



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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### June 5, 2020

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### **Advisory Committee Minutes**

There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-INFO-52  
Date: June 5, 2020

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**Subject:**

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the First Quarter of 2020. File: 1.2.7.19

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain Area Municipal Official Plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. The delegation By-law requires the Commissioner to report to Council quarterly concerning actions taken under this delegated authority.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of how this delegated authority was used in the first quarter of 2020 (January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020), and to provide information on the type and volume of other planning-related activity over the quarter. A summary of plan review activity is provided in Attachment 1.

**2. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments**

- 2.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial

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Plans. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then the amendment's approval rests with the area municipality.

2.2 In the first quarter of 2020, the Planning Division received five local official plan amendments from the area municipalities. One application is currently under review, one application is deemed to be of Regional significance, and three applications have been deemed not to be of Regional significance:

- Application OPA-O-2020-01, proposes site-specific policies within existing land use designations to facilitate the development of 932 units (90 single units, 466 townhouse units, and 376 apartment units) and at grade retail, west of Harmony Road North, and south of Winchester Road East in the City of Oshawa. This application is currently under review.
- Application OPA 19-005/P, proposes to expand the City Centre boundary and redesignate a site to High Density Residential to permit a 100-unit condominium apartment building with at grade retail west of Liverpool Road, east of Glendale Drive and south of Glenanna Road in the City of Pickering. This application is deemed to be of Regional significance.
- Application 1-2020-OPA, proposes to implement policies regarding the growth and production of cannabis within the Township of Brock, which is deemed not to be of Regional significance.
- Application OPA-2020-W/01, proposes to increase the maximum permitted density within the Mixed-Use designation, and the Rossland/Garden Urban Central Area boundary to facilitate the development of 148 residential apartment units, including 17 live/work units, north of Rossland Road East, east of Garden Street, and south of Brimley Court in the Town of Whitby. This application is deemed not to be of Regional significance.
- Application SOP/01/2017, proposes to implement the Port Perry Employment Area Secondary Plan in the Township of Scugog, which is deemed not to be of Regional significance.

### **3. Commissioner's Approval of Subdivisions and Condominiums**

3.1 The Region is the approval authority for plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the first quarter of 2020, the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development did not receive any new applications, and issued one draft approval, as follows:

- Application S-S-2018-01 was draft approved to permit the development of 18 semi-detached residential units, north of Balsam Street, south of Bay Street, east of Old Simcoe Road, and west of Rosa Street in the Township of Scugog.

### **4. Region's Review of Planning Applications**

4.1 Regional staff review planning applications from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division coordinates comments from other Regional Departments and provides a coordinated response to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

4.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.

4.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

### **5. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan**

5.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Durham Region Official Plan (ROPA).

5.2 As of March 31, 2019, there were a total of 11 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the first quarter of 2020, three new ROPA applications were received, as follows:

- Application 2020-001 proposes to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.
- Application 2020-002 proposes to permit a severance of a dwelling and accessory structures rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.
- Application 2020-003 proposes to include a site-specific policy exception to permit new uses in the southwest quadrant of Bloor Street and Courtice Road in the Municipality of Clarington.

## **6. Appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal**

6.1 The first quarter of 2020 also saw the following Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) activity:

- On November 9, 2019 application LD 063/2019, in the City of Pickering was appealed. The LPAT decision meeting is to be rescheduled.
- On August 12, 2019 applications LD 004/2019 and LD 005/2019, in the Town of Whitby were appealed. The Hearing is to be rescheduled.
- On March 16, 2020 the LPAT issued its decision on the Municipality of Clarington's conformity exercise under OPA 107. Application COPA-2016-001 was approved with two site specific appeals remaining at LPAT sine die.

6.2 Three non-exempt Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications and four consent applications are currently before the LPAT (refer to Attachments 3A and 3B).

## **7. Reserved Street Names**

7.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services in order to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. Approved street names are

included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. A total of 11 new street names were included on the Regional reserve street name list in the first quarter of 2020 (Refer to Attachment 4).

**8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Attachment #3: Regional Planning Approvals before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development

**Regional Review of Planning Applications - Summary**  
**January 1 to March 31, 2020**

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**Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments**

Received	5
Commented	4

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**Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums**  
**(Lakeshore Area Municipalities)**

Received	4
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	8
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	11

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**Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums**  
**(Northern Area Municipalities)**

Received	0
Provided Comments & Conditions of Draft Approval	1
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	0

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**Zoning By-laws Amendments**

Received	21
Commented	29

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**Non-Delegated Part Lot Control**

Received	1
Commented	1

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**Consents**

Received	37
Commented	56



**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or  
before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (As of March 31, 2020)**

<b>OPA file</b>	<b>Council/ standing committee corr.</b>	<b>Applicant/ Location</b>	<b>Proposed amendment</b>
<b>1997-013</b>	97-352	1204538 Ontario Inc. Lot 11, Conc. 6 (Thorah) Township of Brock (West of Hwy. 12 & 48, North of Main St.)	<b>To permit a rural employment area in the General Agricultural Area designation.</b> Status: On hold. Applicant to advise of next steps.
<b>2000-003</b>	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	<b>To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan).</b> Status: Regional TMP approved by Council on December 13, 2017, recommending that the Clements Rd. connection be protected (i.e. Deferral #3) for in the ROP. Connection remains in ROP as a result of Amendment #171.
<b>2005-009</b>	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	<b>To delete a Type C Arterial Road.</b> Status: Regional TMP approved by Council on December 13, 2017, recommending that Shoal Point Rd. extension, North of Bayly Street be protected for in the ROP. Connection remains in ROP as a result of Amendment #171.
<b>2005-011</b>	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	<b>To permit two 18-hole golf courses and resort /conference centre in the Permanent Agricultural Reserve designation.</b> Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the applicant.

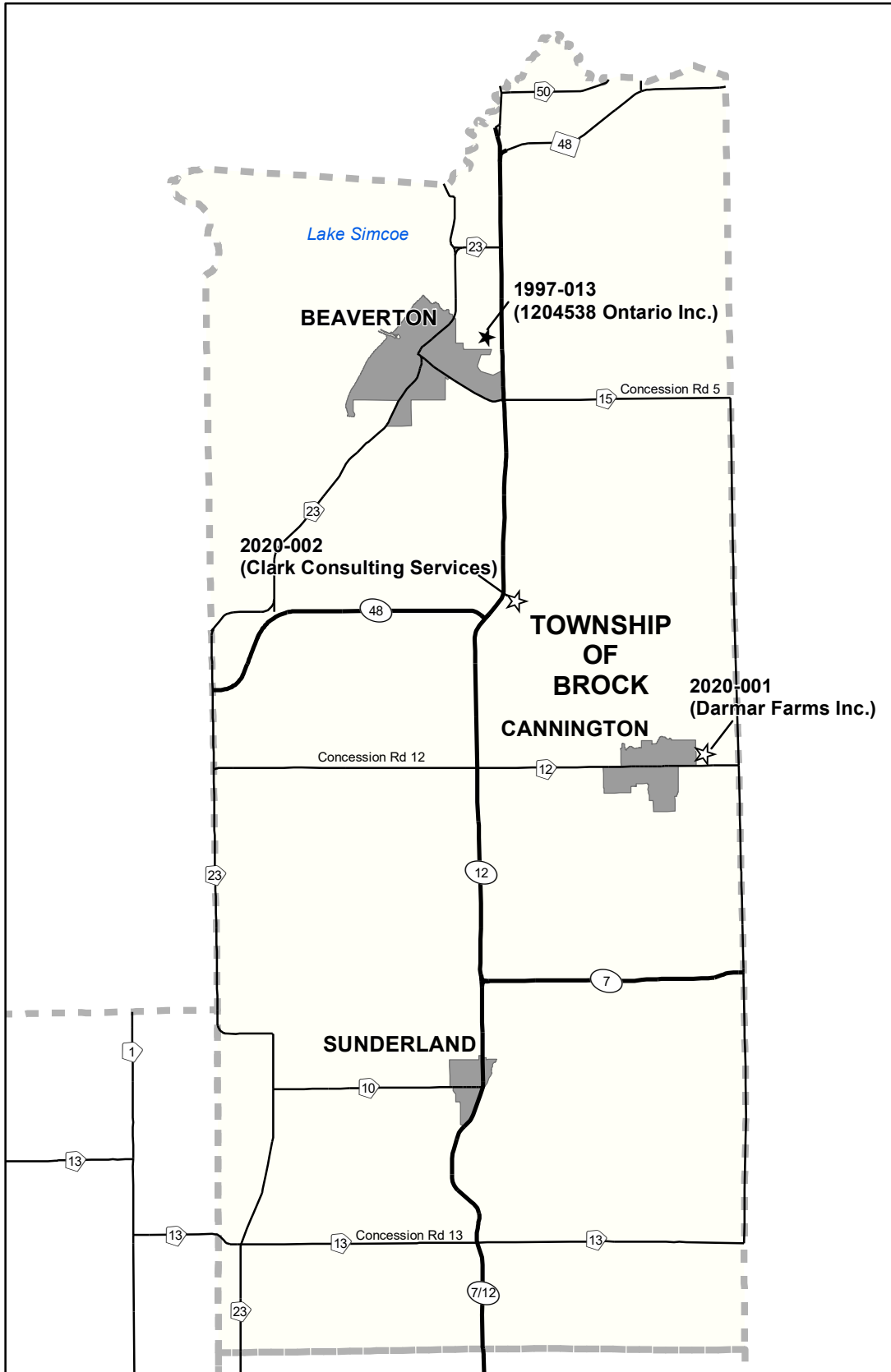
OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2014-008		Vicdom Sand & Gravel (Ontario) Ltd. Part of Lot 15, Conc. 7 & 8 Township of Uxbridge (North of Goodwood Rd., West of Lakeridge Rd.)	<b>To add a new aggregate resource area (18.9 ha. in size) in Uxbridge.</b> Status: Public meeting held on January 6, 2015. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. in between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	<b>To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor's yard and office in the Major Open Space designation.</b> Status: Public meeting held on December 7, 2016. Application was appealed to LPAT on December 12, 2019 on the basis of a non-decision.
2019-003		Werrcroft Farms Ltd. (Kevin Werry) Lot 3, Concession 8, Municipality of Clarington (8800 Middle Road)	<b>To permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels.</b> Status: Decision Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2020
2019-006		Werrcroft Farms Ltd. Lot 28, Concession 6, Municipality of Clarington (1785 Concession Road 7)	<b>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</b> Status: Public Information meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020.
2020-001		Darmar Farms Inc. Lot 32, Concession 12 Township of Brock (396 Cameron Street)	<b>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</b> Status: Public Information meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2020-002		Clark Consulting Services Lot 9, Concession 1 Township of Brock (C1565 Thora Concession Road 1)	<b>To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling.</b> Status: Public Information meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020
2020-003		Region of Durham Lot 29-31, Concession 1 Municipality of Clarington (South of Bloor Street, west of Courtice Road, within the Courtice Urban Boundary)	<b>To align the Municipality of Clarington Official Plan and the Regional Official Plan to permit new uses.</b> Status: Public Information meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020



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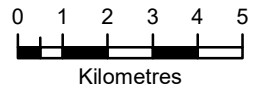
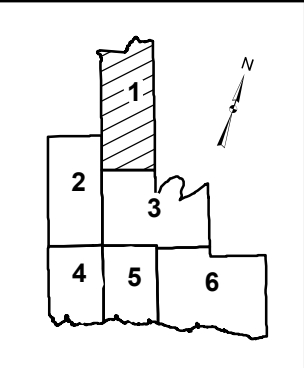
As of March 31, 2020



### ROPA Locations

- ☆ New Application
- ★ Under Consideration
- ⊗ Refused/Withdrawn
- ⊛ Appealed to LPAT
- ⊙ Approved
- Regional Official Plan Urban Area
- ⋯ Municipal Boundary
- 12— Provincial Highway
- 48— Regional Highway
- 5— Regional Road
- Local Road

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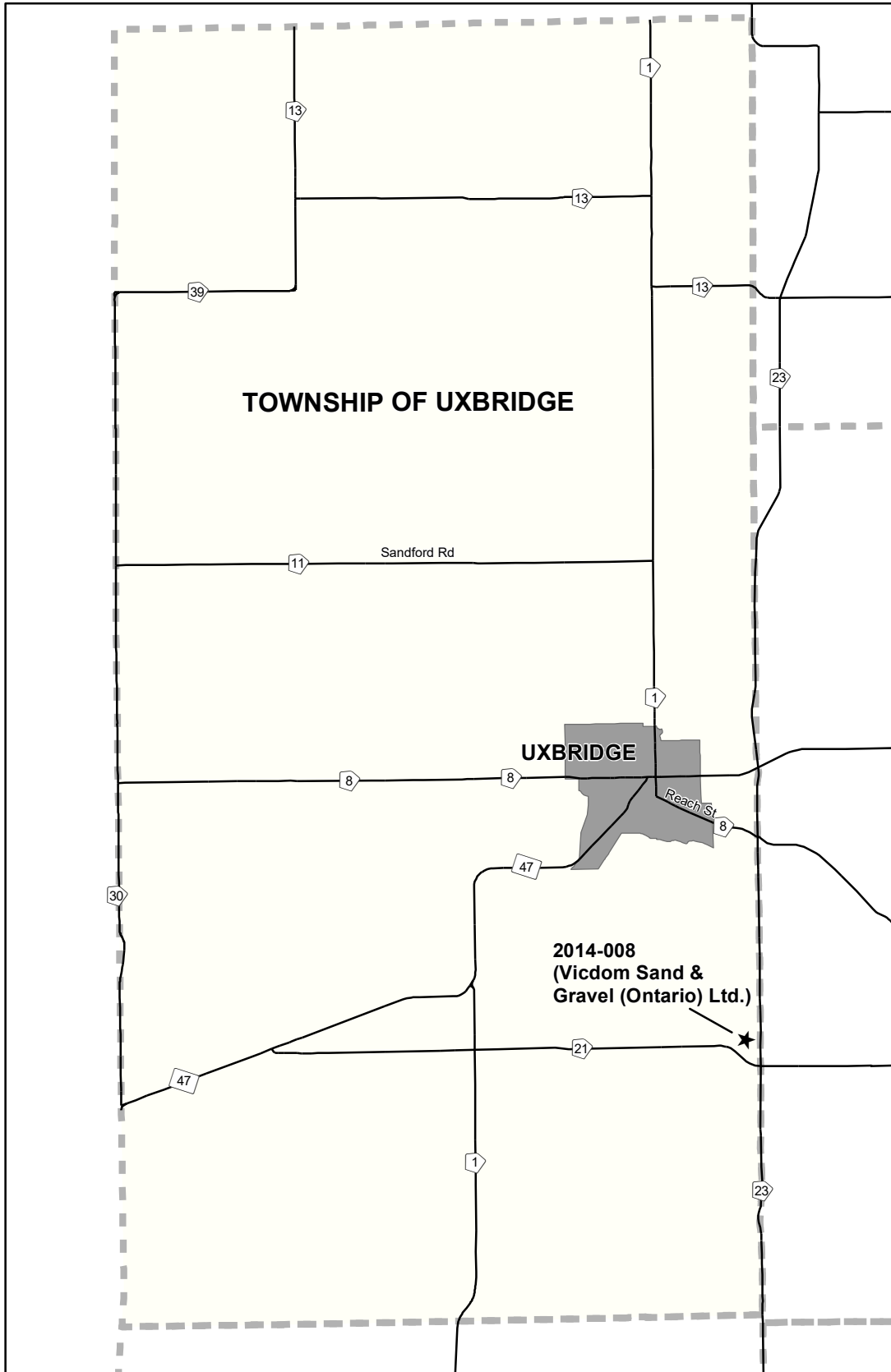
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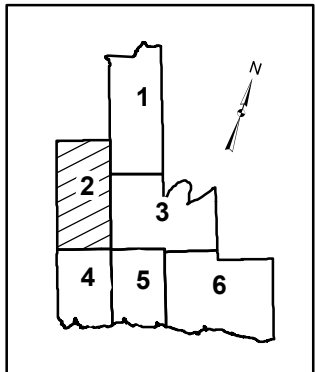
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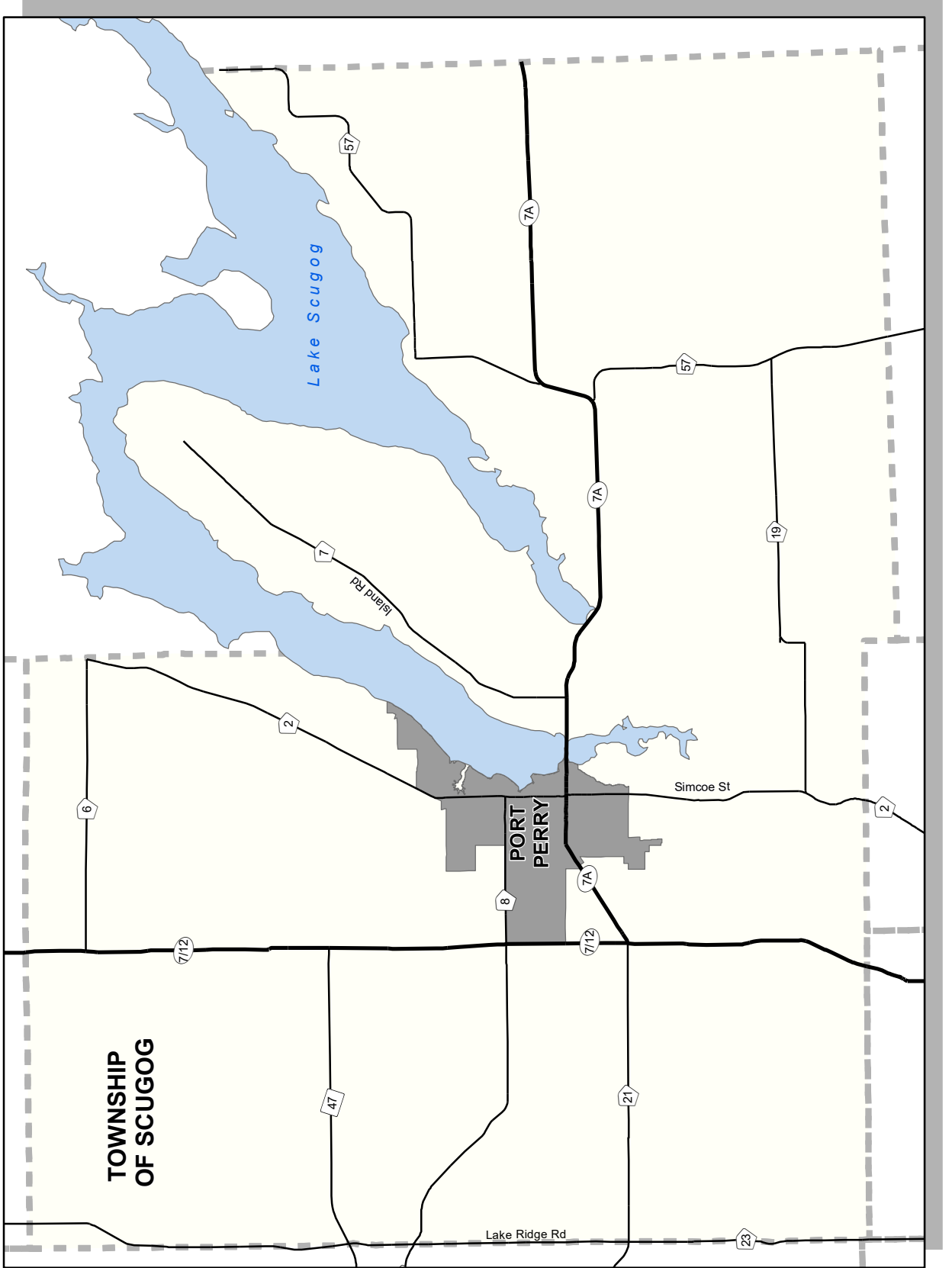
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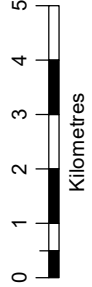
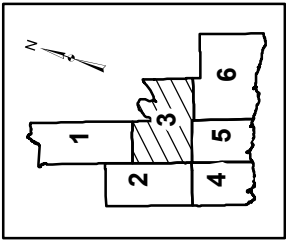
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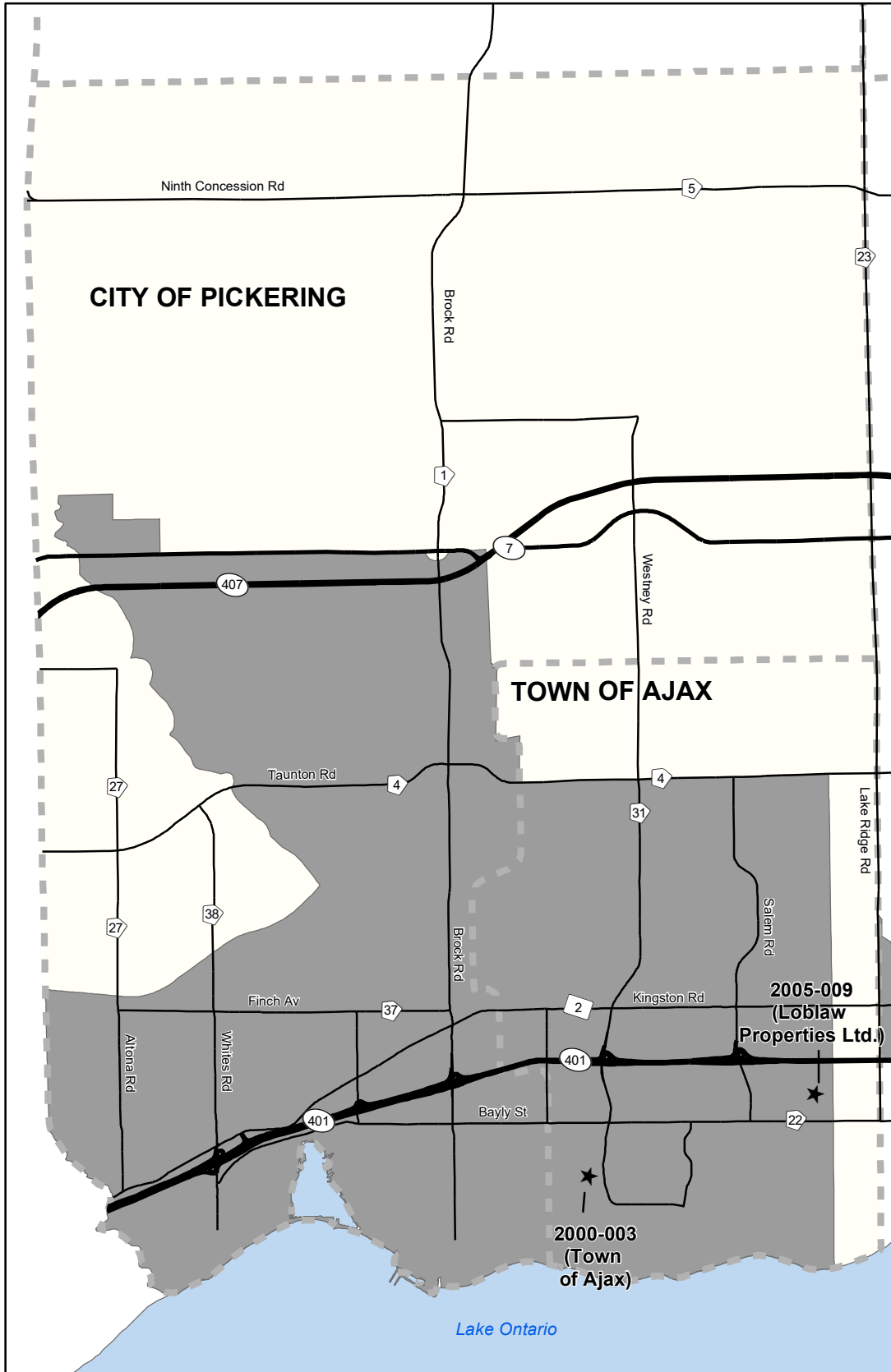
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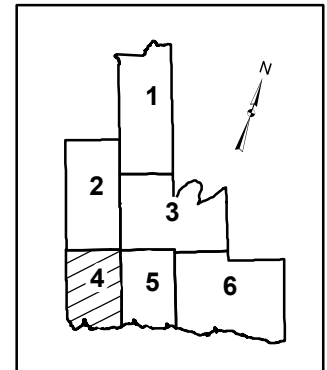
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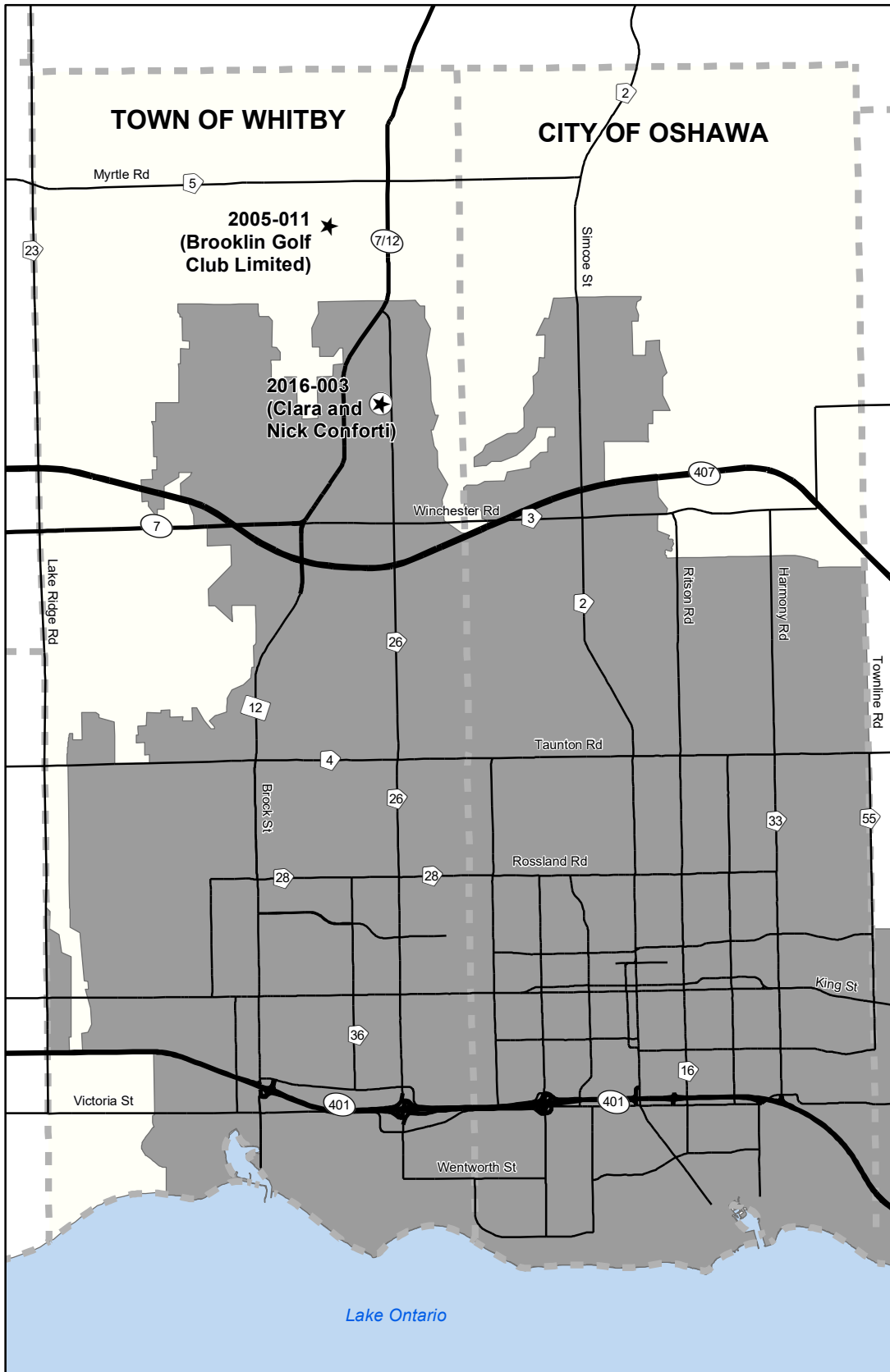
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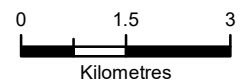
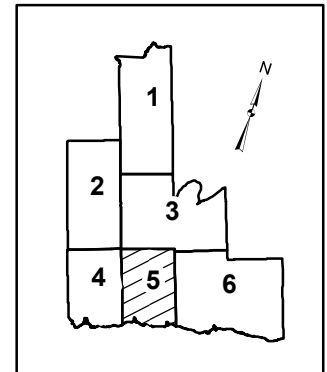
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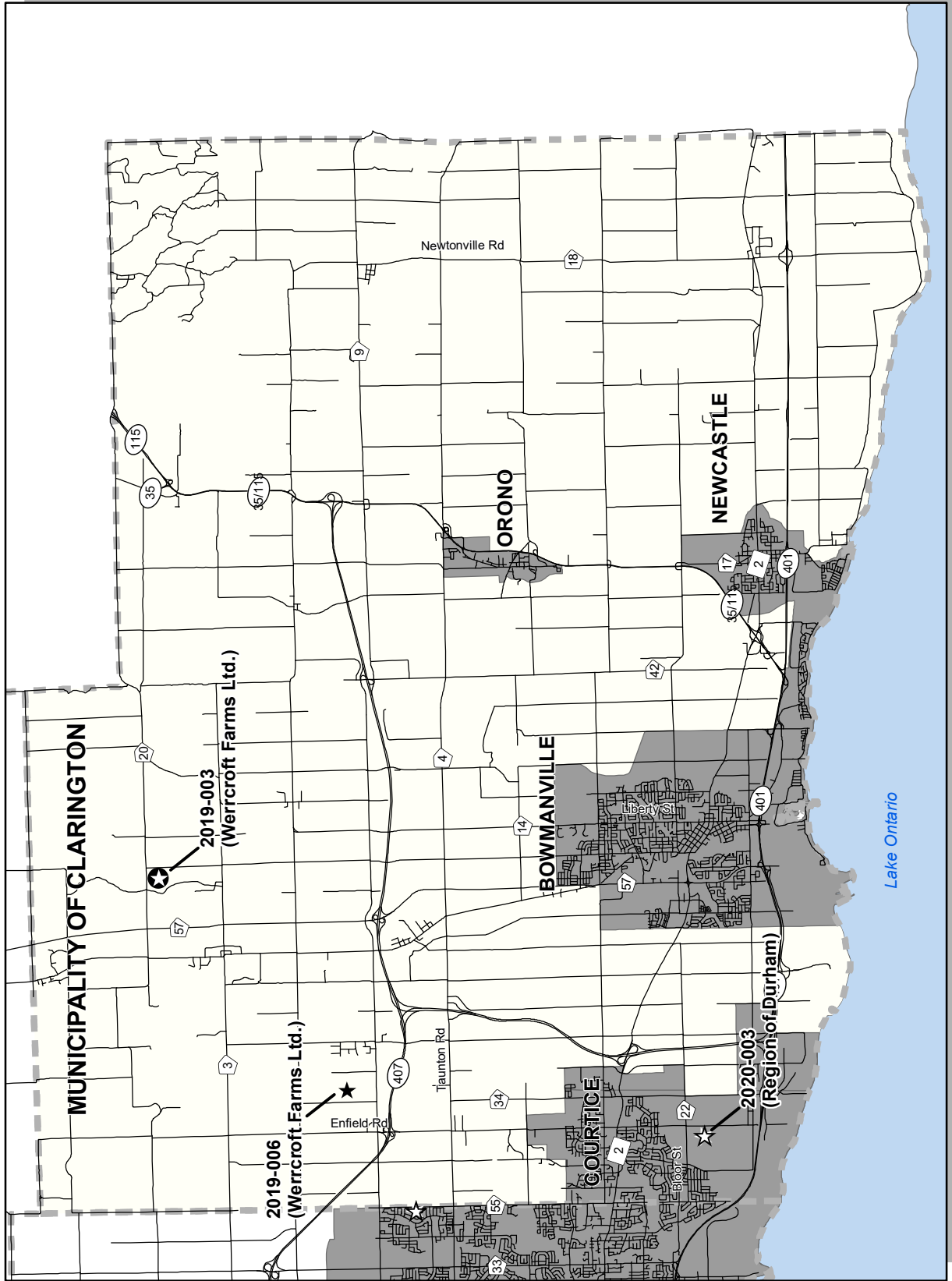






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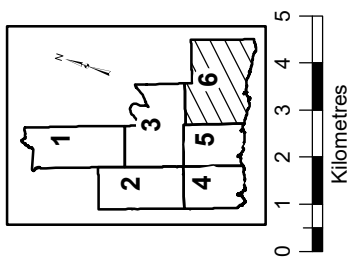
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the  
Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (As of December 31, 2019)**

<b>Regional File No./LPAT Case No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
COPA-2016-001/ PL170817 & PL171459	Municipality of Clarington	Municipality of Clarington	Municipality of Clarington's conformity exercise with provincial plans, and the Regional Official Plan. It also included transportation and environmental policies. (Official Plan Amendment 107)	A series of public hearings were conducted in 2019. LPAT final decision issued March 16, 2020.
COPA 2012-006 / PL140177	Municipality of Clarington	Municipality of Clarington	To provide a Secondary Plan for the "Courtice Main Street and Town Centre" in order to facilitate the development of a mixed-use corridor along Durham Highway 2 (Official Plan Amendment 89).	OMB decision issued November 28, 2014. OPA 89 still has 1 outstanding appeal. Adjourned sine die.
OPA-2016-W/04  LPAT Case No. To Be Determined	Optilinx Systems Inc.	Town of Whitby	To legalize an existing contractor's yard and associated uses as well as permit future office uses at 4560 Thickson Road North	Applicant appealed Whitby Council's decision on December 12, 2019. Hearing date to be determined.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Local  
Planning Appeal Tribunal (As of March 31, 2020)**

<b>Regional File No./OMB Case No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Status</b>
LD 088/2017 PL190386	Travis McWalters / Osmi Homes	Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a 512.9 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 512.9 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling, garage, and shed to be demolished.	Hearing originally scheduled for January 21, 2020 was adjourned at the request of the applicant. Hearing to be scheduled.
LD 063/2019 PL190568	2531751 Ontario Inc.	City of Pickering	To add a vacant 0.20827 ha parcel of land to the abutting west property, retaining a 4.5 ha parcel of land.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on November 4, 2019. Hearing to be scheduled.
LD 004/2019 PL190393	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To add a vacant 0.181 ha residential parcel of land to east, retaining a 37.706 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Hearing to be scheduled.
LD 005/ 2019 PL190393	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To sever a vacant 11.1 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 26.5 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns to remain.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Hearing to be scheduled.

**Summary of Reserved Street Names (January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020)**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Number of New Street Names Added in Second Quarter of 2019</b>	<b>New Street Names Added*</b>	<b>Total Number of Street Names Reserved</b>
Ajax	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellerive</li> <li>• Battlebell</li> <li>• Bateson</li> </ul>	315
Brock	0		33
Clarington	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Price</li> <li>• Price</li> <li>• Glenn Allin</li> </ul>	638
Oshawa	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Murdoch</li> </ul>	444
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		170
Uxbridge	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Hvidsten</li> <li>• Allan Williams</li> <li>• George Ballinger</li> </ul>	92
Whitby	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finchingfield</li> </ul>	341
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>2,692</b>

\* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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From: Commissioners of Finance and Social Services  
Report: #2020-INFO-53  
Date: June 5, 2020

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**Subject:**

2019 Rent-Geared-to-Income Reviews of Social Housing Providers

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2019 Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) review findings and provide a comparison to those for 2018.

**2. Background**

2.1 Under the *Housing Services Act* (HSA), the Service Manager is responsible for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) eligibility assessment and calculation of the housing charge paid by eligible households. The majority of Service Managers in Ontario, including the Region of Durham, have opted to enter into service agreements with social housing providers, delegating the responsibility for the RGI assessments and calculations to the housing provider as a convenience to both tenants and housing providers and because it is the responsibility of the landlord to both charge and collect monthly and ongoing housing charges. The service agreement between the Region and housing providers contains an expectation that housing providers have the expertise to do RGI assessments.

2.2 Annually, staff from the Finance Department (Financial Housing Services) and the Social Service Department (Housing Services) review a minimum of 20 per cent of the RGI files for each housing provider, with a minimum of 10 files, regardless of project size. The review helps identify issues such as incorrect completion of calculations, additional documentation to be collected from a tenant/member to support the assessment, or areas where additional training might be beneficial. The review findings are discussed with the housing provider upon completion of the review.

### 3. 2019 RGI Review Results

- 3.1 Regional staff completed on-site reviews at 40 housing providers representing 4,417 RGI households in 2019.
- 3.2 Based on these reviews, staff determined that the majority of housing providers are in compliance with the legislation. While the overall error rate for 2019 was 7.7% (down from 13.3% in 2018), there were no significant errors that materially impacted the tenant housing charge or that affected the total amount of subsidy provided by the Region. The value of errors represented less than 0.1 per cent of the 2019 budget for RGI subsidy.

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF REGIONAL RGI REVIEWS

	Number in 2019	Percentage in 2019	Number in 2018	Percentage in 2018
Total RGI Household Files Available to Review	4,417	100%	4,433	100%
RGI Files Reviewed	973	22.0%	1,001	22.6%
RGI Files with Housing Charge Issues	75	7.7%	133	13.3%
Number of Providers Reviewed	40		40	

Note: Total RGI Provider Files will vary as the count is at a point in time as of the date of visit. Vacancies are not included in the count.

### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The findings of the RGI reviews performed by Regional staff over the past year indicate that the majority of social housing providers are correctly completing RGI calculations, thus reducing potential subsidy overpayment by the Region while ensuring tenants contribute an appropriate amount for their housing charges. Staff will continue to follow up on those providers and files where errors were identified to address any outstanding concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou,  
Commissioner of Social Services



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2020-INFO-54  
Date: June 5, 2020

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Updated Risks and Uncertainty as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing on a daily basis. The following summarizes the changes that have occurred over the period of May 28 – June 3, 2020.

**2. Federal Government**

2.1 On June 1, the federal government announced they will be accelerating the disbursement of funds under the Federal Gas Tax program. Municipalities will now receive their entire share of the \$2.2 billion fund as one installment in June. Federal gas tax funds are typically disbursed in two installments with one delivered in June and the other in October. The Region of Durham is expected to receive approximately \$19.5 million in federal gas tax funding.

2.2 Also on June 1, the federal government extended rent relief measures to business tenants in all national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas. The program will have similar eligibility conditions to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program and will involve the government waiving 75 per cent of eligible commercial rent for the months of April, May, and June. These businesses are not eligible for the CECRA as they are on federal lands and renting from a federal agency.

2.3 As the Canadian tourism sector continues to suffer from closed borders and



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reduced travel, the federal government announced increased funding to tourism organizations across Canada. The Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) will receive \$30 million to provide financial relief to destination marketing organizations (DMOs) across southern Ontario that have experienced significant revenue shortfalls. According to Destination Canada, total tourism spending could decline by about a third from 2019 levels and result in the loss of about 263,000 jobs.

- 2.4 On May 29, the federal government announced nearly \$600 million in additional funding to support Indigenous communities, including \$44.8 million to fund 10 new shelters for women fleeing violence. The funding package also includes \$270 million to supplement the On-Reserve Income Assistance Program that helps individuals and families meet their essential living needs, as well as \$285.1 million to support the health response to COVID-19.
- 2.5 On May 27, the federal government's Solvency Special Payment Relief Regulations, 2020, came into force. These regulations establish a moratorium on solvency special payments for sponsors of federally regulated defined benefit pension plans. This will provide temporary relief to pension plan sponsors facing significant financial constraints related to COVID-19.
- 2.6 To help safeguard development gains in developing countries, Canada partnered with Jamaica and the United Nations to co-convene more than 50 world leaders for a high-level event on financing solutions related to COVID-19. The event looked at six areas of action to mobilize response and recovery financing, such as addressing debt vulnerabilities of developing countries and aligning recovery policies with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2.7 As Canadians continue to apply for various relief programs offered by the government, a recent update from the Department of Finance suggests that the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy is projected to cost the government \$45 billion. Although this represents a 38 per cent reduction from its previous estimate, the Department of Finance estimates that the Canada Emergency Response Benefit will cost approximately \$60 billion, which is \$25 billion higher than the original \$35 billion budget.

### **3. Ontario Government**

- 3.1 On June 1, the Ontario government announced a series of new measures to support electricity affordability and help those struggling to pay bills as a result of COVID-19. The measures include:
  - Extending the suspension of time-of-use electricity pricing by introducing a fixed 24/7 "COVID-19 Recovery Rate" of 12.8 cents per kWh. This new pricing strategy will be in place from June 1 - October 31, 2020.

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- \$9 million for the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to provide one-time payments to eligible consumers to help pay down electricity bill debt.
  - \$8 million for the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business (CEAP-SB) to provide support to businesses struggling with bill payments.
  - Extension of the Ontario Energy Board's winter disconnection ban until July 31, 2020.
- 3.2 On May 30, the Ontario government made amendments to the Retirement Homes Act by increasing the emergency payment that the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority can pay to eligible retirement home residents from \$2,000 to \$3,500. During an emergency, this funding can be used to support residents to cover costs of transportation, alternative accommodation or temporary care.
- 3.3 The provincial government also announced amendments to the Employment Standards Act that will put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave, during the pandemic, any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19. The amendment avoids triggering employee terminations when temporary layoff periods have expired and ensures workers remain eligible for federal emergency income support. The amendment applies retroactively to March 1, 2020 and will expire six weeks after the declared emergency ends. According to Statistics Canada, 379,000 Ontario workers were temporarily laid off in April 2020, an increase of 2,496 per cent compared with one year earlier.
- 3.4 The Declaration of Emergency that allows the province to enforce current emergency orders has also been extended to June 30 while the all emergency orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act are set to expire June 9.
- 4. Canadian Economy**
- 4.1 As COVID-19 began to spread more broadly throughout Canada during the month of March, recent GDP estimates released by Statistics Canada indicate that the corresponding lockdowns and economic restrictions had an immediate impact on economic activity. Although mass shutdowns of businesses did not begin until mid-March, Statistics Canada's industrial GDP estimates for the month of March show economic output declined 7.2 per cent from February. Preliminary estimates by Statistics Canada suggest an even greater 11 per cent contraction in April.
- 4.2 Service producing industries saw larger declines in output as many of these industries rely on social interaction and cannot operate remotely. Economic output in service producing industries fell 8.1 per cent in March, while goods producing industries saw a 4.6 per cent decline in output.

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- 4.3 The largest declines were in the accommodation and food services sector which saw a 36.9 per cent decline in economic output. The closure of bars and restaurants led to a 39.5 per cent decline in economic output for the food services and drinking places subsector, while travel restrictions led to a 30.9 per cent decline in accommodation services.
- 4.4 The dramatic reduction in economic activity in March resulted in output for the entire first quarter of 2020 to fall 2.1 per cent in comparison to the fourth quarter of 2019. On an annualized basis, GDP contracted 8.2 per cent during the first quarter of 2020.
- 4.5 The quarterly decline in output was partially driven by a substantial decline in consumer spending. Consumer spending declined 2.3 per cent during the first quarter 2020, marking the largest quarterly decline in household consumption on record. The largest declines were in durable goods with a useful life greater than one year. Purchases of durable and semi-durable goods declined 6.4 and 9.4 per cent respectively, while expenditures on non-durable goods, such as groceries, increased by 3.1 per cent.
- 4.6 Several factors contributed to the fall in consumer spending, including income uncertainty and the inability to spend as a result of business shutdowns. Wages and salaries declined for the first time since the first quarter of 2016, falling 0.8 per cent over the first quarter of 2020. Total compensation, including employers' social contributions, declined 0.9 per cent.
- 4.7 Despite declines in wages and salaries, household disposable income increased 0.4 per cent due to higher net government transfers and a 2.0 per cent increase in net property income. The combined effects of an increase in disposable income and a substantial decline in household spending resulted in the household savings rate nearly doubling from 3.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2019 to 6.1 per cent in the first quarter of 2020.
- 4.8 Businesses also cut back on investment spending as the pandemic led to uncertainty about the future. Total investment spending by businesses fell 0.4 per cent on a quarterly basis, or 1.4 per cent on an annualized basis. The decline is largely the result of a reduction in non-residential investments, which saw a 2.7 per cent annualized decline. Businesses were particularly reducing spending on machinery and equipment which saw a quarterly decline of 3.5 per cent, or 13.1 per cent annualized over the first quarter of 2020.
- 4.9 The decline in business investment spending was likely linked to reduced income generation resulting from the shutdown of non-essential businesses. Gross operating surplus for corporations, or the income generated from the production of goods and services, fell 3.7 per cent on a quarterly basis. Operating income for unincorporated businesses also fell 1.0 per cent during the first quarter of 2020.
- 4.10 Canadian imports and exports were impacted by a number of factors during the first quarter of 2020. This includes business shutdowns and travel restrictions

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resulting from COVID-19, as well as rail blockades in February. Canada's imports of goods fell 3.1 per cent from the fourth quarter of 2019, while imports of services fell 1.8 per cent. Canada's exports of goods fell 2.4 per cent on a quarterly basis, while exports of services fell 5.3 per cent.

- 4.11 The price differential between what Canada receives for its exports and what it pays for its imports also widened during the first quarter of 2020. Canadian export prices fell 0.3 per cent while import prices rose 0.4 per cent. The decline in export prices was largely attributed to the fall in the price of crude oil whereas the increase in import prices was largely attributed to the weakening Canadian dollar.
- 4.12 Despite the fall in output, Statistics Canada reported a 3.4 per cent increase in labour productivity for the first quarter of 2020. This is the largest quarterly increase in labour productivity ever recorded. The increase in productivity resulted from the fact that hours worked declined further than economic output. Real GDP of businesses declined 2.6 per cent whereas hours worked in the business sector fell a record 5.8 per cent.
- 4.13 On June 3, the Bank of Canada announced that the key overnight interest rate will be maintained at 0.25 per cent. The Bank suggested that the most severe impact of COVID-19 on the global economy appears to have peaked and Canada has avoided the worst-case scenario outlined in the April Monetary Policy Report. The Bank is forecasting a further 10 to 20 per cent decline in economic output during the second quarter of 2020 before returning to growth during the third quarter.

## **5. Financial Markets**

- 5.1 Equities markets in the United States continued to rise for the week ending May 29 as the S&P 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 3.0 per cent and 3.9 per cent respectively. The Nasdaq Composite followed suit with a 1.6 per cent gain to cap off the week.
- 5.2 U.S equities also produced strong gains for the month of May. The S&P 500 rose approximately 4.8 per cent in May, ending the month up approximately 37 per cent from its March low. The Dow Jones and Nasdaq rose approximately 4.7 and 6.4 per cent respectively, while each ended the month of May up 37 per cent from the March lows.
- 5.3 Equities markets in Canada also rose during the week of May 29 with the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) gaining 1.9 per cent for the week and ending the month of May up 2.8 per cent. The TSX ended the month of May up approximately 35 per cent from the recent lows on March 23.
- 5.4 The price of oil continued to rebound in May as the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) rose over 88 per cent for the month, closing at over US\$35 per barrel. This marks the first time WTI traded above US\$35 per barrel since the beginning of the pandemic lockdowns on March 11.

- 5.5 The price of Alberta's Western Canada Select (WCS) oil is also seeing a rapid increase as WCS was selling above US\$29 per barrel as of the market open on June 3. In comparison, statistics from the Government of Alberta suggest that the average selling price of WCS for the month of April was US\$3.50 per barrel.
- 5.6 The Canadian dollar is also responding to the rise in oil prices as the loonie rose 1.4 per cent to close above US\$0.73 on June 1. This is the first time the loonie has been this strong relative the U.S dollar since early March.

## **6. United States Economy**

- 6.1 First time claims for unemployment insurance continue to be filed by the millions as the U.S Department of Labor reported another 2.1 million claims for the week ending May 23. Although this was a decrease of 323,000 from the previous week and the eight-straight week of declining numbers, this was also the tenth straight week of 2 million plus claims. This also brings the total number of initial claims since the start of the pandemic to over 40 million.
- 6.2 Although millions of Americans continue to file initial claims for unemployment insurance, the number of continuing claims are starting to see a dramatic decline as the American economy slowly starts to reopen. The number of continuing claims for the week of May 16 totaled just over 21 million, representing a decrease of over 3.8 million from the previous week.
- 6.3 As lockdowns and economic restrictions remained in place throughout the month of April, Americans reduced consumer spending at record rates. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, American's personal savings rate hit a record high of 33 per cent in April. This was combined with a 13.6 per cent decline in spending for the month.
- 6.4 The U.S Commerce Department also revised GDP estimates for the first quarter of 2020. The revised estimates suggest the American economy contracted 5.0 per cent over the quarter as opposed to the original estimate of a 4.8 per cent contraction.

## **7. Global Economy**

- 7.1 The Japanese government approved an additional relief package of ¥117 trillion (US\$ 1.1 trillion) on May 27. This is in addition to ¥117 trillion in previously approved stimulus, bringing the total cost of relief measures to ¥234 trillion (US\$2.2 trillion) or roughly 40 per cent of GDP.
- 7.2 The additional Japanese stimulus comes as Japanese retail sales for April fell 9.6 per cent from March, or 13.7 per cent from April 2019. Preliminary estimates for April also suggest industrial production may have fallen 9.1 per cent from March, or 14.4 per cent from April 2019.

- 7.3 Despite the gradual reopening of the economy, retail sales in Germany fell 5.3 per cent in April. In France, consumer spending experienced a significant decline of 20.2 per cent in April. Nearly all spending categories in France were down by double digit rates, with the exception of food.
- 7.4 According to India's Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Indian economy grew 3.1 per cent from January to March 2020. This is down from the 5.7 per cent increase over the same time period in 2019. The significantly slower growth rate occurred despite the pandemic lockdown only being in place for seven days during the quarter. Moody's investors Service has since lowered India's credit rating to one level above junk while citing an expected prolonged period of slow growth and rising debt levels.
- 7.5 Sweden was one of the only countries to not implement a formal economic lockdown due to COVID-19. As a result, the Swedish economy expanded by an annualized rate 0.4 per cent during the first quarter of 2020.
- 7.6 According to a study conducted by Cambridge University, over the next five years the COVID-19 pandemic could cost the global economy anywhere between US\$3.3 trillion in a best-case scenario, to US\$82.4 trillion in a worst-case scenario. The study suggests the most likely scenario would be a cost of US\$26.8 trillion, or 5.3 per cent of global GDP.

## **8. Conclusions**

- 8.1 The economy is experiencing increasing volatility with uncertainty around the spread of COVID-19. Economic conditions are changing on a daily basis as policy makers continue to navigate this uncharted territory.
- 8.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Nancy Taylor

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2020-INFO-55  
Date: June 5, 2020

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**Subject:**

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Transit Stream Update

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides an update on the status of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Transit Stream (ICIP) which will require approximately \$103 million in total Region funding, including \$64 million in program-eligible and \$39 million in ineligible project expenditures, to leverage \$174 million in project funding from the federal and provincial governments.

**2. Background**

2.1 In March 2018, the Canadian and Ontario Governments released their Canada-Ontario Bilateral Infrastructure Agreement 2018 which included the parameters under which the ICIP would be delivered.

2.2 On July 22, 2019 the application window for the Public Transit Stream of ICIP opened for Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area municipalities with a deadline for submissions of October 24, 2019. Regional staff submitted 14 project applications within the application window (see Report #2019-DRT-20 for project descriptions), and has subsequently continued to respond to enquiries and provide project information to the province to advance projects through the provincial and federal project approval processes.

2.3 ICIP funding is critical to advancing key transit infrastructure priorities established in the Region's Transportation Master Plan, and to address multi-year Durham Region Transit capital requirements related to fleet renewal, safety and

accessibility improvements, and technology modernization. It also represents a significant investment opportunity in Durham Region at a time when economic stimulus is needed to support post pandemic recovery efforts.

2.4 To date, the Region has not received notification of any ICIP project approvals.

### **3. Financial Implications and Risks**

3.1 Attachment 3 of Report 2020-DRT-02 summarizes expenses related to the submitted ICIP project applications, as well as a preliminary financing plan for the Region's share of program eligible costs and ineligible costs (land and implementation staffing). Through ICIP, the Region is anticipated to qualify for \$174 million in senior level funding. Regional project costs, totaling \$103 million are proposed to be financed using Roads Development Charges (\$36 million), Reserve Funding (\$54 million), Transit Development Charges (\$1.3 million), Provincial Gas Tax revenues (\$10 million), and debenture (or other reserves) financing for the Region's share of facility rebuilding (\$1.2 million).

3.2 There is risk that the Region's Provincial Gas Tax revenues in future years could be reduced as gas consumption has declined in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. There is also risk that Development Charge receipts fall below forecasts for 2020 and future years.

3.3 Under ICIP parameters, eligible project costs cannot be incurred prior to provincial and federal approval of application submissions. The timing of project approvals therefore represents a risk to project completion timelines.

### **4. Conclusion and Next Steps**

4.1 Staff will continue to engage with the province as necessary to advance project applications in support of the Region's recovery efforts and will update Regional Council upon project approvals.

4.2 This report has been prepared with the assistance of Durham Region Transit and the Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Nancy Taylor

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Commissioner of Finance





# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 5, 2020

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – May 31, 2020

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**May 31, 2020**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yb5g77on>**

- Durham Health Implements Ontario's COVID-19 plan for protecting long-term care homes (Apr 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y98fpf7h>**

- Statement from Dr. Robert Kyle, Medical Officer of Health on Hillsdale Terraces (May 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yclx25ae>**

- Health Department works with community partners to conduct enhanced COVID-19 surveillance testing (May 11)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8m4ej2r>**

- Health Department begins WNV surveillance activities (May 22)

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

- Health warning issued for Durham Region (May 25)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yc97hwms>**

- Health Department launches online toolkit to provide information on safe reopening of services (May 29)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7l7cxnq>**

- Statement from Minister Bibeau on Temporary Foreign Workers (May 12)

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

- Farm Credit Canada-backed fund offers innovative and flexible solutions for uncertain times (May 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ya9y39bl>**

- Helping the dairy sector mitigate the impact of COVID-19 (May 15)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8lzuq8h>**

- Farmers to directly benefit from changes to Canada Emergency Business Account (May 19)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7cjq7z7>**

- Update on Financial Support Offered to Farmers from CEBA changes (May 22)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ycpv7tn>**

- Government of Canada enhances Youth Employment and Skills Program to help create new positions for youth in the agricultural sector (May 26)

### **Competition Bureau Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9o4ces5>

- Competition Bureau cracking down on deceptive marketing claims about COVID-19 prevention or treatment (May 6)

### **Department of Justice Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7mvy2t4>

- Government of Canada shares legislative proposals to address issues relating to legislative time limits and deadlines (May 19)

### **Employment and Social Development Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7725s78>

- Canada Employment Student Benefit application period to launch on May 15, 2020 (May 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybd7bd9x>

- Canada Summer Jobs start rolling out to keep young people working during COVID-19 (May 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/yczoc6vp>

- Support for Community Organizations Helping Canadians (May 16)

### **Government of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9n587xc>

- Starting June 1, 2020, Parks Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada will gradually resume some operations at selected national parks, national historic sites, national marine conservation areas and national wildlife areas (May 14)

### **Health Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydhavs18>

- Government of Canada introduces new digital initiatives to its suite of virtual tools for COVID-19 (Apr 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9727uoh>

- Statement from Health Canada on COVID-19 Serological Tests (May 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8qpefhn>

- Health Canada announces another step to accelerate access to health products for COVID-19 (May 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/yapdy8cr>

- Minister of Health announces funding for projects to help Canadians stop tobacco use (May 31)

### **Immunization, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydybq77v>

- Government announces help for employers to meet their labour needs (May 12)

## **Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

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

- Minister Bains announces investment in antibody discovery technology to help treat COVID-19 (May 3)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y77bamx7>**

- COVID-19: \$962 million additional support fund now available to businesses and communities affected by the pandemic (May 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9uemnty>**

- Minister Ng announces more support for women entrepreneurs amid COVID-19 (May 16)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7mry3jh>**

- Minister Ng announces hotline to provide small businesses in need with financial planning advice amid COVID-19 (May 25)

## **Prime Minister's Office**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9vsb926>**

- Prime Minister releases joint statement by First Ministers for restarting the economy (Apr 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6ucma6a>**

- Prime Minister announces ban on assault-style firearms (May 1)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yc7teewk>**

- Prime Minister announces virtual care and mental health tools for Canadians (May 3)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6uou25v>**

- Supporting Canada's farmers, food businesses, and food supply (May 7)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8zhy8dv>**

- Prime Minister announces agreements to boost wages for essential workers (May 7)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7afqt9w>**

- Prime Minister announces additional support for businesses to help save Canadian jobs (May 11)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9ppb8pp>**

- Prime Minister announces additional support for Canadian seniors (May 12)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9jjxrbb>**

- Prime Minister nominates new Auditor General (May 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ydykve6b>**

- Prime Minister announces new support for Canada's fish harvesters (May 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6wurp26>**

- Prime Minister announces support for research staff in Canada (May 15)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ydgya3j2>**

- Prime Minister announces expansion of support for workers and small businesses (May 19)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ya4wpugb>**

- Prime Minister announces opening of program to protect jobs and help businesses (May 20)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ycrhj6fw>**

- Prime Minister announces additional support for Indigenous peoples living in urban centres and off reserve (May 21)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ycd53zmn>**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on Pandemic Services Week (May 24)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ya4hadkm>**

- Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance now open for applications (May 25)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9ejwyz3>**

- Prime Minister announces additional funding for health, economic, and social support for Indigenous peoples and communities (May 29)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8e2drbz>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Apr 26)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y75ef2qr>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 2)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ybh8b2uh>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 10)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ydggmae5>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y87zr9k7>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 16)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y94yp7c6>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 17)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yb4gcfy5>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydcrrpt4z>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/yao7t899>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycwuov8n>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybxbhftd>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8cbrg3j>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/ya8jlhqr>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (May 31)

### **Public Services and Procurement Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7oreapl>

- Government of Canada creates COVID-19 supply council in support of Canada's response and recovery (May 3)

### **Transport Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7y8rcav>

- As North American Safe Boating Awareness Week launches, Minister Garneau reminds boaters to respect COVID-19 safety measures (May 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y89m2wym>

- Minister Garneau announces updated measures for cruise ships and passenger vessels in Canadian waters up to October 31, 2020 (May 29)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydx5xfr4>

- Canada and Ontario Take Additional Steps to Protect Agri-Food Workers During COVID-19 (May 8)

### **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9bdwxyu>

- Ontario Further Supports Victims of Gender-Based Violence and Human Trafficking during COVID-19 (May 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/yclwjlda>

- Ontario Marks Children and Youth in Care Day (May 14)

### **Ministry of Colleges and Universities**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7dnjb2l>

- Ontario Reduces Financial Barriers to Postsecondary Education (May 20)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y7v9a8n8>

- Ontario Funds Innovative Company to Help Fight COVID-19 (May 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y85x6vvf>

- Ontario Collaborates with Med-Tech Innovation Hub in the Fight Against COVID-19 (May 19)

### **Ministry of Education**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6vc2e9m>

- Ontario Government Supporting Parents as Economy Opens (May 9)

### **Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7zm5oqq>

- Ontario Providing Support for Industrial and Commercial Electricity Consumers During COVID-19 (May 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7pqsrhu>

- Ontario Provides Consumers with Greater Stability and Predictability with Their Electricity Bills (May 30)

### **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

<https://tinyurl.com/y996m387>

- Ontario Marks the First Provincial Day of Action on Litter (May 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycv2t42g>

- Backcountry Camping available at Ontario Parks and on Crown Lands Starting June 1 (May 30)

### **Ministry of Finance**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7p9k69k>

- Support for Small Business Tenants and Landlords Now Available (May 29)

### **Ministry of Government and Consumer Services**

<https://tinyurl.com/y8xqh3fr>

- Ontario Making It Easier to Conduct Business During COVID-19 (May 22)

### **Ministry of Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/yaxus3oy>

- Ontario Continues to Support Mental Health Needs During COVID-19 (May 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9tsfg5q>

- Protecting Ontario's Children with COVID-19 (May 13)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7adbajq>

- Ontario Announces Independent Commission into Long-Term Care (May 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6whalfr>

- Hospitals Assume Management of Two Long-Term Care Homes (May 25)

### **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9bkjle2>

- Ontario Protecting Forestry Jobs & Worker Safety During COVID-19 (May 7)

### **Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7whlngc>

- Creating an Ontario that is Accessible and Inclusive for Everyone (May 31)

### **Ministry of Transportation**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9jdtsty>

- Government Launches New Tool to Support Trucking Industry (Apr 30)

### **Office of the Premier**

<https://tinyurl.com/yarssezx>

- Ontario Unveils Guiding Principles to Reopen the Province (Apr 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybw6b99f>

- Ontario Helping Businesses Overcome the Unique Challenges Created by COVID-19 (Apr 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycnty5qx>

- More Frontline Workers Eligible for Emergency Child Care (Apr 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9fgv4g5>

- Ontario Providing Employers with Workplace Safety Guidelines (Apr 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yddv4gul>

- Certain Businesses Allowed to Reopen Under Strict Safety Guidelines (May 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybww5h2t>

- Ontario Takes Additional Steps to Improve Health Care Flexibility During COVID-19 Outbreak (May 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycoa3zhc>

- Ontario Ready to Respond to Spring Flooding Season (May 2)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8aw8lpo>

- Ontario Significantly Increases Daily Lab Testing (May 4)



**<https://tinyurl.com/y9l97fob>**

- Ontario Further Eases Restrictions on Retail Stores and Essential Construction During COVID-19 (May 6)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ybgmnc75>**

- Ontario Releases Plan to Resume Scheduled Surgeries and Procedures (May 7)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yd5nybud>**

- Ontario Supports Job Creators as People Start Returning to Work (May 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yavn2e5b>**

- Ontario Enables School Board Employees to Be Voluntarily Redeployed to Congregate Care Settings (May 9)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ybks2fvl>**

- Ontario Opening Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves (May 9)

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

- Ontario Retail Stores Open for Curbside Pickup and Delivery (May 11)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9clkec8>**

- Declaration of Emergency Extended While Ontario Gradually Reopens the Economy (May 12)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yahg8huu>**

- Ontario Takes Steps to Better Protect Long-Term Care Residents and Staff During the COVID-19 Outbreak (May 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ya4dix6c>**

- Voluntary Redeployment of Education Workers to Fill Staffing Shortages (May 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yaogdaj4>**

- Ontario Announces Additional Workplaces that Can Reopen (May 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y75rz2fm>**

- Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Keep People Safe (May 19)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ybw96pdw>**

- Health and Safety Top Priority as Schools Remain Closed (May 19)

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

- As Ontario Reopens, People Urged to Continue Following Public Health Advice (May 20)

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

- Ontario Leading COVID-19 Research in Canada (May 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9egbph4>

- Volunteers and Small Businesses Step Up to Help Those in Need (May 25)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybbukg35>

- Ontario Takes Immediate Action to Investigate Worst Hit Long-Term Care Homes (May 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8duc5p3>

- Ontario Extending Emergency Orders During COVID-19 Outbreak (May 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycflc22x>

- Ontario Taking Action at High Risk Long-Term Care Homes (May 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8hmlk8>

- Ontario Takes Further Action to Protect Seniors and Staff in Long-Term Care Homes during COVID-19 Outbreak (May 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/yapyrxej>

- Ontario Opens Up COVID-19 Testing Across the Province (May 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6u7bwkm>

- Ontario Takes Additional Steps to Protect Seniors in Retirement Homes during COVID-19 (May 30)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Alzheimer Society of Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9xc3pfw>

- Observations in Armed Forces report disturbing, inhuman but not new says Alzheimer Society of Ontario (May 26)

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdq56u4>

- National Health Day Letter (May 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycey2k3c>

- Boards of Health Letter (May 15)

### **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**

<https://tinyurl.com/y82g8rq9>

- New Analysis Exposes How Big Tobacco is Exploiting COVID-19 Pandemic to Advertise Harmful and Addictive Products (May 15)

### **Canadian Association of Radiology**

<https://tinyurl.com/y99aqoyh>

- Patients are Waiting: Radiology is Ready to do its part (May 11)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3orc2f>

- Continued lack of PPE and testing, high sources of anxiety for physicians, new CMA poll says (Apr 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybv88jyz>

- CMA brings together experts to discuss pandemic response and the future of health (May 29)

### **Canadian Medical Association Foundation**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxzqjlw>

- CMA Foundation commits \$10 million to address the needs of vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19 (May 11)

### **Canadian Mental Health Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycke46au>

- Canadians are anxious and crave real connection, but say they're doing "fine" (May 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8tqetca>

- New data shows majority of Ontarians believe mental health crisis will follow COVID-19 impact (May 11)

### **Canadian Nuclear Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/ybrp57c6>

- Canada's nuclear industry rallies together in fight against COVID-19 (Aug 28)

### **Canadian Pharmacists Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydgtwf5f>

- CPhA receives contribution for 200,000 surgical masks to be distributed to community pharmacies (Apr 28)

### **Canadian Safe Boating Council**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycbpl4nw>

- Safe Boating Awareness Week, May 16—22<sup>nd</sup> (May 14)

### **Community Care Durham**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxc8rar>

- Community services still available during COVID-19 (May 26)

### **Electrical Safety Authority**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ujzz9s>

- As outdoor work begins, Electrical Safety Authority warns Ontario homeowners to stop, look, live, and avoid deadly distractions – Powerline Safety Week commences May 11 (May 11)

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/y89xad2j>

- FAO Releases Review of COVID-19's Impact on Ontario's Hospital Capacity (Apr 28)

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

- Ontario deficit will nearly quadruple to \$41 billion, debt-to-GDP jumps to 49.7% (May 11)

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

- Nearly 2.2 million Ontario workers – one in three jobs – affected by ongoing economic shutdown (May 15)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8whee65>**

- Decision to Freeze Time-of-Use Electricity Pricing To Save Typical Residential Taxpayer \$31 (May 22)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9bvekya>**

- Province's \$17 billion Action Plan to provide only \$13.5 billion in COVID-19 response support (May 28)

### **Financial Consumer Agency of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yarppa3s>**

- The importance of talking to children about money and finances in challenging times (May 11)

### **IC/ES**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y9bbrv25>**

- Analysis of Ontario's COVID-19 test data latest production from ICES – studies underway to reveal COVID-19 impacts on other health conditions, wait times (Apr 22)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y8gbsopg>**

- ICES releases up-to-date COVID-19 testing dashboards to the public (May 11)

### **Lakeridge Health**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yc6zvhwq>**

- Canadian Armed Forces Medical Team to Begin Supporting Care at Pickering's Orchard Villa Long-Term Care Residence (Apr 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7fy329r>**

- Progress continues to resolve the outbreak and support residents at Orchard Villa (May 5)

### **Mental Health Commission of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yd24xm3h>**

- Mental Health Commission of Canada launches free online crisis training for essential workers during COVID-19 (Apr 28)

### **Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management**

<https://tinyurl.com/y7xuoje2>

- Fire Marshal Warns Ontarians to Never Use Microwave Ovens to Sterilize Face Masks (May 5)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/yafdav5c>

- Ombudsman Marks One Year of Oversight of French Language Services and Children and Youth in Care (May 1)

### **Ontario Camps Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/y8vvggvr>

- A Statement from the Ontario Camps Association on the Closure of Overnight Camps for Summer 2020 (May 20)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/ya4w2tlu>

- Dr. Samantha Hill Begins Term as President of the Ontario Medical Association (May 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/y94ns8ox>

- OMA urges increased public health measures to avert COVID-19 surge as province emerges from lockdown (May 15)

### **Ontario Pharmacists Association**

<https://tinyurl.com/y789r2nk>

- Ontario seniors and pharmacists thank the Ontario government for improving access to medications (May 14)

### **Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences**

<https://tinyurl.com/y79kf6w7>

- Wounded Warriors Canada and Ontario Shores Launch New Service to Support Mental Health Needs of First Responders (May 25)

### **Public Health Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/yd2rqqcx>

- PHO Connections (May 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6wvpwjf>

- PHO Connections (May 25)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y8a8s45y>

- Pandemic puts health system to the test: Nurses have answers for shortfalls (May 12)

### **Retail Council of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y9zfdh3l>

- The Road to Retail Recovery: New Guidance for Retail Sector Launches Today (May 20)

**Statistics Canada**

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

- Statistics Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Release Results of Business Survey on the Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic (Apr 29)

Sent By Email

May 28, 2020

Mary Medeiros  
City Clerk  
City of Oshawa  
[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)

Subject: Re: Poverty Reduction Approach in the City of Oshawa  
Corr. 12-20  
File: A-1400-001-20

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on May 25, 2020 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 12-20, dated May 7, 2020, from the City of Oshawa, regarding a Poverty Reduction Approach in Oshawa be endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660 extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:rp  
Enclosure

Copy: Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament, Whitby  
Jennifer O'Connell, Member of Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge  
Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament, Oshawa  
Mark Holland, Member of Parliament, Ajax  
The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Member of Parliament, Durham

Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Lorne Coe, Member of Provincial Parliament, Whitby  
Jennifer French, Member of Provincial Parliament, Oshawa  
Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham  
The Hon. Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ajax  
The Hon. Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Regional Municipality of Durham  
Nicole Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax  
Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock  
Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington  
John Paul Newman, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog  
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby  
Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge

Chief Administrative Officer



File: A-2100

May 7, 2020

**DELIVERED BY E-MAIL**

(clerks@durham.ca)

Region of Durham

Re: Poverty Reduction Approach in the Oshawa

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Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of April 27, 2020 and adopted the following recommendation:

“Whereas the first Goal identified in the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals is to ‘end Poverty in all forms everywhere’; and,

Whereas according to 2016 Statistics Canada Census information, the poverty rate in Oshawa is the highest in Durham Region, at approximately 1 in 7 or 14.5% (low-income measure, after tax) and child poverty rates in Oshawa are 1 in 5 or 20.8%; and

Whereas five of the seven Priority Neighbourhoods identified by the 2015 Durham Region Health Neighbourhood Report are within Oshawa boundaries; and,

Whereas the Community Needs Assessment commissioned by the City of Oshawa in 2018 in support of the Smart Cities Challenge submission identified ‘Social and Economic Inequality’ as the key issue facing Oshawa; and,

Whereas many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level and include higher rates of health and mental health issues, higher food insecurity, higher rates of unsheltered and precariously housed individuals, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and over economic productivity; and,

Whereas the City is committed to ensuring an inclusive, healthy and safe community, as demonstrated through the Oshawa Strategic Plan’s Strategic Goal of Social Equity and further that the draft update to the Oshawa Strategic Plan includes actions and measures to address economic disparity and poverty reduction in our community; and,

Whereas the City's Diversity and Inclusion Plan contains actions aimed at fostering inclusive and equitable community; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa participated in various initiatives in the community aimed at assisting those living in poverty including Advancing Access to Affordable Recreation in Durham, OUR Taskforce, etc.; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa has also participated in various initiatives in the Durham Region aimed at reducing poverty, including the Durham District School Board's Make a Difference program and the Region of Durham Financial Empowerment Framework; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa is currently partnering with the Region of Durham to lead a Collective Impact approach for the community to develop a common agenda and strategy aimed at poverty reduction in our community; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently developing a provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy, and is soliciting input from municipalities, employers, service providers, and members of the community;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That staff be directed, through the Chief Administrative Officer, to develop a data analysis of poverty in Oshawa to be communicated both internally and externally; and,
2. That the City of Oshawa utilize the data analysis to apply an equity lens to plans and actions of the City of Oshawa including strategic plans and future budgets to ensure equitable access to services for all residents; and,
3. That staff report to City Council annually on actions and investments planned to be taken and that have been undertaken to address poverty in our community; and,
4. That the City of Oshawa continue to work proactively and collaboratively with the Region of Durham and other community partners on issues related to addressing poverty and poverty reduction in our community; and,
5. That staff be directed to provide input to the provincial government's Poverty Reduction Strategy and copy all members of City Council; and,
6. That the City of Oshawa copy Durham Region Municipalities, Durham Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament on official correspondence of this resolution in an effort to seek assistance in resources and funding to help effectively address economic disparity and poverty in our community."

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Paul Ralph, Chief Administrative Officer at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros  
City Clerk

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- c. Community Services Department  
Corporate Services Department  
Durham Region Municipalities  
Durham Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament

Sent By Email

May 28, 2020

Cam Guthrie, Chair, Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)  
Mayor, City of Guelph  
[mayor@guelph.ca](mailto:mayor@guelph.ca)

Subject: Re: Request for support to municipalities facing fiscal challenges as a result of the  
COVID-19  
Corr. 19-20  
File: A-1400-001-20

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on May 25, 2020 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 19-20, dated May 14, 2020, from Cam Guthrie, Chair, LUMCO, regarding a request for support to municipalities facing fiscal challenges as a result of COVID-19 be endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660 extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:rp  
Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada  
The Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance  
The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
John Henry, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham  
Shaun Collier, Mayor, The Town of Ajax  
Debbie Bath-Hadden, Mayor, Township of Brock  
Adrian Foster, Mayor, Municipality of Clarington

Dan Carter, Mayor, City of Oshawa  
Bobbie Drew, Mayor, Township of Scugog  
Dave Barton, Mayor, Township of Uxbridge  
Don Mitchell, Mayor, Town of Whitby  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer

# LUMCO

Ontario's Big-City Mayors

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May 14, 2020

Sent via e-mail to [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca) and [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister and Premier:

Ontario's Big City Mayors are grateful for the leadership and cooperation shown by the federal and provincial governments in supporting our residents through the COVID-19 crisis.

At a meeting of May 14, 2020, the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) passed the attached resolution urging your governments to bring that same approach to supporting municipalities facing unprecedented fiscal challenges as a result of the COVID-19.

LUMCO encourages and supports the approach proposed by the Ontario government of providing immediate financial relief to municipalities in a manner similar to other programs already 100% funded by the Governments of Canada and Ontario to support individuals and businesses.

These efforts will need to be sustained over time. LUMCO Mayors have proposed a three-phased approach to enable cities to recover from the COVID-19 crisis, which includes:

1. **Relief:** Immediate financial relief for municipalities facing fiscal pressure as a result of reduced revenues, with a focus on addressing the projected \$415 million revenue loss from April to June in transit systems that serve LUMCO municipalities
2. **Recovery:** A comprehensive recovery plan to address COVID-related impacts for municipalities as they work to reopen the economy, and

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3. **Reform:** A longer-term partnership agreement between municipalities and the federal and provincial governments to re-align capital and service delivery responsibilities with sustainable revenue streams for the future.

Our cities have worked hard to ensure the continuity of the services our residents rely on every day, but that effort has come with increased costs, even as revenues have declined. Municipalities plan for and deliver balanced budgets every year, but this is a crisis without precedent. We urgently need financial assistance from senior governments who alone have the fiscal capacity to manage this scale of economic disruption.

In the days ahead, LUMCO looks forward to continuing to work constructively with its partners at the provincial and federal governments and to positive announcements of support for Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,



Cam Guthrie  
Chair, Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario  
Mayor, City of Guelph

cc: The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario

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## Ontario's Big-City Mayors

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**May 14, 2020**

WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Ontario have been working cooperatively throughout the COVID-19 crisis to support Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the Governments of Canada and Ontario have worked swiftly to provide urgent relief to people and businesses to enable them to stay solvent and to lay a foundation for future economic recovery;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are facing plummeting revenues and surging costs as they work on the front lines of this crisis to protect health and maintain critical services;

AND WHEREAS the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) represents Ontario's 29 largest cities with nearly 70% of Ontario's population;

AND WHEREAS LUMCO members are pleased that Premier Ford has said the Province of Ontario will be at the table to support municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has greater fiscal capacity and tools than any other level of government to provide relief in this crisis;

AND WHEREAS LUMCO has urged the federal and provincial governments to support municipalities with a three point plan that includes immediate relief, medium-term recovery, and long-term reform;

AND WHEREAS LUMCO remains steadfast in its support for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' call for federal emergency operating funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LUMCO encourages and supports the approach as proposed by the Ontario Government to provide immediate financial relief to municipalities for COVID-19 – related expenses and lost revenues, in a manner which is similar to other programs already fully (100%) funded by the Governments of Canada and Ontario to support individuals and businesses throughout the COVID-19 crisis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LUMCO urges Premier Ford and Prime Minister Trudeau to come to the table quickly and provide urgent relief to municipalities so that they can maintain solvency and continue to provide vital services to Canadians.





# Clarington

Mayor Adrian Foster

May 29, 2020

The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau:

At a meeting held on May 25, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-084-20:

“Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has upended traditional means of business and put unprecedented strain on our broadband networks, as well as shed light onto both the gaps in coverage and areas plagued by unreliability;

And whereas COVID-19 and other factors have driven a rise in work from home arrangements, a trend likely to continue into the future;

And whereas quick and coordinated investment to build up our network is critically important to the health and viability of our community as well as our ability to be economically competitive;

And whereas Clarington has worked closely with both large and small scale Internet Service Providers to provide coverage to our residents, but full-scale reliable connectivity is not happening as quickly as it should;

And whereas more resources from all levels of government must be provided, especially to make small rural build outs economically viable.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That broadband must be treated as critical infrastructure in support of our new economy, as Clarington works towards its goal of 100% reliable connectivity;
2. That the Federal, Provincial and Regional governments be requested to coordinate their efforts and increase the funds available to drive this important initiative ahead; and

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3. That Erin O'Toole (MP Durham), Philip Lawrence (MP Northumberland-Peterborough South), Lindsey Park (MPP Durham), David Piccini (MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South) and the Region of Durham be notified of Council's decision."

Yours truly,



Adrian Foster  
Mayor

cc: Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Honourable Erin O'Toole, MP Durham  
Honourable Philip Lawrence, MP Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Lindsey Park, MPP Durham  
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South  
John Henry, Chair, Region of Durham  
Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO, Region of Durham  
Township of Central Frontenac



May 28, 2020

Will Bouma, MPP  
96 Nelson Street  
Suite 101  
Brantford, ON N3T 2X1

*Sent via email [will.bouma@pc.ola.org](mailto:will.bouma@pc.ola.org)*

Phil McColeman, MP  
108 St. George Street  
Suite 3  
Brantford, ON N3R 1V6

*Sent via email [phil.mccoleman@parl.gc.ca](mailto:phil.mccoleman@parl.gc.ca)*

**Re: Essential Workers Day – March 17**

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held May 26, 2020 adopted the following:

**10.1 Essential Workers Day – Councillor Wall**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community; and

WHEREAS essential workers across the country are risking their lives; and

WHEREAS some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service; and

WHEREAS without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function; and

WHEREAS our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. THAT March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brantford to be Essential Workers Day in the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Will Bouma and MP Phil McColeman to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C. THAT all municipalities across Ontario and Canada BE INVITED to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, LUMCO, FCM, and ROMA for that purpose.



Tanya Daniels  
City Clerk  
[tdaniels@brantford.ca](mailto:tdaniels@brantford.ca)

cc All Ontario municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)



Northumberland  
County

# Resolution

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Agenda  
Item 8i

Resolution No.  
2020-05-20-143

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Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

Council Date: May 20, 2020

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**"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** Northumberland County Council supports the resolutions adopted by the Township of Perth South, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, the Municipality of West Nipissing; and

**Further Be It Resolved That** Northumberland County requests the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence to impacted municipalities when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries; and

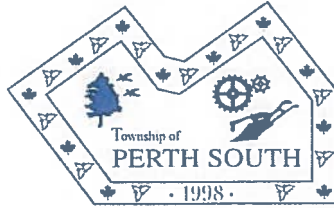
**Further Be It Resolved That** Council directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all Ontario municipalities."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



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April 16, 2020

*Sent by Email*

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7Z 1A1

Honourable Premier Ford;

**Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation**

At the regular meeting of Perth South Council held on March 17, 2020 correspondence was received from the Municipality of West Nipissing, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Norfolk County (attached hereto) regarding the above noted issue. As a rural municipality, we share the same concerns raised and thoroughly support the resolutions passed and information provided by these municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact our office if you require any further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lizet Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

Lizet Scott  
Clerk

Attachments



West Nipissing Ovest

Joie de vivre

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March 3, 2020

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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

Honourable Premier Ford:

**SUBJECT: PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS DESIGNATION**

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At its regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/080**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, asking the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the  
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
Ontario Municipalities





The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing / La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2020 / 0 8 0

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Moved by / Proposé par : [Signature]

Seconded by / Appuyé par : [Signature]

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation**

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Robertson".

Doug Robertson  
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
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For Clerk's use only, if  
required:  
**Recorded Vote Requested  
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

**AND THAT** the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

  
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



# Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

March 1, 2020

Ontario Municipalities

Dear Heads of Council and Councillors:

**Re: Issues regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs)**

Norfolk County Council is working to address significant issues that have come to our attention regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).

Following the Ministry's updated mapping related to PSWs, the County updated its Official Plan to bring its policies in line with the new mapping. Following that, the County planning staff introduced a Zoning By-Law amendment to update the zoning to reflect the new mapping and to provide consistency between the Zoning By-Law and the Official Plan. Though the mapping is wholly outside the County's process and control, the zoning by-law amendment was not approved by Council, flowing from significant public concern about the updated mapping affecting people's properties. In some cases, some of these changes were very significant.

The County submitted comments to the province as part of the review of the Provincial Policy statement requesting that the process for PSW mapping be significantly improved to allow for transparency and better land owner engagement, including, for example, a right of appeal or formal dispute resolution process. This will allow for land owners to be properly informed and engaged where land use designations that affect their property may result. The current process appears to be severely underfunded and without any meaningful way for affected residents to engage.

The County is seeking support from other rural municipalities who may be affected by this to address this issue with the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristal Chopp".

Mayor Kristal Chopp  
Norfolk County

cc. The Honourable Steve Clark,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Services**

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127-2020-7566

May 22, 2020

Ms. Lisa Bower  
Councillor, Ward 3  
Mr. Sterling Lee  
Regional Councillor, Ward 2  
Town of Ajax  
Devon.jarvis@ajax.ca

Dear Ms. Bower and Mr. Lee:

Thank you for letter on behalf of your constituents regarding their questions and concerns about Special Needs and the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) during the COVID-19 outbreak. I am pleased to respond.

I share your concern for families with children with special needs. Many families rely on direct funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to access services and supports to meet their needs and are challenged to get the supports they need during this outbreak. In response to your requests of the provincial government, I am pleased to say that we took immediate action at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak to help mitigate some of the limitations in accessing services by making a number of temporary changes.

In response to your request to deem select autism supports as an essential service, Premier Ford announced on May 14, 2020, that the province is gradually permitting services delivered by health professionals to resume as long as health and safety preconditions are met. As part of stage 1, regulated health professionals such as Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists or Physiotherapists, as well as Board Certified Behaviour Analysts are considered health professionals.

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Services delivered by these professionals may resume if specified preconditions are met, and provided they operate in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials. Wherever possible, virtual service delivery is encouraged.

In response to your request for relaxed funding rules, in early April, we added to the list of eligible services for Direct Funding programs including Special Services at Home, Passport, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities and Enhanced Respite. The changes include:

- Expansion of admissible expenditures;
- Easing of program administrative requirements; and
- Pre-flowing of funding to program participants.

In response to your request to extend the timing available to spend a child's allocated service funding, back in March, our government committed to extending the amount of time families have to spend their childhood budget funding and submit their expense forms, by up to six months, if necessary. Families now have up to 18 months to spend their childhood budget and submit their expense forms. The extension is optional and intended to support those families who need it.

Additionally, we are currently in a transition period to the new needs-based Ontario Autism Program. While the ministry continues to implement features of the new program in phases, we are supporting families and service providers during the outbreak by:

- Extending current behaviour plans up to their current level of intensity, where clinically appropriate, until children transition into core services in the new needs-based program;
- Providing direct funding to all families on the waitlist to purchase a broad range of services and supports for their children;
- Easing administrative requirements and deadlines to register for the program and spend funding; and
- Stabilizing existing public service providers (including children's treatment centres that provide autism services) to maintain their clinical and service capacity.

We are continuing to provide additional support to children and youth with multiple and/or complex needs in situations where there is immediate risk to their health and safety, and the complexity of the service needs are beyond the capacity of the local service system and family to address.

Ontario is also working closely with our federal counterparts to ensure that families and children with special needs get the support they need.

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Our government is committed to providing families with ongoing support and updates on program details. To find local services, families can call 1-800-472-7789. Information is also available at [ontario.ca/autism](http://ontario.ca/autism) for autism services and on our [website](#) for special needs supports. Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Todd Smith  
Minister

c: The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: CALL TO ACTION (PUBLIC INQUIRY) - SECOND REQUEST - URGENT  
**Date:** June 2, 2020 8:20:12 AM

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From: Families Orchard Villa <orchardvillaltchfamilies@gmail.com>  
Date: May 29, 2020 at 15:01:39 EDT  
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Subject: CALL TO ACTION (PUBLIC INQUIRY) - SECOND REQUEST - URGENT

May 29, 2020

Dear Mr. Ford and Ms. Fullerton,

This is our second attempt to contact you as the family members of Orchard Villa, and individuals within our group have been reaching out to you both since early to mid-April, but none of our group or individual attempts have been met with an appropriate response.

We have been watching your daily announcements as we wait at home for updates on our loved ones who still reside in Orchard Villa Long-Term Care Home and Retirement Home, and grieve the loss of our family members who have passed. We mourned the information that was written on the military report, made public on Tuesday May 26, 2020. Our grieving isn't just for the facts contained in the report, but also for the knowledge that these facts have been communicated to you and your offices both by us and in the media for several weeks now. We grieve because our words were not enough and while our pleas for help fell on deaf ears more of our loved ones died. Our one consolation is that the military's voice echoed our own and that their voice was loud enough for you to hear.

Today we write to you first to thank you for the nursing and military support that you have provided to Orchard Villa LTCH, we have seen a change in our family's basic care needs recently and we now are comforted to know that they are being fed and hydrated, however we are far from a full result of having regular updates on our loved ones, having COVID-19 tests being continued and from feeling that our families are safe. We want to know what plan is in place for beyond June 12, 2020 when the military and hospital support has left Orchard Villa. The military report clearly indicates that the current management cannot be left to their own devices.

Mr. Ford, we are one month shy of the two-year anniversary of your swearing in as Premier of Ontario. As we look back to June 29, 2018 we hear you speak the words "I, Doug Ford, swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the powers and trust reposed in me as Premier ...of the Province Of Ontario, so help me God." On that day we took you at your word and trusted that not only would you lead the people of Ontario, but that you would serve them as well.

Ms. Fullerton, we believe you echo Mr. Ford's position that the military report was shocking, however this only indicates that you have not been listening to our pleas.



Today we are asking you to begin an independent public inquiry as soon as possible. You will find that we are united in our need for this type of inquiry, that we do not want an independent commission where information is controlled and stones can be left unturned. With this request we enclose a link to our petition signed by 5,700+ individuals who have added their voices to our own. How many voices will it take until we are finally heard?

<http://chnng.it/RfPYgxJg><<http://chnng.it/RfPYgxJg>>

We ask that you please refrain from sending us a generic reply as many of us have received in the past. We ask that you remove the wall that has been built between yourself, your staff and the people that you serve.

A second e-mail will follow this with the contact information for two representatives of our group, and we trust that we will hear from you by no later than Wednesday June 3, 2020.

We have been waiting, writing, speaking and mourning for eight weeks. We have been kept in the dark. We ask that you now respond to us directly and we thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
The Families of Orchard Villa

bcc: National and local media outlets