders, MECP/agency, utility, landowner, and Indigenous communities.
- 4.8 Future Council Information Reports will be prepared to provide updates on this project as it moves forward.
- 5. Relationship to Strategic Plan**
- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Service Excellence:
- Goal 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality service and value
 - Goal 5.3 – Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 A copy of this information report will be shared with the Durham Region local area municipal Councils.
- 6.2 For additional information, contact: Mike Hubble, Director, Environmental Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3460.

7. Attachments

- Attachment #1: Email and letter to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Attachment #2: Email and letter to the City of Pickering
- Attachment #3: Email and letter to the Town of Ajax

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Ramesh Jagannathan
MBA, M. Eng., P. Eng., PTOE
Acting Commissioner of Works

Patricia Casco

From: Rabeau, Mike <Mike.Rabeau@york.ca>
Sent: May 19, 2023 5:29 PM
To: consultation@scugogfirstnation.com
Cc: Mahoney, Erin; John Presta; He, Shu; Aaron Christie
Subject: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction
Attachments: Tom Turoczi - Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.pdf

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, I am introducing the York Region Sewage Works Project. As required through the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*, this is a long-term wastewater infrastructure project involving wastewater pumping, conveyance and treatment infrastructure in the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering. More information on the project is included in the attached letter.

Respectfully, York Region welcomes your Nation's participation in this project and the opportunity to begin dialogue with an introductory meeting in the coming weeks.

We would greatly appreciate if you will provide us with a priority contact for ongoing updates, communication and information. Our project team, copied, will be in touch to arrange the introductory meeting and discuss how the engagement process can reflect your Nation's values.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Our working hours may be different. Please don't feel obliged to respond outside of your scheduled working hours

Mike Rabeau (he/him) | General Manager, Infrastructure Services | Public Works

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Attachment #1 to Report #2023-INFO-58

May 19, 2023

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Kelly LaRocca
Chief
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
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Port Perry, ON L9L 1B6

Attention: Kelly LaRocca, Chief

Dear Kelly LaRocca:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, we would like to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project and respectfully extend our commitment to opening an ongoing dialogue with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation regarding this project and its potential impacts.

The York Region Sewage Works Project is a long-term wastewater infrastructure project in York Region and Durham Region across the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering. York Region will lead project consultation.

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York Region and Durham Region are committed to building respectful and transparent relationships with First Nations and Indigenous communities. We recognize as the first Peoples on this land, First Nations and Indigenous peoples have a significant role in infrastructure planning and implementation. We are committed to working with you from the earliest stages of this process to reflect Indigenous rights, interests and input throughout planning and implementation of the project.

As part of the York Region Sewage Works Project, the Regions will prepare a Project Report to document potential impacts to the environment, including to Indigenous rights and measures to avoid or mitigate these potential impacts.

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We would like to discuss how the engagement process is reflective of Indigenous values, including identification of potential impacts and management measures.

To this end, we welcome the opportunity to begin this dialogue with an introductory meeting in the coming weeks at your most convenient location.

Your participation and input in the development of the Project Report is important to the success of the project as it will ensure plans accurately reflect impacts and other considerations of importance to your community. We recognize some of the potential impacts identified may require ongoing discussion and we want to assure you this is only the beginning of a meaningful dialogue as it pertains to this project.

York Region is planning to initiate Project Report work in June 2023 with a completion goal by October 2023, meeting timelines stipulated by the Ontario government. In addition to your participation in informing the development of the Project Report, we will share regular progress updates with your community as the report is completed.

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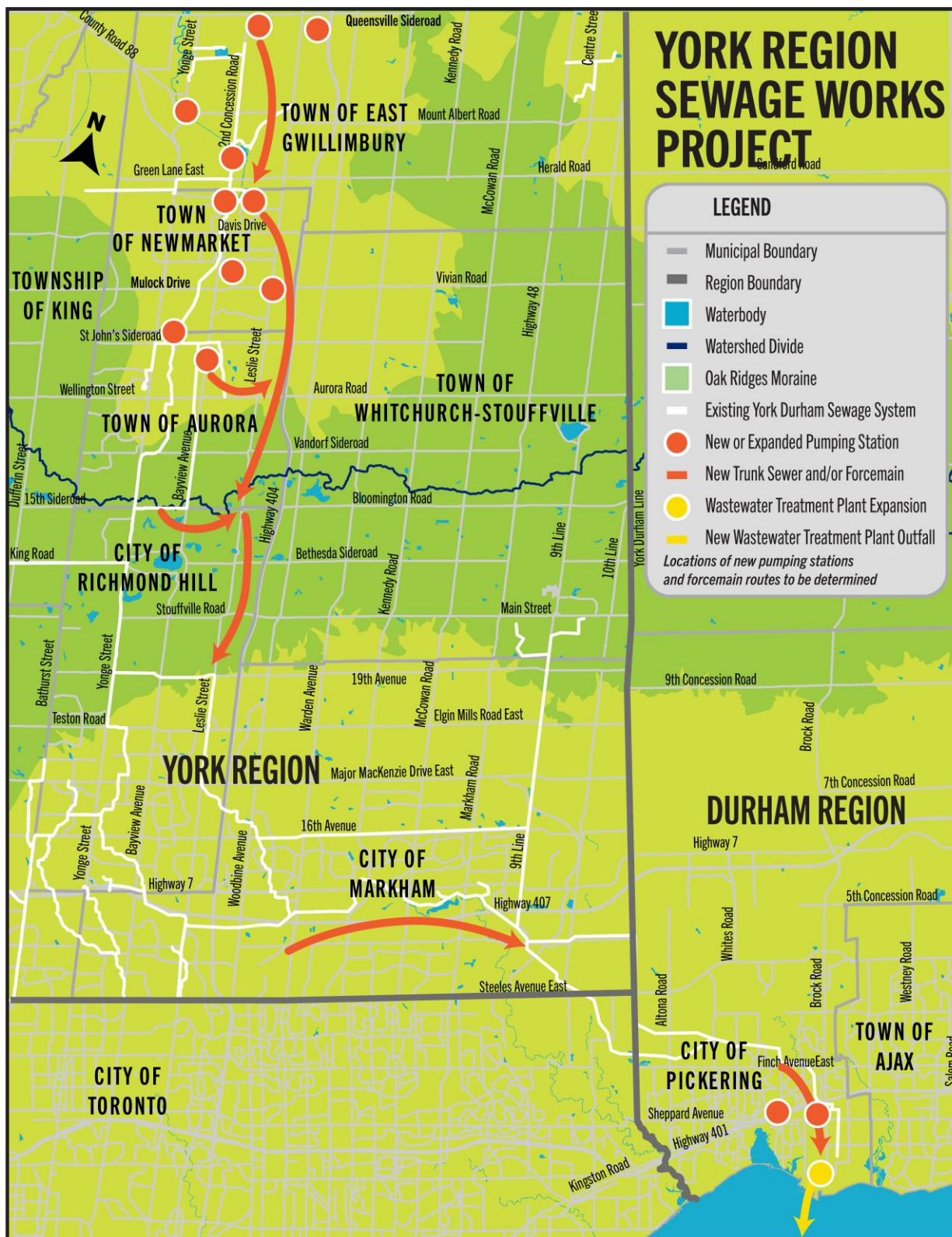
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John Presta, Commissioner of Public Works, Durham Region
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Attention: Tom Turoczi, Consultation Specialist

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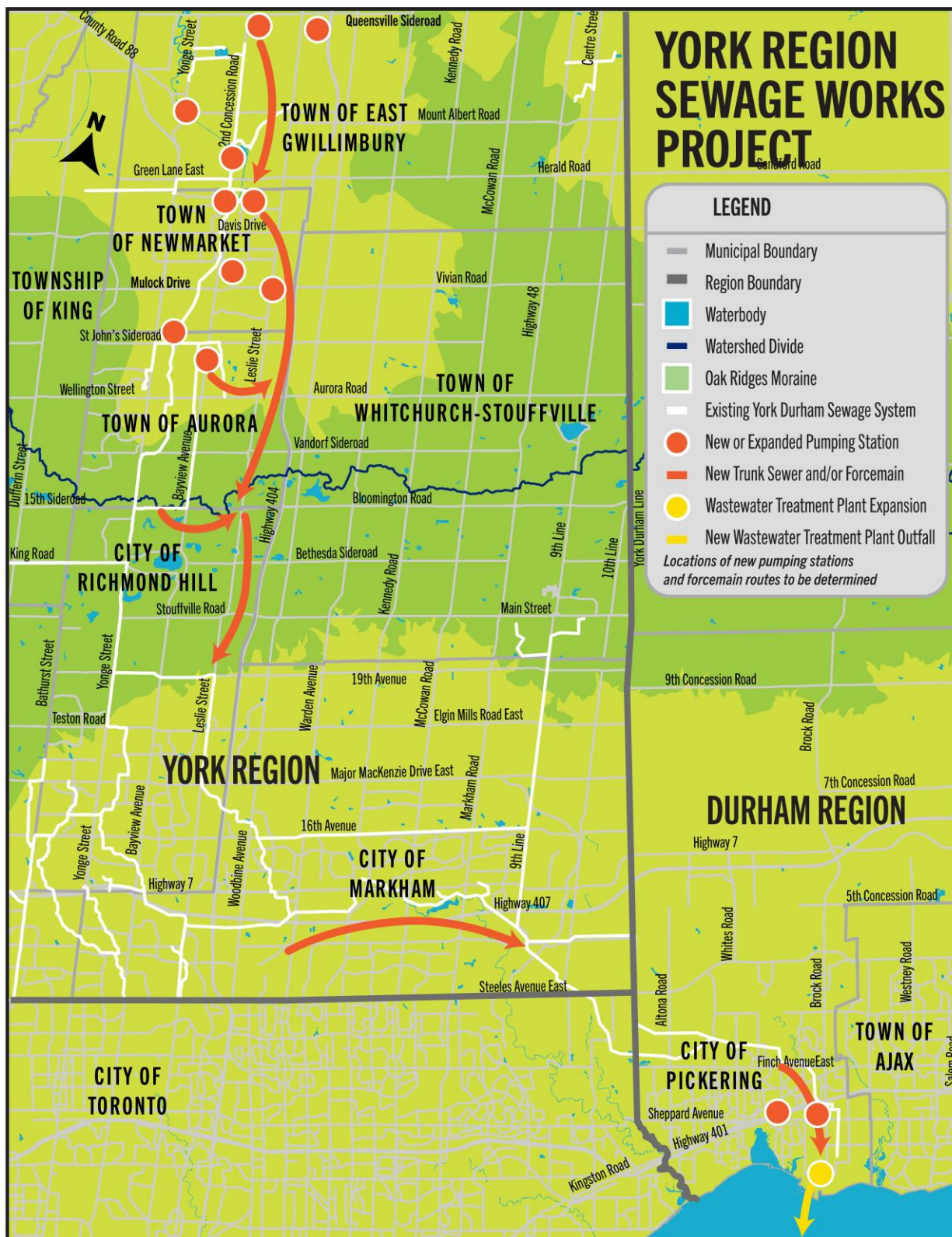


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Patricia Casco

From: Rabeau, Mike <Mike.Rabeau@york.ca>
Sent: June 2, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Holborn, Richard
Cc: Mahoney, Erin; John Presta; Accardi, Pina; He, Shu; Aaron Christie; Katrina McCullough
Subject: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction
Attachments: City of Pickering -York Region Sewage Works Projects (007).pdf

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, I would like to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project.

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We would like to discuss how your municipality will be consulted in the coming months as the Project Report is developed. Please contact me **by Thursday, June 15** to arrange for a meeting.

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June 1, 2023

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Richard Holborn
Director of Engineering Services
City of Pickering
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Attention: Richard Holborn, Director of Engineering Services, City of Pickering

Dear Richard Holborn:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project

On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, we would like to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project and request participation of the City of Pickering in this project.

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We would like to request a meeting with the City of Pickering by **Monday, June 15, 2023**, to discuss the project and how your staff will be consulted in the coming months as the Project Report is being prepared.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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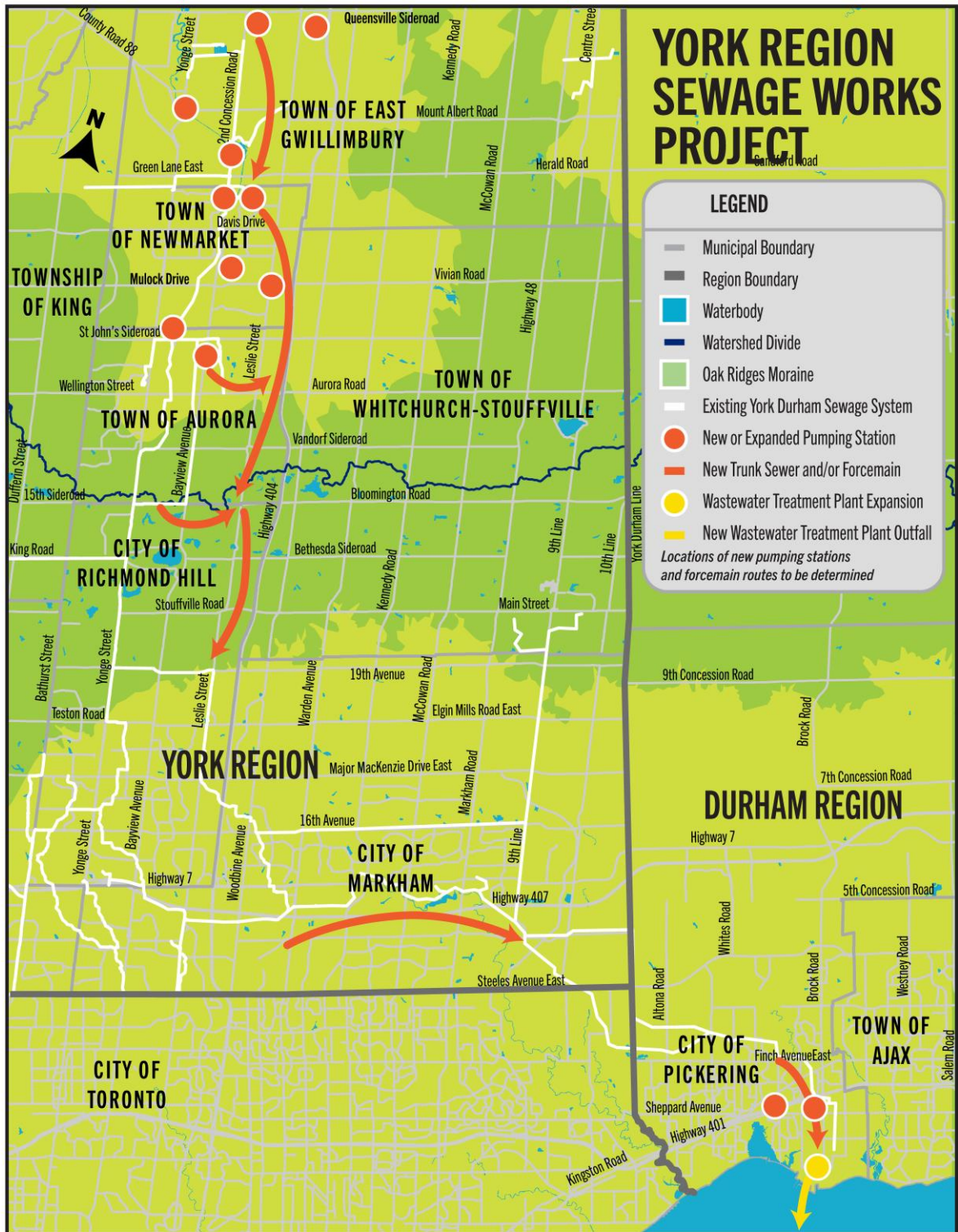
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June 1, 2023

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Attention: Geoff Romanowski, Director of Planning & Development Services, Town of Ajax

Dear Geoff Romanowski:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project

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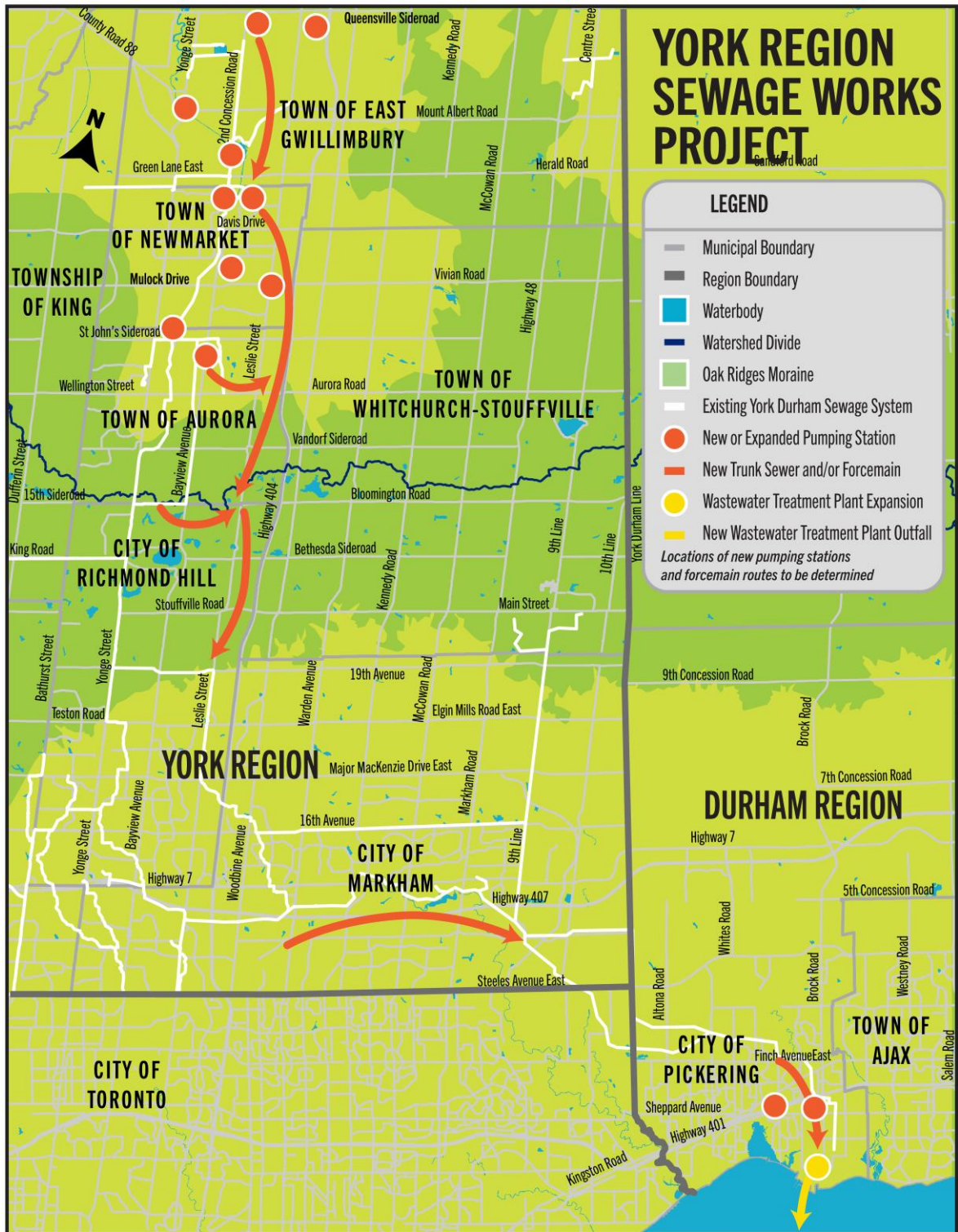
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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: [#2023-INFO-59](#)
Date: June 29, 2023

Subject:

Annual Report – Empowering the Community: Durham’s Nuclear Sector Strategy 2022-2032

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To report on progress in 2022 to advance [Empowering the Community: Durham’s Nuclear Sector Strategy 2022-2032](#) (Strategy).

2. Background

2.1 In December 2021, Regional Council unanimously [approved](#) the Strategy.

2.2 The Strategy is Durham’s long-range plan to build capacity within our organization and community to understand, anticipate and respond to the evolving nuclear activities in Durham and influence policy and decision-making that affect the Region.

2.3 Implementation of the Strategy will ensure that Regional Council and staff:

- a. Are well-versed on the impacts and opportunities related to the nuclear sector as a key employer in the Region,
- b. Have the knowledge and capacity to participate effectively in nuclear policy and regulatory matters,
- c. Have a framework for understanding where Regional efforts will be most effective, and for setting and revising priorities as needed in an evolving sector, and

- d. Are equipped to manage uncertainty, support and make evidence-based decisions, recognize opportunities, and work collaboratively with partners
- 2.4 The Strategy also supports planned actions to implement the low carbon pathway adopted in the [Durham Community Energy Plan](#) (2019) and address the climate emergency [declared by Regional Council](#) (2020). The availability of low-carbon electricity from nuclear generation will be critical to power the Region's achievement of these targets.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Reports relevant to the Strategy include:
- a. [2021-COW-37](#) Durham Region Nuclear Sector Strategy 2022-2032.

4. Implementing Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy

- 4.1 The Region's internal Nuclear Sector Working Group, in partnership with external organizations, has led the implementation of the Strategy.
- 4.2 The key actions taken in 2022 to advance the goals of the strategy are summarized in Attachment #1.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with the following strategic priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- 1.1: Accelerate the adoption of green technologies and clean energy solutions through strategic partnerships and investment
 - 1.4: Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change
 - 2.2: Enhance community safety and well-being
 - 3.1: Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business
 - 3.2: Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
 - 3.4: Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs
 - 5.3: Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Strategy provides Regional staff with a valuable framework that has allowed the Region to prioritize and align actions, identify where to invest our resources, and enhanced our ability to plan and prepare for developments in the sector.
- 6.2 Regional Council will receive ongoing annual reports on the implementation of the Strategy.
- 6.3 This report was prepared in collaboration with staff from Planning and Economic Development, Works, Social Services, Health, Finance and the CAO's Office.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: 2022 Annual Report – Empowering the Community: Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy

Prepared by: Caitlin Rochon, Manager, Corporate Initiatives, at 905-668-7711, extension 6263.

Approved by: Sandra Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-668-7711, extension 2449.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



Empowering the Community:

Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy
2022 Annual Report



Taking action to support a prosperous
and sustainable community

Our first year implementing Durham's nuclear sector strategy was filled with achievements as we developed a strong foundation for continued action. Highlights from 2022 include:

Goal 1: Grow understanding of the nuclear sector among Regional Council, staff, and the community

- Launched the Nuclear Sector Strategy with a [virtual event](#) drawing more than 100 participants and featuring 14 speakers from nine organizations in the nuclear sector.
- Promoted the strategy with a targeted social media ad campaign, which garnered more than 2,600 clicks to the strategy and 550,000 impressions.
- Prominently featured the Nuclear Sector Strategy on the homepage of [durham.ca](#), encouraging visitors to spend some time with the document.
- Developed a video vignette series that features and highlights the four pillars of the strategy. The videos will be used in the 2023 social media campaign.
- Hosted regular educational sessions to increase staff knowledge featuring presentations from the [Centre for Canadian Nuclear Sustainability](#) (CCNS), [Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#) (NWMO), [Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission](#) (CNSC) and [Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries](#) (OCNI).
- Collaborated with the Social Research Centre at Ontario Tech University to deliver a [Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Survey](#). More than 2,600 residents completed the survey and 61 per cent opted to participate as a test group of new educational materials.
- Developed marketing materials to generate enthusiasm for the benefits and value of the nuclear sector in Durham Region, Ontario and Canada and foster pride in local achievements. For example, working towards a low-carbon economy, life-saving medical treatments using radioisotopes, job creation and advanced research.
- Implemented an integrated community awareness program including radio, digital and print media campaigns for emergency preparedness and potassium iodide; opportunities for residents to participate in nuclear regulatory processes; and information on local nuclear sector achievements. For example, the Metroland feature [Durham 'Canada's premier nuclear jurisdiction'](#).
- Participated in Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Open House event at the Darlington Energy Complex (DEC) and provided educational resources to some of the 2,400 attendees.

Goal 2: Build prosperity by maximizing the benefits of being a nuclear host community and Canada's premier centre of the nuclear industry and innovation

- Developed [Ready, Set, Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham](#), an economic development strategy and action plan for 2023-2027 with an emphasis on future energy.
- Advocated for Canada's small modular reactor (SMR) technology development and manufacturing to be rooted in Durham, for example, through senior-level meetings with OPG and GE Hitachi Nuclear and staff-level meetings with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT).
- Advanced work to attract nuclear sector supply chain and new energy companies to invest or expand to Durham through attendance of relevant sector events and partnerships with industry and sector partners (OCNI/OPG Supplier Days, Reuters SMR and Advanced Reactor conference, GLOBE conference, Association of Power Producers of Ontario Conference, EU-Canada Business Summit & TCS Cleantech Annual Meeting, CNA Conference Host Communities reception, Access IO CCNS Showcase).
- Participated as a panelist and moderator in [Canada's Innovation Corridor Summit \(CICS\)](#) speaking about the role of nuclear energy in the transition to net zero, and the role of the sector in regional connectivity and collaboration throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

SMR rendering courtesy of GE Hitachi





Goal 3: Protect and sustain the community by addressing the impacts and opportunities of being a nuclear host community

- Completed a study on the Financial, Economic and Social Impacts of the retirement of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station in partnership with the City of Pickering and OPG.
- Developed a [policy position](#) and participated in Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) policy development process for [Canada's Policy for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning](#).
- Responded to the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO) consultation on the [Draft Integrated Strategy for Radioactive Waste](#) to ensure that the Region's interests related to long-term management of low-level and intermediate-level radioactive waste were acknowledged.
- Continued to work with federal and provincial ministries and agencies, including the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) [Potassium Iodide \(KI\) Pill Working Group](#), to ensure that community well-being is a key consideration during planning processes.

Goal 4: Lead and develop partnerships within the nuclear sector to build leadership capacity and influence decision-making

- Continued to strengthen the relationships made with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation during the development of the Strategy by meeting regularly and developing resources to support future opportunities for meaningful participation in regional activities.
- Strengthened information sharing and relationship building with OPG at different staff levels by establishing regular connections.
- Continued to foster our partnership with the CCNS by participating in, co-hosting and partnering for events including the [Access IO](#) event, “Decontamination, Containment, and Dismantling for Nuclear Energy.”
- Established new partnerships and memberships including with the [Canadian Advanced Manufacturing in Nuclear Alliance](#) (CAMiNA) and OCNI. Invest Durham increasing visibility through sponsorships at the OPG Supplier Workshop and OPG Darlington Supplier Day as the “Innovation Cluster Partner”.
- Increased our contribution to the [Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities](#) (CANHC) by providing staff-level advice on their strategic planning process and host communities study.
- Established a partnership with OPG to host air monitoring stations and share monitoring and modelling data relating to water quality.






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Or 905-668-4113 extension 2009.



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**Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County**

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
 Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;
 Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;
 Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;
 Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;
 Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;
 Now, therefore be it resolved that the County of Oxford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;
 Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried



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**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.9.

Resolution Number 23-104

Title: Support of Tay Valley Township's Resolution Requesting the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting A Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Date: Friday, June 16, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Ashley

Seconded by: Councillor Frost

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago supports Tay Valley Township in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby directs staff to circulate this resolution to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Graydon Smith and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



Clerks and Bylaw

June 21, 2023

The Honorable Caroline Mulroney
Ontario Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street
5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
minister@mto.ontario.ca

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at the Council Meeting held on June 20th, 2023, Council endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community; and

Whereas speeding can occur in all areas of our community; and

Whereas barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community; and

Whereas our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and

Whereas our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and

Whereas s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones;

Therefore be it resolved that Norfolk County requests that section 205.1 of the HTA be amended to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently, or temporarily, on any roadway under the jurisdiction of the municipality, as determined by the municipality, beyond designated community and school safety zones; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Genevieve Scharback,
County Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mrs. Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County Council Resolution

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June 26, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
Northumberland - Peterborough South
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022’

At a meeting held on June 21, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-06-21-429 adopting the below recommendation from the June 6, 2023 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Ostrander

Seconded by: Councillor Crate

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah, County of Oxford, Town of Cobourg, Town of Orangeville, Township of Lanark Highlands, Township of Wellington North and Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' regarding 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' recommend that County Council support the correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Council Resolution # 2023-06-21-429

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-06-21 429

Seconded By R. Crate

Council Date: June 21, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 5, 6, and 7, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

| Committee Name | Item # | Description | Held By |
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- Economic Development, Tourism, & Land Use Planning, 8.d, 'Broadband Project Update - Verbal', held by Councillor Logel;
- Public Works Committee, 8.d, 'Report 2023-066 'Joint Fire Service and Public Works Communications Tower Update', held by Deputy Warden Ostrander

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried Shandy Crate
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting June 26, 2023

| Corporate Support Committee – June 6, 2023 | | | |
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| Committee Item | Business or Report # & Title | Open / Closed | Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized) |
| 7.a | Correspondence, 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Shuniah • County of Oxford • Town of Cobourg • Town of Orangeville • Township of Lanark Highlands • Township of Wellington North • Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' | Open | - Support the correspondence -Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario |
| 7.b | Correspondence, Municipality of Wawa, Town of Fort Erie 'Municipal Oath of Office' | Open | Receive for information |
| 7.c | Correspondence, Treasury Board Secretariat (Emergency Management Ontario) 'Northumberland County Compliance Results' | Open | Receive for information |
| 8. a – d | Quarter 1, 2023 Financial Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Information Technology • Legal Services • Corporate Services | Open | Receive for information |
| 8.e | Report 2023-070, Corporate Services 'Adoption of Northumberland County's Emergency Management Plan 2023' | Open | -Adopt the revised 'Northumberland County Emergency Management Plan 2023' -Enact a bylaw at the June 21, 2023 County Council meeting being a by-law to Formulate the 2023 Emergency Management Program and Plan |

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-06-06- 384

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: S. Jibb

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2023

"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah, County of Oxford, Town of Cobourg, Town of Orangeville, Township of Lanark Highlands, Township of Wellington North and Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' regarding 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' recommend that County Council support the correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland – Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried _____



Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 181-23
~~175-23~~

Date: May 9, 2023

Moved By: *D. Blund*

Seconded By: *Finch*

THAT Council support the resolutions from the City of Sault Ste Marie regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT Council directs administration for forward this resolution to the Hon. Doug Ford, ^{Premier} Premier of Ontario, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

That Oxford County Council expresses support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus;

And further, that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
Legislative Services Department
Victoria Hall
55 King Street West
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/
Director of Legislative Services
Telephone: (905) 372-4301 Ext. 4401
Email: blarmer@cobourg.ca
Fax: (905) 372-7558

SENT VIA EMAIL

May 1, 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Premier Doug Ford
MP Philip Lawrence
MPP David Piccini
All Ontario municipalities

Re: Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022

Please see attached Resolution adopted at the Cobourg Municipal Council meeting held on May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department





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| Moved By | <u>Councillor Adam Bureau</u> | Resolution No.: |
| Last Name Printed | BUREAU | 145-23 |
| Seconded By | <u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u> | Council Date: |
| Last Name Printed | MUTTON | May 1, 2023 |

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mulmar and Duffer for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Steven Blaze through a private member's bill on August 10 2022; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Coburg and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability for its Code of Conduct and workplace policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Council and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg endorses Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 which would require the code of conduct for municipal councillors and members of local boards to include or requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the integrity commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member seat if the commissioners inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

FURTHER THAT Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the Premier of Ontario the Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the local members of parliament MPs the local members of provincial department and MPPS and all Ontario municipalities.



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator

APR 29 2023
Info # 6



April 17, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Dufferin County Council supports Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.

Thank you,

Michelle Hargrave

Michelle Hargrave
Administrative Support Specialist



From: Lindsay Raftis <lraftis@orangeville.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 11:14 AM

Subject: Town of Orangeville - Response to Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

You don't often get email from lraftis@orangeville.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: External E-Mail

Good morning,

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023 and the Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

Whereas the Town of Orangeville and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That Orangeville Council endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.**
- 2. That Orangeville Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Town of Orangeville Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s);**

the Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as Dufferin County Municipalities.

Thank you,

Lindsay Raftis | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

Town of Orangeville | 87 Broadway | Orangeville, ON L9W 1K1

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May 10th, 2023

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held April 25th, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from the Township of Mulmur regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator



WELLINGTON NORTH
SEMPER PORRO

May 10, 2023

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its meeting held on May 8, 2023 adopted the following:

RESOLUTION: 2023-168

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the resolution dated February 21, 2023 from Sault Ste. Marie regarding Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse their support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Cathy Conrad
Deputy Clerk



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.2.
Title: Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Whereas municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

Whereas a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

Whereas Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

Whereas over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

Whereas Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Stephen Blais (Orleans).

Carried

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An Overview for Bill 5*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

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6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet—capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

legal@ohrc.on.ca

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- Town of Collingwood
- Town of Adjala-Tosoronto
- Township of Ramara
- Town of Midland
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- City of Woodstock
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Essa Township
- Township of Clearview
- City of Barrie
- Township of Springwater
- City of Ottawa
- Town of Wasaga Beach
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Town of Penetanguishene
- Township of the Archipelago
- City of Orillia
- Town of Midland
- City of London
- Municipality of Kincardine
- City of Kenora

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[Workforce Psychological Safety in the Workplace ENG 0 1.pdf](#)
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FAO Municipal Clerks: If your municipality has not already formally endorsed Bill 5 with a motion, please add this request to your next council meeting agenda and let us know the outcome. *Otherwise, please disregard

Bill 5 is now scheduled for a second reading in the Ontario Legislature on May 30, 2023*

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Dear Ontario Mayors and Councillors,

As you are aware, there is growing **non-partisan advocacy** across this province calling for support of Bill 5- The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act - 'The Women of Ontario Say No'. This advocacy was borne out of a situation in Barrie, ON where a councillor was in litigation for sexual harassment while also running for Mayor, and Bill 5 itself is a result of the most appalling behaviour from a sitting councillor in Ottawa where council had no resource but to suspend pay for 90 days, four times.

There is an increasing number of municipalities in support (80 and growing DAILY), recognizing that this gap disproportionately affects women- and affects women in the most unconscionable ways. **Bill 5 was endorsed unanimously by the Ontario Big City Mayors a few weeks ago.** A list of current supporting municipalities can be found at the bottom of our home page [The Women of Ontario Support Bill 5 \(squarespace.com\)](#).

Workplace safety is the foundation to supporting diversity of voice at the decision-making

tables. **A working environment free of harassment for all is not a big 'ask' - it is a right.** You may recall the names of two Ontario women, Lori Dupont and Theresa Vince, detailed in this article [Ont. workplace harassment laws change | CBC News](#) Both were murdered in the workplace by co-workers. As a result, Bill 168 was passed to strengthen Occupational Health and Safety legislation. Bill 5 is a natural progression to ensure health & safety in municipal workplaces for both employees **and** elected officials.

The Canadian Medical Association says this about workplace harassment “Bullying can cause [stress](#), fatigue, presenteeism, anxiety, [burnout](#), [depression](#), substance abuse, broken [relationships](#), early retirement and even [suicide](#). It can affect performance, self-esteem/self-confidence, absenteeism and teamwork.” <https://www.cma.ca/bullying-workplace>

Employers have a legal obligation to ensure psychologically safe workplaces. “A perfect legal storm is brewing in the area of mental health protection at work. This storm brings with it a rising tide of liability for employers in connection with failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace.” Dr. Martin Shain [see PDF attachment Workforce Psychological Safety in the Workplace prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada.](#)

From an article published in the National Post, Sept 2022 [Workplace bullying should be treated as a public health issue | National Post](#) “Multiple high profile incidents of workplace bullying have been in the media over the past few years, from the alleged toxic workplace culture created by former Governor General Julie Payette and the suicide of a Canadian Armed Forces reservist linked to constant harassment by co-workers...” “Like other health issues, the impact of workplace bullying has measurable diagnostic implications and the clustering of adverse physical and psychological symptoms of bullying victims is definable. Multiple studies have shown that it can negatively impact a person’s mental health and can even lead to long-term psychological trauma..”

Multiple Ontario municipalities have learned the hard way about the lack of tools in the Municipal Act for holding councillors accountable for workplace harassment. Currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal councillor is suspension of pay for 90 days. There is no process for removing councillors from office. This advocacy is not about upending our most sacred element of healthy societies- our democracy. **It about protecting the most basic of human rights for women, and all Ontarians. It is understood that that removal would only be pursued in the most egregious of circumstances, and even then, the courts would have to review the evidence and agree before removal would be enforced.** In fact, it is precisely the Bill's due process that has facilitated such rapid support.

There is discourse circulating that this legislation needs other elements. To that end, the legislation is in its infancy. Much of the worthy discussion on this will be captured in

Committee and incorporated into regulation, if it passes second reading.

We NEED legislation now to address this shortcoming by amending the Municipal Act & City of Toronto Act to ensure (at a minimum): 1) municipally elected officials are accountable to violence and harassment in the workplace policies 2) there is a process for removal and restriction on re-election in cases where egregious acts of harassment are substantiated.

YOU have been elected to lead in our provincial municipalities and to represent the public's best interest. We are asking you to do just that. Human rights and the fundamental rights of women to work in an environment free of harassment can't wait. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of
The Women of Ontario
Say No

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