



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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September 15, 2017

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca 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 Corporate Services
Report: #2017-INFO-92
Date: September 15, 2017

Subject:

Restricted Acts after Nomination Day and/or Election Day - Lame Duck provisions of the Municipal Act

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

To advise Council that pursuant to section 275 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the "Act"), there are certain actions of Regional Council which may be restricted during two separate periods after the municipal nomination date (July 27, 2018). These restrictions may occur in the event that any one of the so-called "lame duck" thresholds set forth in section 275(1) are satisfied. A Council can become "lame duck" in one or both of two separate time periods:

- the period from the nomination date (July 27, 2018) to the day of the election (October 22, 2018); and,
- the period from the day of the election (October 22, 2018) to the end of the current term of Regional Council (November 30, 2018).

In each instance an analysis must be done at the outset of these periods to determine whether the Council is "lame duck".

2. Analysis

Typically, a Council becomes "lame duck" if it is determined with certainty that the new Council will have less than three-quarters of the members of the outgoing one. In order to determine whether the three-quarters threshold has been met, one must have regard to the nominations that have been certified and any acclamations made to the new Council, as well as the results of the election.

Based on the current and new Regional Council having 29 elected members, three-quarters of which will be 21.75, it will require 22 returning members in order to avoid becoming “lame duck”. In other words, if on either the nomination day or election day it can be determined with certainty that 8 or more members of the outgoing Regional Council are not returning, then the restrictions in s. 275 of the *Act* will apply.

Once the determination has been made with certainty that a council is “lame duck”, then the four restrictions contained within s. 275(3) will apply. They are prohibitions upon:

- a) The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
- b) The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
- c) The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000, at the time of disposal; and,
- d) Making any expenditure or incurring any other liability that exceeds \$50,000.

Sections 275(3) (a) and (b) do not restrict the hiring or dismissal of officers or employees of the municipality where such powers have been delegated to staff prior to nomination day. Such powers have been delegated to senior officers by Regional Council.

Clauses 275(3) (c) and (d) do not apply if the disposition or the liability was included in the most recent budget adopted by Council before the nomination day. The Act also provides that nothing in s. 275 prevents a municipality from taking any action in the event of an emergency.

3. Conclusion

As in the past, and in light of the upcoming 2018 municipal election, this information is being brought to your attention at this time.

Any questions regarding this report should be direct to Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, 905-668-7711 extension 2100.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

D. Beaton
Commissioner of Corporate Services



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO-93
Date: September 13, 2017

Subject:

Initiation of the Durham Region Broadband Strategy, File No. D24-12

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the initiation of the Durham Region Broadband Strategy. A budget of \$150,000 was approved by Council for this Strategy in the 2017 Budget.

2. Background

2.1 The global economy, and society as a whole, is becoming increasingly computerized and online. With government services, business functions, and entertainment options continuing to evolve into online digital formats, access to high speed broadband¹ internet has been recognized as a crucial driver for quality of life and economic competitiveness. Recently, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ruled that access to broadband internet is a basic service that should be available to all Canadians.

2.2 Traditionally, broadband needs have been fulfilled by private sector

¹ Broadband generally refers to internet service that is always on and available at higher speeds than traditional dial up internet services. There are several forms of broadband internet service, which includes Digital Subscriber Line, Cable, Satellite and Fiber-Optic.

telecommunication companies. Urban areas with large concentrations of businesses and residents represent the largest and most profitable markets, with increased competition among internet service providers. As a result, these areas typically have access to high levels of broadband connectivity, the latest technologies, and more competitive prices.

- 2.3 By contrast, smaller urban areas and rural areas may not receive the same level of market competition from the private sector. These locations may become underserved, or face lower levels of broadband access at higher prices.
- 2.4 Municipalities are recognizing the importance of broadband infrastructure and are taking it upon themselves to spur deployment. Approaches for achieving increased broadband deployment vary across Ontario. Some jurisdictions focus on developing policies and processes to assist or incentivize the private sector. Others have gone as far to form Municipal Service Corporations to install and operate municipally owned fibre optic networks. The aim of a Broadband Strategy is to understand the current conditions and develop actions, programs and projects to achieve the desired levels of broadband connectivity by tailoring solutions that match a jurisdiction's unique challenges and opportunities.
- 2.5 At the January 18th, 2017 Regional Council Meeting, the following motion was carried: "That the Commissioner of Finance be requested to include \$150,000 in the Region's 2017 Budget for the purpose of preparing a Regional Broadband Strategy, for consideration during the 2017 Business Plans and Budget process."
- 2.6 The Broadband Strategy is being undertaken in order to understand the current conditions within the Region, identify the needs of businesses, residents, and government agencies, and to provide recommendations on the required actions in order to achieve increased connectivity.

3. Project Initiation

- 3.1 In March of 2017 an internal Steering Committee was established to oversee and provide guidance for the development of the Broadband Strategy. The Steering Committee includes representation from the Works Department, Finance Department, Corporate Services Department, Planning and Economic Development Department, the Office of the CAO, and Durham Region Transit.
- 3.2 On May 3rd, 2017 the Region released a Request for Proposal (RFP-1059-2017) for the preparation of a Regional Broadband Strategy. A total of seven submissions were received. Following an evaluation process, Actionable Intelligence Inc. was

identified as the successful proponent. The contract was awarded during the summer recess by the Commissioner of Finance, under the approved process set out in Council Report 2010-F-47.

4. Project Overview

4.1 The Broadband Strategy will be completed in Two Phases. Phase One focuses on gathering background and baseline information and is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2017. Phase One includes the following key components:

- a. **A Gap Analysis** that identifies current broadband services and the various gaps in service delivery within the Region;
- b. **A Needs Analysis** that identifies the needs and interests of public and private sector stakeholders, as well as the current challenges and obstacles to obtaining increased connectivity;
- c. **Consultation** with key sector stakeholders;
- d. **The Consolidation** of Detailed baseline data and background information to ensure that the Region and Area Municipalities can be application ready for future funding opportunities under the Government of Canada's "Connect to Innovate" (or similar Federal or Provincial) funding program;
- e. **An Assessment of the Appropriate Role and Scope** that the Region and Area Municipalities should provide in enhancing / delivering broadband service; and,
- f. **An Analysis** of how broadband connectivity can assist the Region and Area Municipalities in becoming an "Intelligent / Smart Community", and the related benefits and economic impacts of such designations.

4.2 Phase Two focuses on the preparation of the Final Broadband Strategy document, and is scheduled for completion by July 1st, 2018. Phase Two includes the following key components:

- a. **The identification of connectivity goals and targets** based on information and data collected as part of Phase One;
- b. **Scoping the appropriate roles and actions** for various stakeholders, including the Region, Area Municipalities, and the private sector;
- c. **An Implementation Plan** that provides Durham and the Area Municipal partners with the necessary actions to move forward to obtaining the connectivity goals and targets; and,
- d. **An Assessment** of potential business models, ownership models, phasing options, funding source, partnership arrangements and governance to

oversee projects and programs aimed at achieving increased broadband connectivity.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The Regional Broadband Strategy is now underway. Council will be kept apprised of its progress throughout the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO-94
Date: September 13, 2017

Subject:

The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation, Management of Abandoned Aggregate Properties (MAAP), Annual Program Update, File: D07-14

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides an annual update on relevant 2016 projects under the Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC), Management of Abandoned Aggregate Properties (MAAP) Program.

2. The MAAP Program

2.1 The MAAP Program was initiated in January 1990 when the former Pits and Quarries Act was replaced by the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA). The Program provides for the rehabilitation of pits and quarries that were abandoned prior to the enactment of the ARA.

2.2 At the outset of the Program, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) undertook an inventory of site disturbances that were thought to be the result of aggregate extraction. That investigation identified over 6,500 sites across Ontario that had the potential for rehabilitation.

2.3 In Durham Region, 438 sites were originally identified as having potential for rehabilitation. Since that time, 338 of those site files have been closed due to

naturalization, rehabilitation, or lack of owner interest, leaving 100 eligible sites in Durham for future MAAP Program consideration.

- 2.4 To fund the Program, aggregate producers currently pay \$0.115/tonne. In addition to the rehabilitation of abandoned pits and quarries, monies from the fund also support research into new and creative approaches to rehabilitation.
- 2.5 The extent to which older sites have reverted to other uses has been the subject of a re-evaluation of the original inventory. To date, it has been determined that thousands of sites no longer require intervention through the MAAP program. Many landowners have utilized the sites in their disturbed condition for a variety of functions (e.g. storage of farm implements, removal of gravel for personal use, etc.) and do not see the need for site rehabilitation. The net effect of this re-evaluation process has resulted in approximately 4,489 files being removed from the active inventory.
- 2.6 The MAAP program aims to rehabilitate 30 sites annually. This objective is divided into a spring and fall work program, in a condensed geographic area. Counties and regions targeted for work are rotated on a semi-annual basis to ensure that different areas of the Province are considered for rehabilitation work on an equitable basis.
- 2.7 To date, over \$8,500,000 has been spent to reclaim and/or rehabilitate over 720 ha of land, on over 450 sites. The work has been completed at no cost to the landowner. The cost to rehabilitate the average site has been approximately \$11,500/ha.

3. Rehabilitation Sites in Durham

- 3.1 In 2016, the MAAP Program targeted Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, although one site in Durham was rehabilitated in 2016 located at Lot 25 Concession 7, Township of Uxbridge (Caterall Pit). The land has been rehabilitated to agricultural uses (location shown on Attachment 1).
- 3.2 This site was an owner completed rehabilitation of a small abandoned pit. TOARC provided initial funding and oversight for the project.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Should the MAAP Program rehabilitates additional sites in Durham in the future, Council will be advised accordingly.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: MAAP Program Rehabilitation Sites

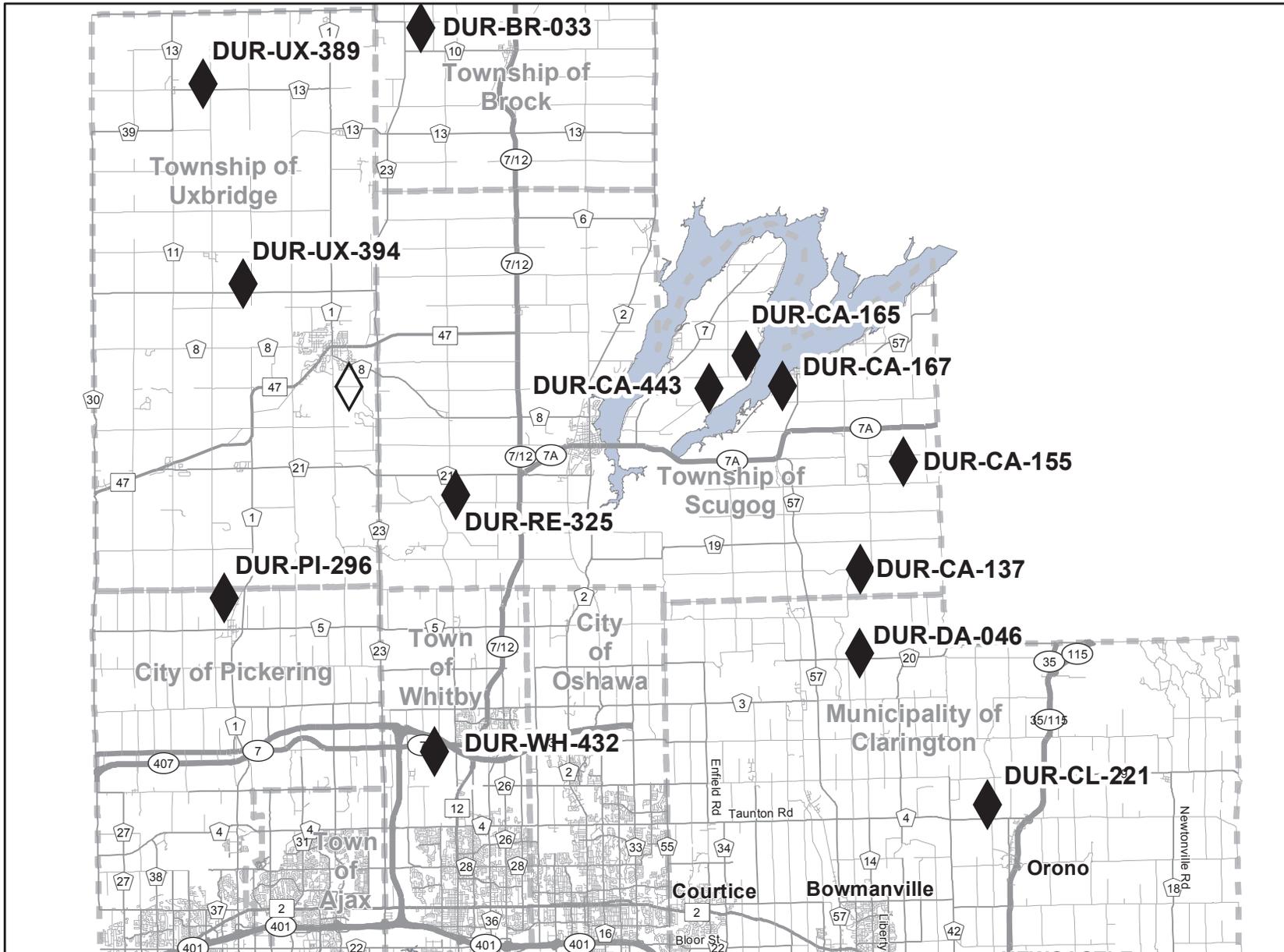
Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



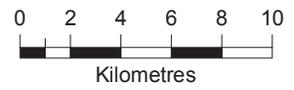
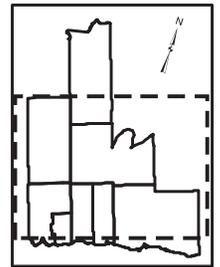
Attachment 1: 2017 MAAP Program Rehabilitation Sites



Legend

- ◆ 2016 MAAP Rehabilitation Site
- ◇ 2017 MAAP Rehabilitation Site
- - - Municipal Boundary

REGIONAL MAP INDEX



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This map is intended for location purposes only.





Interoffice Memorandum

Date: September 15, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Health
Department

**Subject: Legislative and Regulatory Amendments under the
*Immunization of School Pupils Act***

On September 1, 2017, legislative and regulatory amendments to the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) (ISPA) came into force which impact parents of school children and boards of health. These changes are based on actions outlined in the province's five year comprehensive immunization strategy that was launched in December 2015 ([Immunization 2020: Modernizing Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Program](#)). The attached informational webinar was provided to public health units (PHUs) on August 29, 2017 to provide an overview of the new provincial requirements.

Parents who choose to not vaccinate their children against the designated diseases under ISPA, for non-medical reasons, are now required to complete an immunization education session with their local PHU which addresses the risks and benefits of immunization and vaccine safety. PHUs are required to deliver the immunization education session to parents in-person or, where there are extenuating circumstances, another delivery format as permissible by the *Ontario Public Health Standards*.

To support PHUs in delivering the immunization education session, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has developed an e-Learning module and fact sheets to be provided to parents, available in English and French. The e-Learning module is only available to PHU staff delivering the education session and registered with the MOHLTC. PHUs are required to provide a Vaccine Education Certificate to parents, signed by the Medical Officer of Health (or delegate), once they have completed the education session.

In addition to completing the education session, parents are required to: complete a Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Form (signed by a Commissioner for taking Affidavits), submit the signed Form to the PHU; and maintain a personal record of the Form and Vaccine Education Certificate.

The Durham Region Health Department is in the process of identifying the capacity and resource impacts related to implementation of the new legislative and regulatory requirements. The province has communicated that boards of health have the opportunity to apply for in-year funding to cover extraordinary costs in delivering the immunization program requirements, if required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

ISPA 2017 Implementation

**Medical Officers of Health/Associate Medical
Officers of Health
Tuesday August 29, 2017**

Disease Prevention Policy and Programs Branch,
Population and Public Health Division

Agenda

1. Review of the Meeting Agenda and Objectives
2. Legislative Amendments Background and Context
3. Walkthrough of Education Module
4. Implementation Approach and Materials
5. Program Evaluation and Communication Approach
6. Summary and Next Steps

Key Implementation Issues

Theme 1: Timelines for Implementation

Theme 2: Resources (staffing and financial)

Theme 3: Staff Safety and Training

Theme 4: Education Session

Theme 5: Equity, Hardship and Access

Theme 6: Evaluation and Ministry Communications

Legislative Background - Overview

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced two amendments to the *Immunization of School Pupils Act* (ISPA) as part of *Immunization 2020*, the five year strategy to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Ontario's publicly funded immunization system.

1. *Strengthen requirements for school vaccine exemptions*

Parents and guardians considering not immunizing their children for non medical reasons would be required to participate in an education session delivered by their local public health.

2. *Improve how ISPA designated immunizations are reported*

Health care providers would be required to report any vaccines they administer to children and youth needed to attend school in Ontario directly to their local public health unit.

- (Out of scope for the 2017 amendments)

Context

Starting September 01, 2017, parents who request for a non-medical vaccine exemption will be required to complete an immunization education session in addition to submitting a valid affidavit (Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form).

- Intent is to ensure that parents are fully informed about the risks and benefits of immunization and on vaccine safety if they choose to request for a non-medical vaccine exemption

Additional housekeeping legislative and regulatory amendments will also come into force (see Appendix A for further detail)

Legislative Background - Timelines

May 12 2016	Proposed amendments introduced to Legislative Assembly as Bill 198
Sept 08 2016	Ontario government prorogued – all unfinished business removed
Dec 09 2016	ISPA legislative amendments re-introduced with no revision as part of an omnibus package known as Bill 87, <i>the Protecting Patients Act, 2017</i>
Mar 27 2017	Bill 87 carried to 2 nd Reading
Apr 12-May 17 2017	Committee hearings held
May 29 2017	Bill 87 carried to 3 rd Reading
May 30 2017	Bill 87 received Royal Assent
July 25 2017	Received approval from Cabinet Office and Legislation & Regulation Committee to proclaim certain amendments on September 01, 2017
Sept 01 2017	Legislative amendments for immunization education session come into force

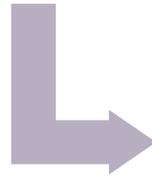
Implementation Approach: Immunization Education Session

Module Details

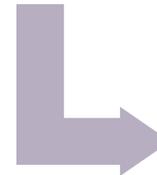
- Available in English and French
- Estimated 30 mins
- Includes animation and on-camera interviews from health care providers
- English & French transcripts also available

Process of Obtaining a Non-Medical Vaccine Exemption

Parent contacts their local public health unit (PHU)



PHU provides in-person immunization education session



Vaccine Education Certificate and Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form are submitted to PHU for valid exemption

Implementation Materials

1. ISPA implementation document
 - Legislative overview, FAQs, exemption best practices, Vaccine Education Certificate template, and the Ontario Public Health Standards and Immunization Management Protocol, 2017.
2. ISPA video and transcript
 - URL (not for public distribution)
 - Controlled access
3. Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form
 - Revised form aligned with the ISPA amendments.
4. Supplementary materials (Vax Facts)
 - PDF documents to supplement immunization education session.
5. MOHLTC communications:
 - Low key rollout: updates made on ISPA parent flyer checklist and the MOHTLC websites (information on exemptions and directing parents to the PHUs)

Vax Facts; Taking a closer look



Supplementary Material to the
Immunization Education Module

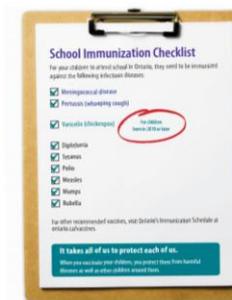
Evaluation and Ministry Communication Approach

Evaluation

- The ministry is working with Public Health Ontario to develop an evaluation approach.

Ministry Comms

- Low key approach
- Rolled into “Back to School” products
- Updates to Ontario.ca/vaccines – information for children attending school, including the parent checklist flyer



**Keep our children healthy
and our schools disease-free.**

Stick to Ontario's Immunization Schedule

As a parent, keeping your kids safe and healthy is your number one priority. All children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to Ontario's Immunization Schedule. Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, children need to have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, whooping cough, meningococcal disease, whooping cough, and – for children born in 2003 or later – chickenpox to attend school. Children who are not fully immunized may not be allowed to attend school.

What you need to do

Check it with your health care provider or local public health unit to make sure your child has all the vaccines needed to attend school. If your child has followed the immunization schedule, no further vaccines will be needed.

Did you know that it's your responsibility to report your child's updated immunization records to your local public health unit? Your health care provider does not report their records for you. To check your local public health unit, or for more information on immunization, visit ontario.ca/vaccines.

Immunization Education

Starting September 2017, parents will need to complete an immunization education session if they choose to exempt their child from required immunization for non-medical reasons. Please contact your local public health unit for more information.



Summary and Next Steps

- Penultimate draft Implementation Package with final E and F transcripts to VPD manager today
- Final Protocol to be sent to MOHs and VPD managers tomorrow
- Education module URL and final implementation documents to be sent to VPD managers on Thursday
- VPD managers implementation forum meeting Wednesday Aug 30, 2017 and following meetings weekly in September to discuss operationalizing the amendments.
- Ministry establishment of an evaluation consultative group to work with ministry and PHO

Appendices

Appendix A – 2017 Legislative & Regulatory Amendments

In addition to the immunization education session, revised definitions of “nurse” and “physician” and four regulatory amendments will also come into effect:

1. Prescribing the immunization education session (content, delivery, and completion)
2. Revising the Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form to align with legislative amendments
3. Updating Tables 1 and 2 in Regulation 645 for AODA compliance
4. Providing Regulation 645 in French

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90i01?search=immunization+of+school>



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: [Signature: Rick Bonnette] Date: August 28, 2017
Mayor Rick Bonnette
Seconded by: [Signature: Jan Nest] Resolution No.: 2017-0152
15A

WHEREAS on August 12, 2017 a horrific, cowardly, and racially motivated act of violence took place in Charlottesville, Virginia that led to the death of a 32 year old woman, and injuries to at least 19 others;

AND WHEREAS this horrific and cowardly act took place during what has been described as one of the largest white supremacist events in U.S. history;

AND WHEREAS further incidents of racially motivated acts of violence have taken place both locally and abroad;

AND WHEREAS we must join together as a community, province, and nation to condemn this type of hatred and racism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Halton Hills supports zero tolerance for racism of any kind, including nazi'ism and white supremacy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills encourages all Ontario Municipalities to pass a resolution to support zero tolerance against racism and condemn all racism acts of violence;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Chong, MP, Wellington Halton-Hills, Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington Halton-Hills, FCM, AMO, Region of Halton, and Ontario municipalities.

[Signature: Rick Bonnette]
Mayor Rick Bonnette

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To: CIP
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To: G. Cubitt
B. Bridgeman
S. Squires
W. Leonard
C.C. S.C.C. File
Take Appr. Action



Dear Mayor or Council Member,

You are receiving this mailing because you have a TransCanada-operated pipeline in your area. We encourage you to spend a few moments reading the information enclosed and familiarizing yourself with the function, purpose and safety of the pipeline and how you as a public official can maintain the integrity of underground utilities. Please provide this information to your Chief Administrative Officer to share with the appropriate departments and hang the "Know What's Below" poster where it is visible to staff and the public.

Preventing Pipeline Damage. There are three steps government entities can take to help in the prevention of damage to underground utilities, including natural gas or oil pipelines:

1. Avoid building structures on pipeline rights-of-way. TransCanada and other pipeline operators need access to their rights-of-way for maintenance and emergency response.
2. Require all employees and contractors to request a locate by contacting their local One-Call Centre either by phone or online at www.clickbeforeyoudig.com before excavating.
3. Always report damage of a utility to the local One-Call Centre and the utility operator. Unreported and even minor damage has the potential to cause long-term damage to pipelines.

Emergency Preparedness and Response. Although leaks or ruptures on pipelines are rare, it is important that you know how to respond in the event of an incident. Make sure you have a coordinated plan with pipeline operators, local emergency management officials and HAZMAT.

Land Use and Urban Development. It is important to consider the location of pipelines and other underground utilities for land development and urban planning in your community. Look for pipeline marker signs which indicate a pipeline is in the area and always contact the One-Call Centre before any excavation.

Responding to Public Inquiries. Our effectiveness studies have shown that the public relies on local government for safety information. Constituents in your jurisdiction may contact you with questions about underground utilities (where they are, who operates them, etc.). It is important to remind the public to always contact the local One-Call Centre before beginning any excavation deeper than 30cm. For questions about TransCanada's pipelines in particular, please direct them to our website at www.transcanada.com or provide our contact information (listed below).

Information on TransCanada's pipelines can be found online and in the documents included in this mailing. If you would like additional or digital copies of our materials, or if require more information, please email public_awareness@transcanada.com, or call our General Inquiries line at 1.855.458.6715.

Sincerely,

TransCanada's Public Awareness Team



canadian energy pipeline association
association canadienne de pipelines d'énergie

NEB Enhances Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations

In June 2016, the National Energy Board (NEB) released an amended version of their *Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Authorizations, and Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Obligations of Pipeline Companies* (together, known as the DPRs). These regulations apply to any NEB-regulated pipeline company and to anyone planning or undertaking an activity near an NEB-regulated pipeline. This publication is intended to help you understand the changes in regulation and how they may impact you.

What are pipeline companies doing to prevent damage?

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility between pipeline companies, regulators and the public.

Federally-regulated pipeline companies are required to ensure landowners, land users and anyone working

around pipelines are aware of the requirements to safely carry out ground disturbance, construction and crossings near a pipeline. The NEB provides regulatory oversight for all parties involved; creating the conditions necessary to hold persons and companies accountable for carrying out these responsibilities.

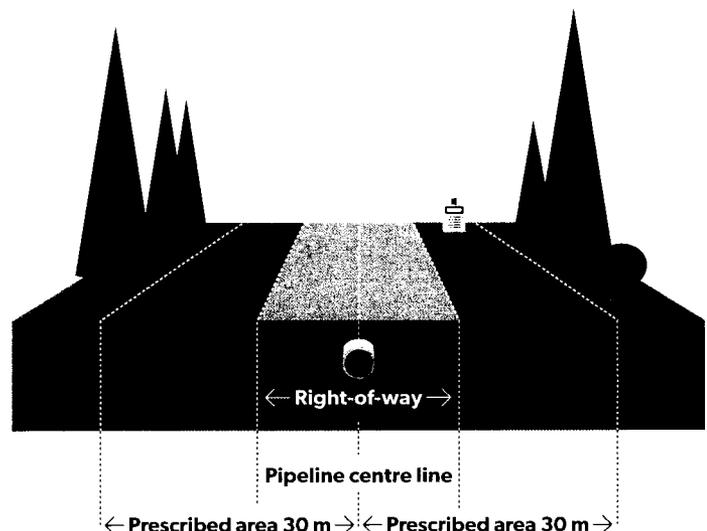
How do the regulations impact you?

Prescribed area

Anyone planning to conduct ground disturbance activities within the prescribed area must make a locate request through their One-Call centre. When a One-Call centre does not exist, they must obtain the pipeline company's written consent directly.

What is the prescribed area?

The prescribed area extends 30 meters from the pipeline centre line.

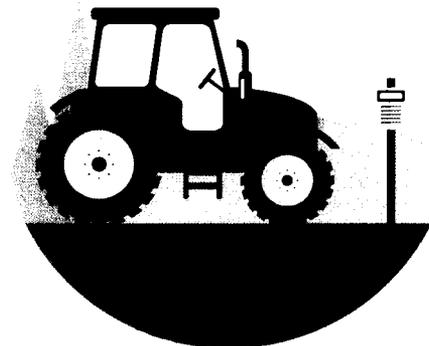


Agricultural activity

For a vehicle or mobile equipment to be authorized for agricultural activities across the prescribed area, the following conditions must be met:

- The loaded axle weight and tire pressures of the vehicle or mobile equipment must be within the manufacturer's approved limits and operating guidelines; and
- The pipeline company cannot have previously issued a notification identifying the point of crossing as a location that could impair the pipeline's safety or security.

If landowners/users are unsure whether their proposed agricultural activity meets the above conditions, or whether the proposed agricultural activity could jeopardize the safe and secure operation of the pipeline, they must contact the pipeline company **before** crossing the prescribed area with agricultural vehicles or mobile equipment.



❗ For more info, visit: <https://www.neb-one.gc.ca/sftnvrnmt/dmgprvntn/crssngs-eng.html>

Administrative monetary penalties

The NEB developed *Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations (AMP)*, allowing them to impose financial penalties on companies or individuals for non-compliance with the NEB Act, regulations, decisions, permits, orders, licenses or certificate conditions intended to promote safety and environmental protection.

The AMP sections in the NEB Act sets out the maximum daily penalties for both individuals and companies. For individuals,

the maximum daily penalty is \$25,000 for each violation, and for companies, the maximum daily penalty is \$100,000 per violation.

The Act stipulates that **each day** a violation continues, it will be considered a **separate** violation.

Damage prevention

Anyone planning to conduct ground disturbance activities must first contact either the One-Call centre or the pipeline company directly before carrying out activities around a pipeline.

The basic safety steps in regards to damage prevention are:

- Including time for approvals when planning for construction or ground disturbance activities;
- Making a locate request and contacting the pipeline company, and being on site when the pipeline is located to ensure understanding of the locate markings;
- Following the pipeline company's safety measures and the instructions of the on-site pipeline company representative; and
- Obtaining the consent of the pipeline company prior to crossing a pipeline with a vehicle or other mobile equipment.



❗ For more info, visit: <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/bts/ctrg/gnnb/dmgprvntnrgltn/index-eng.html>



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THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF
Bahá'ís of Oshawa

September 11, 2017

To: Roger Anderson ,
Durham Regional Chairman
605 Rossland Road E
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To Chairman Roger Anderson and Council,

Bahá'i Community of Oshawa would like to warmly extend to you an invitation to the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the extraordinary Founder of the Baha'i World Community, to be held **on Saturday, October 21st 2017, from 4:00pm – 9:30pm at Harmony Creek Community Centre, 15 Harmony Road North, L1G 6K8**. The event begins with open house 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

The Baha'i community's vision of a gradually maturing and unified human civilization, and commitment to ongoing services among the manifold activities that comprise our City of Oshawa – are inspired by the consummate wisdom to be found in the writings of Baha'u'llah. We are thus delighted to honor His yet little-known and unique life, by celebrating the bicentenary of His birth in 1817 in this nation, and no less this region committed to an ever-growing spirit of human inclusiveness.

As the day approaches to the event on October 21st 2017, **we request your support by proclaiming October 21st Baha'i Bicentenary Day in Oshawa at your discretion any excerpts from attached materials.**

We would be honored by your presence **as our regional chairman** at Harmony Creek Community Centre on the 21st, yet we realize that the relatively late notice and your heavy schedule may understandably preclude your attendance. In any case, should you require additional information, or have any questions, please do contact me via email lsa@bahaisofoshawa.org or call 416-889-3564.

Respectfully yours,

Niels Hodsman, Secretary
Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'ís of Oshawa

200
YEARS OF VISION

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Bahá'u'lláh
1817 | 2017

Oshawa Bicentennial Celebration of the
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

The Baha'i Community of Oshawa cordially invites **Roger Anderson,**
Durham Regional Chairman to the Bicentennial Celebration of the birth of
Bahá'u'lláh on

Harmony Creek Community Centre

15 Harmony Rd N, Oshawa, ON L1G 6K8, Canada

Saturday, October 21, 2017

exhibits, film, musical performance, a short talk

Open House at 4:00pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

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The Bahá'í Community of Canada
La communauté bahá'íe du Canada

The Bahá'ís Celebrate an Historic Bicentenary

Across Canada, Bahá'ís this year are celebrating a significant anniversary in the history of the Bahá'í Faith. It is the bicentenary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the Prophet and Founder of the Bahá'í Faith. Born in 1817 in Tehran, more than five million Bahá'ís around the world today revere Bahá'u'lláh as the most recent of history's Messengers from God. Their purpose has been to guide humanity towards the advancement of human civilization.

Bahá'u'lláh's teachings revolve around the oneness of humanity, and His Revelation signals a special time in history as the entire human race moves to a new stage in its collective maturity and wholeness. The challenges and tribulations of this transitional phase in the story of humanity resemble the changes encountered as a person passes through adolescence and becomes an adult. Bahá'ís understand the world to be on the threshold of an age in which education for all, equality of women and men, a just and equitable system of governing the earth, and upholding science and religion will be among the values and achievements of a prosperous and peaceful world society.

Bahá'ís are eagerly anticipating the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh on Sunday, October 22. This historic occasion is immediately preceded by the Birth of the Báb, the Prophet-Herald of the Bahá'í Faith on October 21. These successive days are called the Twin Holy Days by Bahá'ís and festivities encompass both days with events spread through the 48-hour period (Bahá'í days begin at sunset, so celebrations may

be held from Friday evening through Sunday later afternoon).

Despite the continuing persecution of Bahá'ís in the land of its birth, Iran, the Bahá'í community has grown and spread throughout the world since Bahá'u'lláh's passing in 1892. Bahá'ís now live in over 200 countries, and reside in some 100,000 localities. In Canada, Bahá'ís can be found in every province and territory, residing in more than one thousand localities, and from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds, from among the Indigenous peoples, and multi-generational Canadians, to more recent immigrants and refugees.

“All joy to this night through which all days have been suffused with light,” is one of the descriptions of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh from the Bahá'í sacred writings – a sentiment that reflects just how cherished a holy day this is for Bahá'ís.

Public Discourse

Bahá'ís are encouraged to participate in the life of society, both in their communities and in their fields of work. This involvement often includes participation in discussions about issues of the day. Bahá'ís welcome opportunities to engage in conversation and to share insight from the teachings of their Faith and from their experience in applying that insight for the betterment of their communities and professions.

At an official level, the Bahá'í Community of Canada participates in national public discourses as a member of Canadian civil society. Its representatives are active in supporting the advancement of a number of national discourses, including on the themes of the role of religion in society, youth empowerment, citizenship and pluralism, and reconciliation and Aboriginal affairs. Written perspectives on these themes can be found at this web address: <http://ca.bahai.org/public-discourse>.

At whatever level it occurs, Bahá'í participation in discourses is undertaken to contribute to the evolution of thinking about the transformation of society. The aim of these efforts is not to persuade others to accept a Bahá'í position on this or that subject. Nor is it pursued as a public relations activity or an academic exercise.

Rather, Bahá'ís strive to adopt a posture of learning and engage in genuine conversation. In whatever setting, Bahá'ís are eager to share what they are learning in their efforts to apply Bahá'u'lláh's teachings to the advancement of society and to learn with and from like-minded individuals and groups.

Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.”

– Bahá'u'lláh

Partnerships, Media, and Government

The Bahá'í Community of Canada is represented by staff in Ottawa and Toronto. The Director of Public Affairs is based in Toronto and manages relations with the media, civil society organizations, and universities. The Director of Government Relations is based in Ottawa and represents the Bahá'í Community of Canada to the Government of Canada, parliamentarians and civil society organizations based in the capital.

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The Bahá'í Community of Canada

The Bahá'í Faith is an independent world religion. It was founded in 1844 and has been present in Canada since 1898.

It is based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, who taught that there is only one God, that there is one human family and that all major religions represent unfolding chapters in God's teaching for humankind.

The Bahá'í Community of Canada comprises more than 35,000 members and is representative of the country's rich cultural and ethnic diversity. Bahá'ís reside in every province and territory in Canada and in some 1,000 localities across the country. In many localities, Bahá'ís elect a nine-member Local Spiritual Assembly, and the national governing council is the annually elected nine-member National Spiritual Assembly. There is no clergy in the Bahá'í Faith. Local Bahá'í communities gather together every 19 days, according to the Bahá'í calendar, to pray, deliberate on community affairs, and socialize. Holy Days are commemorated throughout the year.

Bahá'ís undertake various community-building initiatives aimed at empowering the residents of

their communities to take charge of their own spiritual, social, and intellectual development. These initiatives include spiritual education classes for children, devotional gatherings, youth empowerment groups, study classes focused on the Bahá'í writings, and social action projects. These activities are open to everyone, and there is no requirement to be a member of the Bahá'í community to fully participate.

The Bahá'í Faith

The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest of the world's independent religions.

Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith, taught that God has revealed Himself to humanity through a series of divine Messengers, whose teachings guide and educate us and provide the basis for the advancement of society.

These Messengers have included Abraham, Moses, Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster, Jesus,

The first Bahá'í community in Canada was established in Montréal in 1902, when May and William Sutherland Maxwell returned to that city from Paris. The dedication of this early group under the remarkable care and support of May Maxwell became the driving force for the establishment of the Canadian Bahá'í community.

Muhammad, the Báb, and Bahá'u'lláh. All of the world religions come from the same divine source and represent successive stages in the spiritual education of humanity.

Bahá'ís believe that Bahá'u'lláh is the latest in the line of these divine educators and that He brought new spiritual and social teachings for our time. The divinely inspired teachings contained in the sacred writings of Bahá'u'lláh constitute the heart of the Bahá'í Faith.

Bahá'u'lláh's collected works would amount to more than 100 volumes, although some half-dozen stand out as His principal works.

The Bahá'í Faith originated in Persia, and is now established with communities in every country. There are more than five million Bahá'ís around the world.

The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men.

– Bahá'u'lláh

Bahá'í Teachings

The Bahá'í writings teach that one's personal development is connected to service to humanity. Bahá'ís understand life to have a twofold purpose, which is to progress spiritually and morally, and to contribute to the transformation of society.

Therefore, the Bahá'í teachings prescribe daily prayer and an annual period of fasting, and they urge adherents to devote their time and energy to service to others.

The core social teaching of the Bahá'í Faith is that humanity is one single race, and that history has brought us to the point where it is now possible to achieve unification in a global society, characterized by both spiritual and material prosperity.

The Bahá'í teachings describe this period of history as being unique. As humanity emerges from its turbulent adolescence and approaches its collective maturity, the need for a new understanding of the relationships between the individual, the community and the institutions of society becomes ever more pressing. These relationships need to be renewed to account for the oneness and unity among all the nations and peoples of the earth, from whatever background, religion or culture. The hallmark of humanity's maturity will be the unification of humanity in one global civilization, reflecting the diversity and brilliance of a global culture that benefits from all the diverse elements of humanity brought together in unity and harmony.

All over the world, Bahá'ís are striving to put into practice Bahá'u'lláh's teachings on the nature and purpose of life, to promote His vision of a peaceful, prosperous, and united global society.

A Vision of Society

The vision of society expressed in the Bahá'í writings centers on the oneness of the human family, which calls on us to eliminate all forms of prejudice from our relationships — whether based on race, religion, or gender.

Society can be compared to the human body, which comprises different organs that promote the health of the body as a whole through cooperative and reciprocal relationships.

The progress of society depends on balanced relationships between the individual, the community, and institutions, each of which has its own responsibilities and prerogatives to further social progress. The Bahá'í teachings recognize that social change necessitates both individual transformation and the creation of just social, economic and political institutions.

Social transformation, therefore, is seen as a process that brings the spiritual and material requirements of life into dynamic coherence.

True prosperity increases when we draw upon the knowledge of both science and religion to promote human welfare. Science offers insight into the material world and safeguards individuals from superstition, while religion fosters values, motivates action, and builds the bonds of community. The pursuit of knowledge, and its application to the needs of the community, is fundamental to the advancement of society.

Wherever they reside, Bahá'ís engage in efforts to apply Bahá'u'lláh's teachings to the material and spiritual progress of their communities. With an attitude characterized by a willingness to learn, they strive to contribute to a process of community building in which acts of worship and efforts to promote the common good are woven together. Everyone willing to participate in this process is welcome. Its purpose, after all, is to help raise the capacity of more and more people to take charge of their development so that they come to see themselves as active agents of both their own and their communities' progress.

We cannot segregate the human heart from the environment outside us and say that once one of these is reformed everything will be improved. Man is organic with the world. His inner life moulds the environment and is itself also deeply affected by it. The one acts upon the other and every abiding change in the life of man is the result of these mutual reactions.

– Shoghi Effendi



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	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

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
January 18, 2017	In light of the proposed campaign self-contribution limits under Bill 68 and the recent ban on corporate donations which will require candidates for the elected position of Durham Regional Chair to raise the majority of their campaign funds from individual donors, staff be directed to prepare a report examining the potential costs and benefits of a contribution rebate program for the Region of Durham.	Legislative Services	Fall 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

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
<p>May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole</p>	<p>Discussion ensued with respect to whether data is collected on how many beds are created through this funding; and, if staff could conduct an analysis of the Denise House funding allocation to determine whether an increase is warranted. H. Drouin advised staff would investigate this and bring forward this information in a future report.</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	
<p>May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole</p>	<p>Discussion ensued with respect to whether staff track the job loss vacancies in Durham Region, in particular the retail market. K. Weiss advised that staff will follow-up with the local area municipalities and will report back on this matter.</p>	<p>Economic Development & Tourism</p>	
<p>June 14, 2017 Council</p>	<p>That staff be authorized to distribute the Draft Transportation Master Plan to the area municipalities and other stakeholders for their review and comment and report back to Regional staff by the end of September 2017.</p>	<p>Works</p>	
<p>June 14, 2017 Council</p>	<p>That the concerns raised from the John Howard Society of Durham Region be referred to Social Services staff to provide assistance or advice to the John Howard Society and that a report be brought back to Council in September, 2017.</p>	<p>Social Services</p>	<p>September 2017</p>