

# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE April 7, 2017

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2017-INFO-41

Commissioner of Social Services – re: Federal 2017 Budget Impacts on Social Services

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There are no Early Release Reports

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There are no Staff Correspondence

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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 Municipality of East Ferris – Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on March 28, 2017, regarding Building Code Change – B-08-09-03 Building Code – Septic System

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at <a href="clerk@durham.ca">clerk@durham.ca</a> by 9:00 AM on the Monday one week prior to the next regular Committee of the Whole meeting, if you wish to add an item from this CIP to the Committee of the Whole agenda.



### The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services

Report: #2017-INFO-41 Date: April 7, 2017

#### Subject:

Federal 2017 Budget Impacts on Social Services

#### Recommendation:

Receive for information

#### Report:

#### 1. Purpose

1.1 This report will highlight items in the recent Federal Budget relevant to the Durham Region Social Services Department.

#### 2. Background

2.1 On March 22, 2017 the federal Liberal government submitted its budget titled *Building a Strong Middle Class* (Budget 2017), which outlines their commitments.

#### 3. Highlights

- 3.1 Housing & Homelessness
  - a. A significant investment of \$11.2 billion over 11 years has been allocated for the implementation of the inclusive and forthcoming National Housing Strategy (NHS) through a number of initiatives designed to build, renew and repair Canada's stock of affordable housing. This funding announcement signals a return of the federal government to the housing sector. Some of the NHS investments include:
    - Maintaining baseline funding for expiring operating agreements which help subsidize affordable rental housing.
    - A new \$5 billion National Housing Fund to address critical housing issues,

and better support vulnerable citizens.

- \$2.1 billion over the next 11 years to expand and extend funding for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy beyond 2018–19, when current funding is scheduled to end.
- \$3.2 billion devoted to a renewed multilateral investment framework to build new affordable housing and renovating and repairing existing units.
- \$202 million to make more federal lands available for affordable housing and to fund remediation, renovations and retrofits to make the land suitable for housing.
- Over the next year, the Government will consult with stakeholders, provinces, territories and Indigenous partners on how the Homelessness Partnering Strategy can be redesigned to better reduce and prevent homelessness across Canada.
- b. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - Collaborate with community partners in both the private and not-for-profit sectors to be ready to act on any and all opportunities to invest in new affordable housing projects as well as investments in renovations/repair of existing affordable housing in Durham.
  - Continue to identify and highlight how federal and provincial policy and funding announcements align with and support the work of the Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task Force.
  - Participate in the Homelessness Partnering Strategy consultations.
- 3.2 Federal Commitments to Financial Empowerment for Youth & Families
  - a. Pathways to Education for Youth in Priority Neighborhoods
    - Budget 2017 proposes to renew the Government's support for Pathways to Education Canada by providing \$38 million over four years, starting in 2018–19.
    - With this renewed funding, Pathways to Education Canada will provide more vulnerable youth with the supports they need to succeed in school, including tutoring, career mentoring and financial help, such as scholarships and internships.
  - b. Improving Access to the Canada Learning Bond

To help more low-income families benefit from the Canada Learning Bond, Budget 2017 proposes to reallocate \$12.5 million over six years, starting in 2017–18, from Employment and Social Development Canada's existing resources to launch a pilot project. Working with community organizations and businesses, the pilot project will explore new ways to increase awareness of the program and reduce barriers to access.

#### c. Digital Literacy Exchange program

- \$29.5 million over five years, starting in 2017-18, to support initiatives that teach basic digital skills to certain groups including low income Canadians and seniors.
- d. Affordable Computers & Internet Access for Low Income Families
  - \$13.2 million over five years, starting in 2017–18, in a new Affordable Access program, which will help service providers offer low-cost home Internet packages to interested low-income families.
  - As the cost of computer hardware is also a barrier for some families, a target of 50,000 computers refurbished through the existing Computers for Success Canada program will also be distributed to families, along with the low-cost Internet packages.
- e. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - Provide clients with information about and access to benefits associated with financial empowerment.
  - Explore Pathways to Education opportunities in Durham's Priority Neighborhoods.

#### 3.3 Research and Data Analytics

#### a. Social Innovation

 Through community-college partnerships, the Community and College Social Innovation Fund is to foster positive social outcomes, such as the integration of vulnerable populations into Canadian communities. Following the success of this pilot program, Budget 2017 proposes to invest \$10 million over two years, starting in 2017–18, to continue this work.

#### b. Housing

 \$241 million over the next 11 years to CMHC to improve data collection and analytics, which will strengthen the ability to report the outcomes of the National Housing Strategy and make informed policy decisions.

- Investment to support expanded housing research through university networks and collaboration with other levels of government, and a network of innovation labs that will incubate new ideas and design solutions to affordable housing challenges.
- c. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - Continue to partner with local post-secondary institutions to incorporate social innovation into human service delivery at the Region.

#### 3.4 Children's Services

- Budget 2016 provided \$500 million, for 2017-18, for early learning and child care. The budget committed \$400 million to child care as well as another \$100 million for indigenous child care- beginning in fiscal 2017-18. Budget 2017 proposes to invest an additional \$7 billion over 10 years, starting in 2018-19, towards early learning and child care initiatives. This investment could mean up to 40,000 new subsidized child care spaces across Canada.
- The Federal government is working with the provinces and territories to develop a National Framework on Early Learning and Child Care. The Director of Children's Services will continue to participate on the Provincial Municipal Early Years Reference Group, which provides input into all Ministry of Education activities related to the early learning and child care sector. Staff anticipates that Children's Services will receive additional funding in 2017 as the Ministry funding formula is based on various demographic factors which should benefit Durham's growth situation, given that the \$500 million for 2017–18 should be allocated out to the provinces providing for more funding for each province.
- a. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - Children's Services Division is currently engaging in community consultations to create a multi-year service system plan for early learning and child care. The plan will identify gaps and opportunities to expand services to Durham families, should additional funding be provided to do so.
  - Staff have provided input into all recent regulatory reviews as part of enacting the Child Care and Early Years Act; Staff participate on the OMSSA Child Care Network and they will look for opportunities to participate in any consultations regarding a National Framework on Early Learning and Child Care.

#### 3.5 Employment and Skills Training

- The budget proposes an additional \$2.7 billion over six years, starting in 2017-18, to expand Labour Market Transfer Agreements to help more Canadians gain access to training and employment assistance.
- Further changes to Canada Student Loans and Grants, which include expanding eligibility for part-time students, and also for Canada Student Grants for students with dependent children.

#### 3.6 Employment Insurance Benefits

- Parents will be able to choose to receive EI parental benefits over an extended period up to 18 months at a lower benefit rate of 33 per cent of average weekly earnings or go with the current benefit rate of 55 per cent over a 12 month period.
- Women will be able to claim EI maternity benefits up to 12 weeks prior to their due date. This is expanded from the current standard of eight weeks-if they so choose.
- a. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - The possible impact of all of these proposed changes on staffing levels may require assistance from the Human Resources Department.
  - This change may impact the licensed child care sector, and may reduce the need for licensed Infant spaces. Children's services staff will be monitoring trends in order to effectively support the licensed child care sector to provide the services needed by the community.

#### 3.7 Immigration

- The budget proposes to reallocate \$27.5 million over five years, starting in 2017-18, and \$5.5 million per year thereafter from Employment and Social Development Canada's existing resources to support a Targeted Employment Strategy for Newcomers.
- a. Opportunities for the Social Services Department
  - This funding aligns with initiatives around improving the employment outcomes for newcomers identified in the Durham Diversity and Immigration Community Plan. The federal budget includes improved prearrival supports, a loan program to assist newcomers with the costs associated with having their foreign credential recognized and measures to test innovative approaches to assist skilled newcomers attain Canadian work experience in their field.

#### 3.8 Gender-Based Violence

- The budget proposes to invest \$100.9 million over five years, starting in 2017-18, and \$20.7 million per year following, to establish a National Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence.
- Additional details on the Strategy are expected to be announced in coming months.

#### 4. Conclusion

Social Services staff will continue to monitor the development and implementation of the various initiatives highlighted in this report. Staff will continue to consult with other Departments and report back to Committee, as appropriate and required.

Respectfully submitted,
Original signed by:
Dr. Hugh Drouin Commissioner of Social Services

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#### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

No. 2017-78

Moved by Councillor Voyer

Seconded by Council

C.C. S.C.C. File

Take Appr. Action

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has proposed a change to the L. Building Gode, B 08-09-03, requesting mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner;

AND WHEREAS that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify and acknowledge the administrative costs that will be added to Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs;

AND WHEREAS many Municipalities already have By-laws to regulate septic systems especially near waterways;

AND WHEREAS the majority of homeowners pump out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not;

AND WHEREAS the Province and Municipalities can better ensure that septic systems are maintained through a low cost educational program;

AND WHEREAS there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer's money than "enhancing" maintenance on existing functioning system;

AND WHEREAS Premier Wynne stated on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the ROMA Conference that the Province recognizes that "one size fits all" solutions do not always work in rural Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris does hereby request that the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs not move forward with proposed Building Code Change B-08-09-03;

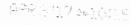
AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, AMO, ROMA and FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 2017-78 passed by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris on the 28th day of March 2017.

Monica L. Hawkins, AMCT

Clerk





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#### **Member of Conservation Ontario**

March 30, 2017

Forwarded by email: cheryl.bandel@durham.ca

Ms. Cheryl Bandel Regional Municipality of Durham 605 Rossland Road East P.O. Box 623

Whitby ON L1N 6A3

Subject: Approval of CLOCA Instream Barrier Action Plan

**CLOCA IMS Number: NWPD1** 

Dear Ms. Bandel:

On March 21, 2017, the Directors of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority passed the following resolution:

#### Auth. Res. #24/17, of March 21, 2017

"THAT Staff Report #5512-17 be received;

THAT the Instream Barrier Action Plan be approved;

THAT Staff are authorized to explore opportunities leading to the restoration of priority barriers and to continue work to address data gaps in barrier information;

THAT a copy of Staff Report #5512-17 and the Instream Barrier Action Plan be provided to CLOCA's municipal partners; and,

THAT CLOCA pursue appropriate funding partners to facilitate instream barrier restoration."

**CARRIED** 

Instream barriers disconnect fish from upstream habitat, isolate fish communities and populations, limit dispersal and exchange of genetics and deprive the downstream system from sediment resulting in increased bank erosion and scouring. The Instream Barrier Action Plan assesses and evaluates barriers that obstruct or limit fish movement, providing CLOCA with the information to determine which barriers, if removed, would provide the greatest ecological benefit to the system.



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In all, there are 69 barriers and CLOCA has prioritized the top 10 barriers for removal within the jurisdiction and the top 5 barriers in each watershed. In recent years, 5 barriers have been removed through various capital improvement/infrastructure works.

A copy of the staff report is attached for your information and a copy of the Instream Action Plan is available on the CLOCA website (<a href="http://cloca.ca/resources/library.php">http://cloca.ca/resources/library.php</a>).

If you require anything further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Heather Brooks MCIP RPP

**Director Natural Heritage & Watershed Planning** 

HB/ms

cc: Chris Darling, Chief Administrative Officer

Attach.



#### **REPORT**

APPROVED BY C.A.O.

#### CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

DATE:

March 21, 2017

FILE:

NWPD1

**S.R.**:

5512-17

TO:

Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors

FROM:

Heather Brooks, Director, Watershed Planning & Natural Heritage

**SUBJECT:** 

Instream Barrier Action Plan – Watershed Action Plan #17

The identification and evaluation of instream barriers is an important component in CLOCA's efforts to protect, restore and enhance fish and aquatic habitat. A barrier may be a culvert, weir, dam or any water control structure that impedes the flow of water and fish movement. Some barriers may impede fish movement completely, even for migratory sport fish like Rainbow Trout and Pacific Salmon. Other barriers may limit the movement of smaller non-jumping fish and minnows and some may only be a barrier seasonally. For instance, when a stream is experiencing low flows, some of these barriers will be more exposed, making it difficult, or impossible, for fish to pass. In addition to having direct impacts on fish and aquatic habitat, instream barriers can also impact water quality and habitat conditions.

Undertaken by CLOCA staff, this Action Plan documents, assesses and evaluates barriers within CLOCA's streams which obstruct or limit fish movement. Each barrier is evaluated based upon 5 metrics which include quality of biotic life, upstream habitat quality and quantity, extent of the barrier, and the risks associated with removal, which is termed "other considerations before removal". The first 4 metrics are scored out of 5 for a total possible score of 20. Consideration of the risks associated with removal is a qualitative metric and is not scored. This metric considers aspects such as whether the barrier prevents the further distribution of invasive species (sea lamprey and round goby), or whether it protects brook trout populations from downstream predators. In these situations, additional information is needed in order to complete the evaluation and properly assess the impact restoration will have on the aquatic system. Evaluating each barrier in this manner enables CLOCA to understand which barriers, when removed, would provide the most ecological improvement to the system.

A copy of the Instream Barrier Action Plan is available on CLOCA's website <a href="http://cloca.ca/resources/planning/CLOCA%20Instream%20Barrier%20Action%20Plan %20Feb2017.pdf">http://cloca.ca/resources/planning/CLOCA%20Instream%20Barrier%20Action%20Plan %20Feb2017.pdf</a>

There are 69 known barriers in CLOCA's jurisdiction. Each watershed has a listing of the barriers and the top 10 barriers recommended for restoration within CLOCA have been identified. The table below provides a summary of barrier information by watershed.

Watershed	Number of	No. of Barriers in CLOCA top	No. Partially Restored
	Barriers	10 for Restoration	
Lynde	10	1	0
Oshawa	19	5	0
Black/Harmony/Farewell	18	1	2
Bowmanville/Soper	16	3	2
Small Watersheds	6	0	0
Total	69	10	4

FILE: NWPD1 March 21, 2017

**S.R.:** 5512-17

It is acknowledged that there are gaps in information regarding barriers and as such, this Action Plan will be updated on a regular basis to reflect new data or changes in the status of barriers. Debris jams and beaver dams are temporary barriers and not documented or evaluated in this Action Plan. However, when these barriers come to the attention of CLOCA, they will be assessed and the landowner provided with recommendations for dealing with the temporary barrier.

The information contained within this Action Plan contributes to a number of CLOCA's programs including plan and permit review, stewardship, natural heritage evaluations and natural heritage restoration planning. In that some of the barriers are associated with transportation networks, the information contained within this Action Plan is also of value to our municipal partners when considering capital projects.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Staff Report #5512-17 be received;

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THAT Staff are authorized to explore opportunities leading to the restoration of priority barriers and to continue work to address data gaps in barrier information;

THAT a copy of Staff Report #5512-17and the Instream Barrier Action Plan be provided to CLOCA's municipal partners; and,

THAT CLOCA pursue appropriate funding partners to facilitate instream barrier restoration.

HB/ms



#### **Marie Alphonso**

From: Gord Geissberger Sent: April-03-17 2:00 PM To: Gord Geissberger

Subject: CLOCA News Release - Phragmites Information Meeting - April 19th

**Attachments:** News Release - Phragmites Information Meeting - April 19 Purple Woods.doc

#### To: News Release List

Hello, please find attached the above news release with regards to a Phragmities Information Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Purple Woods Conservation Area, North Oshawa.

If you cannot open the attachment please contact me at the Conservation Office.

Have a great day.



Gord Geissberger Coordinator, Marketing & Communications **Central Lake Ontario Conservation** 100 Whiting Avenue Oshawa, ON L1H 3T3 Tel: 905-579-0411, ext. 142

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#### **News Release**

100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa, ON, L1H 3T3 (905) 579-0411, fax (905) 579-0994

Release Date: Immediate

#### You're Invited!

Phragmites Information Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00pm
Heritage Hall,
Purple Woods Conservation Area
38 Coates Road East, North Oshawa



Have you seen the tall, yellowish, swaying reeds and feathery plumes as you drive along the roads in Durham Region? It looks pretty and harmless but did you know this plant is invasive and threatens habitats such as wetlands? The plant, called Phragmites (pronounced "frag-mitees") (*Phragmites australis*), is also known as Common Reed, and it presents a significant threat to watershed health across southern Ontario.

The Scugog Environmental Advisory Council, in partnership with Central Lake Ontario Conservation, Kawartha Conservation, North Durham Nature, Scugog Lake Stewards and Nature Conservancy of Canada are hosting a Phragmites Information Meeting with renowned wetland ecologist and Phragmites activist Janice M Gilbert, Ph.D. The event will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00pm at Heritage Hall, Purple Woods Conservation Area, 38 Coates Road East, North Oshawa. The public is invited to come out and learn about this invasive plant, what you can do to stop it, and meet community members that are working together to establish an invasive species management program for Phragmites.

"Phragmites is extremely aggressive, spreads quickly and can reach heights of up to 5 metres (15 feet), allowing it to out compete native plant species therefore reducing wildlife habitat," says Diana Shermet, Natural Heritage Resource Analyst with Central Lake Ontario Conservation. "With the plant's ability to spread quickly, we need everyone's help to control it while it is still manageable in the watershed - but time is running out."

For more information on the Phragmites Meeting please contact Diana Shermet at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Office (905) 579-0411, ext. 107 or email: dshermet@cloca.com.

Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.

From:

Body Worn Cameras < BWC@drps.ca>

Sent:

March-31-17 11:03 AM

To:

**Body Worn Cameras** 

Subject:

Durham Regional Police Service Body Worn Camera Project - Public Survey

**Attachments:** 

BWC\_Information Poster.pdf

#### Dear Community Partners,

The Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Project team is reaching out to you to assist us with hearing from our community. The DRPS is currently in the process of looking at the feasibility of implementing BWC within our organization. We are conducting a number of community engagements prior to June 2017 to speak on this BWC project. At the same time we would like to leverage technology with our partnerships to connect with many community members as possible to have their say by filling out our online survey (<a href="https://www.drps.ca/bwcsurvey">www.drps.ca/bwcsurvey</a>) which will end April 30th.

We are looking for you to send the attached information to your internal members, advisory committees, volunteers, employees, and community partners within your sphere of influence to participate in this online survey.

If you or others have any questions please contact us through our body worn camera email address.

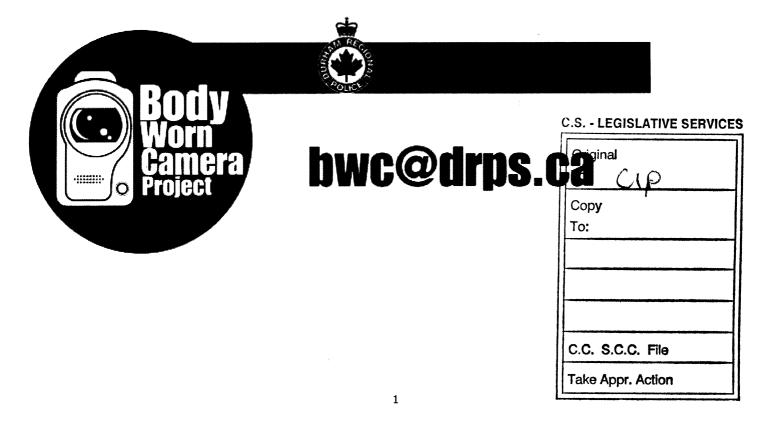
Here are the links to the survey, our email and our website:

Survey - www.drps.ca/bwcsurvey

Email - <u>bwc@drps.ca</u> Website- www.drps.ca

We believe it is very important to hear from our partners and our community about this project.

Many Regards
The DRPS BWC Team





# **Body-Worn Camera Project**

As part of our ongoing improvement efforts, the Durham Regional Police wants to hear from you about the potential use of body-worn cameras by police officers in your community.



The mission of the body-worn camera project is to determine if the deployment of this technology to front-line officers provides value to our police service. Important factors being considered include:

-quality of evidence collection
-transparency to maintain community trust
-enhanced accountability
-information for future training

## Have Your Say!

Complete the survey online by April 30 www. drps.ca/bwcsurvey

Questions? E-mail bwc@drps.ca

# Action Items Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to provide information on the possibility of an educational campaign designed to encourage people to sign up for subsidized housing at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. (Region of Durham's Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan for the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Program) (2016-COW-19)	Social Services / Economic Development	October 5, 2016
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Section 7 of Attachment #1 to Report #2016-COW-31, Draft Procedural By-law, as it relates to Appointment of Committees was referred back to staff to review the appointment process.	Legislative Services	First Quarter 2017
October 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole	That Correspondence (CC 65) from the Municipality of Clarington regarding the Durham York Energy Centre Stack Test Results be referred to staff for a report to Committee of the Whole	Works	
December 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff advised that an update on a policy regarding Public Art would be available by the Spring 2017.	Works	Spring 2017
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion also ensued with respect to whether implementing a clear bag program will help to increase recycling and green bin program compliance at curbside. Staff was directed to bring an updated report on a clear bag program to an upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole.	Works	

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Inquiry regarding when the road rationalization plan would be considered by Council. Staff advised a report would be brought forward in June.	Works	June 2017
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was directed to invite the staff of Durham Region and Covanta to present on the Durham York Energy Facility at a future meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Clarington.	Works	
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to advise Council on the number of Access Pass riders that use Specialized transit services.	Finance/DRT	March 8, 2017
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	A request for a report/policy regarding sharing documents with Council members.	Corporate Services - Administration	Prior to July 2017