



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2020-INFO-79  
Date: August 28, 2020

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**Subject:**

Update on Single Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide an update on actions and policy implications regarding the reduction/elimination of single use plastics.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Previous reports on actions to address single-use plastics, Report #2018-INFO-127 “Single Use Plastics” and Report #2019-WR-1 “City of Vancouver Single Use Items Reduction Strategy”, detailed federal and provincial actions on single use plastics and efforts by the City of Vancouver to limit a variety of single-use items.
- 2.2 As part of its Single Use Items Reduction Strategy, the City of Vancouver enacted by-laws in early 2020 to restrict the use of some single-use items including foam cups and take-out containers, plastic straws and disposable utensils. These by-laws apply to businesses and are currently in effect. However, due to COVID-19, the City of Vancouver has suspended education, outreach and enforcement of these by-laws until further notice.

- 2.3 Several local area municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) adopted resolutions regarding single use plastics in 2019. Most of these resolutions focus on eliminating single use plastics in municipal operations and facilities.
- 2.4 The Region began reducing single use plastics from the cafeteria services in the Regional Headquarters building in 2019.
- 2.5 In November 2019, staff were directed to report back to Works Committee with respect to establishing a policy regarding eliminating single use plastics, in consultation with local area municipalities.

### **3. Federal Actions on Single Use Plastics**

- 3.1 In 2018, the Ocean Plastics Charter was signed by Canada and four other G7 countries pledging to move toward a more sustainable approach of managing plastics.
- 3.2 Since signing the Ocean Plastics Charter, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) have developed a Canada – Wide Strategy for Zero Plastic Waste that includes Phase 1 and Phase 2 Action Plans.
- 3.3 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), actions to address single use plastics, support for a circular economy and innovative approaches to plastic life-cycle management are included in the Phase 1 Action Plan. CCME is working with stakeholders to develop solutions for single use and disposable plastic items and working to find alternatives to these items that can be implemented nationally.
- 3.4 Information exchange, addressing plastics in water ecosystems, research and global leadership are included in the Phase 2 Action Plan. Promotion of common labelling and consistent use of terms such as recyclable and compostable will support local efforts properly manage single use plastics.
- 3.5 The federal government is also conducting the research and consultation necessary to ban some single use plastic products that are considered particularly harmful to the environment. These bans could be enacted as early as 2021 but could be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **4. Provincial Actions on Single Use Plastics**

- 4.1 Implementing EPR programs at the provincial level is recognized by CCME as a leading approach for reducing plastic waste in a cost efficient and responsible manner.
- 4.2 The Province of Ontario is developing EPR regulations for packaging, paper and paper-like products managed in the Blue Box. Some single-use items will be included in this regulation and the producers of the items will be responsible for managing them.
- 4.3 Municipalities will start transitioning to the EPR Blue Box system in 2023 with the new regulation fully implemented by 2026. The Region has indicated a preference to transition to EPR in mid-2023.

#### **5. Durham Region and Local Area Municipality Actions on Single Use Plastics**

- 5.1 The Municipality of Clarington, Town of Whitby and Town of Ajax have all passed resolutions and are working to reduce the prevalence of single use plastics in their communities.
- 5.2 Currently, the focus in all three municipalities is the reduction or elimination of single use plastics in municipal facilities. Single use plastics have been reduced or eliminated from townhalls and work is underway to eliminate single use plastics where possible from local arenas, libraries, other facilities and events.
- 5.3 The Town of Whitby and Town of Ajax are also considering work with residents and local businesses to encourage a reduction in single use plastics.
- 5.4 At the May 4, 2019 Works Committee meeting, staff reported on waste diversion efforts and contracts for Regional facilities (Report #2019-W-39). This report included an update on efforts to reduce single use plastics at the Regional headquarters building. Notably, bottled water is no longer sold in the cafeteria, paper straws are provided, and a reusable to-go container program was recently implemented.

#### **6. Potential Legal Implications of Bans**

- 6.1 Several jurisdictions have attempted to ban single use plastics items such as shopping bags. Most notably the Cities of Toronto and Victoria recently enacted plastic bag bans that were challenged in court. Toronto withdrew their ban before proceeding to court and Victoria's ban was struck down by the Court of Appeal.

6.2 The Region would face an additional difficulty as an upper tier municipality as jurisdiction over local business by-laws is granted to the lower tier municipalities under the Municipal Act.

## 7. Conclusion

7.1 The federal and provincial governments are taking action on single use plastics that will apply across Canada and Ontario. These actions will provide a uniform and consistent approach for businesses and consumers.

7.2 Several local municipalities and the Regional Municipality of Durham have taken steps to reduce municipal use of single use plastics and other disposable items. These steps reduce the waste generated by municipal operations and take a lead by example approach.

7.3 Based on legal precedent, there is a risk that the Regional Municipality of Durham would be challenged in court over any broad single use plastics ban imposed at the Regional level.

7.4 For additional information please contact Gioseph Anello, Director of Waste Operations, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

Respectfully submitted,

### Original signed by:

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Commissioner of Works

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2020-INFO-80  
Date: August 28, 2020

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**Subject:**

Anaerobic Digestion Facilities

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides information on Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and the processing of Green Bin and other organic materials into a renewable natural gas and fertilizer material. This report also provides links to websites that offer more information about existing AD facilities.

**2. Background**

2.1 The June 19, 2020 Council Information Package included a memorandum (Attachment #1 attached by link) from the Commissioner of Works on the Mixed Waste Pre-sort system. The memorandum provides an overview of the components of the Mixed Waste Pre-sort system proposed for Durham Region and links to websites that provide information on operating mixed waste pre-sort facilities.

2.2 The Mixed Waste Pre-sort system will be complemented by an AD facility. Source separated organics collected curbside through the Green Bin program from single-family homes in the Region will be delivered directly to the AD facility. Organic material removed from the garbage bags (e.g. organics the Green Bin did not

capture and organics in multi-residential garbage) by the Mixed Waste pre-sort system will also go to the AD facility for processing.

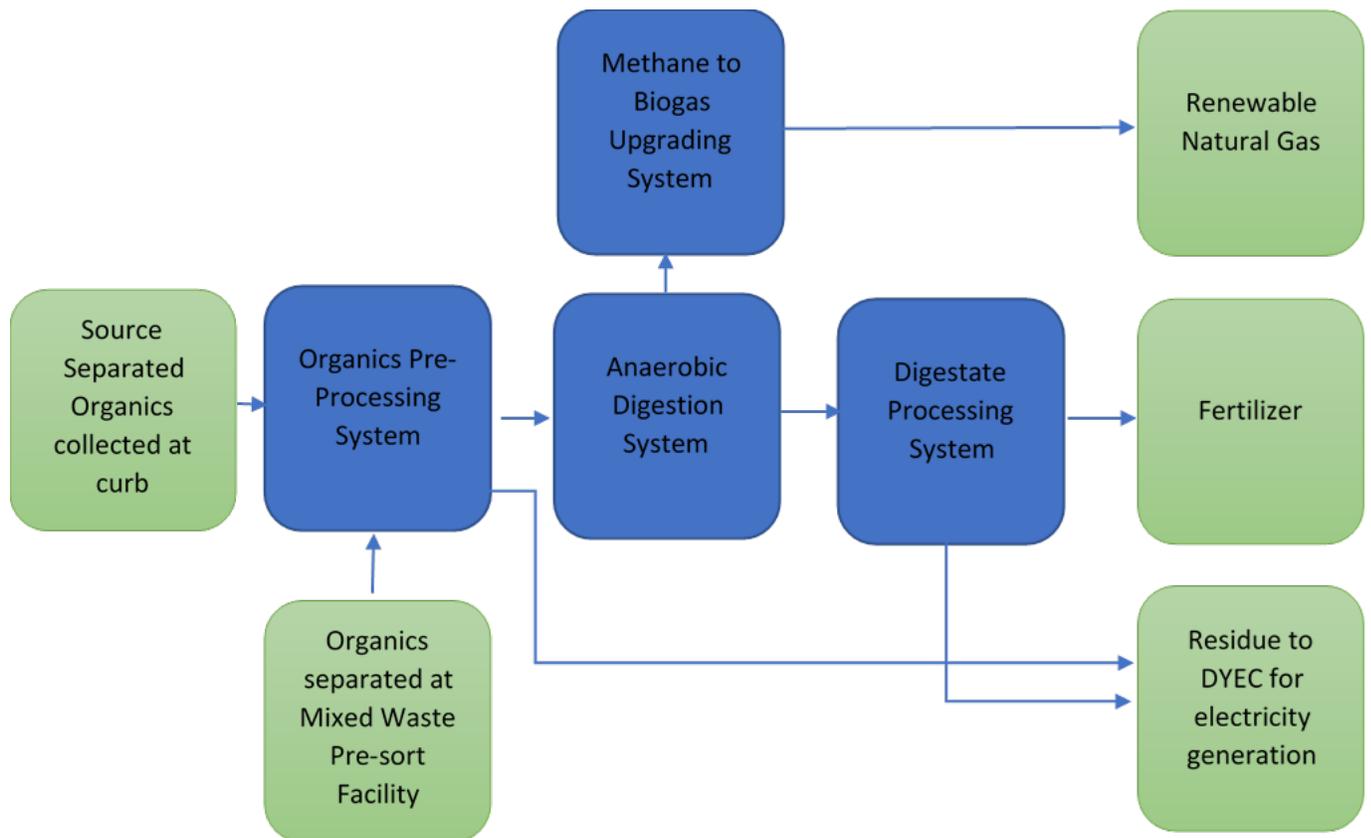
- 2.3 In the resident survey conducted in fall 2019, 73 per cent of respondents from Clarington and Durham agreed that energy should be generated from the Region's waste. Over 90 per cent of Durham residents agreed that waste should be managed as a resource, while 86 per cent thought AD was an appropriate method to manage waste as a resource. Survey respondents from Clarington had similar opinions as Region-wide responses.
- 2.4 As reported to Council in 2020-INFO-70, provided in the Council Information Package of July 17, 2020, the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and AD facility will generate less than 1,000 tonnes per day of residual waste and, therefore, does not require an Environmental Assessment. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed this determination in correspondence in March 2020.

### **3. Anaerobic Digestion Facilities**

- 3.1 Anaerobic digestion is the treatment of organic material in the absence of oxygen. It is a naturally occurring biological process that occurs over decades in landfills and produces methane gas. Anaerobic digestion can be accelerated in a controlled environment and the methane gas (renewable natural gas) can be captured for beneficial use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by injecting it into the existing natural gas distribution system or used directly to refuel natural gas-powered vehicles and equipment.
- 3.2 In an engineered AD facility, specially designed reactor buildings maintain critical elements such as temperature, moisture, nutrients and pH levels to maximize methane production and organic decomposition rates.
- 3.3 Since the AD process occurs within a facility under negative pressure, there is no odour released to the atmosphere. All the air taken into the building will pass through a biofilter prior to being released to the atmosphere. No combustion occurs during anaerobic digestion and therefore, there are no associated emissions.
- 3.4 Source separated organics and organic material from the Mixed Waste pre-sort will be pre-processed to create a well-mixed emulsion using water pressure (aqua-pulpers). Any remaining plastic material will also be removed from the organics stream, as it will float to the top of the tanks. Heavier material such as grit and dirt will drop to the bottom of the tanks and be removed. This pre-processing will allow

the Region to accept a wider range of organic material in the Green Bin program, including bagged pet waste and diapers.

- 3.5 Source separated organics and other organic materials are moved to a large, air-tight tank where bacteria break down the material at temperatures exceeding 50 degrees Celsius (kills pathogens). The products of the bacterial action are digestate that can be processed for a beneficial use (fertilizer) and a methane-based biogas that can be cleaned and used as a natural gas replacement. Figure 1 below illustrates the key steps in a typical AD process and the end products. A brief video overview of the AD process is found at the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdZViehrUks>
- 3.6 Residual waste from the mixed waste pre-sort and plastics separated from the organics in the AD pre-processing step will be transferred to the adjacent Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC). It is anticipated that an additional two trucks per day will be required to deliver the waste and organics to the mixed waste pre-sort and AD facilities as compared to the current truck traffic to the DYEC.
- 3.7 The mixed waste pre-sort and anaerobic digestion facilities are being constructed to meet the projected population growth within the Region and to help the Region meet the provincial organics diversion target of 70 per cent. The facilities will only accept waste generated within Durham Region.

**Figure 1: Typical AD Operation**

#### 4. Anaerobic Digestion Facilities and Operators

##### 4.1 Dufferin and Disco Road Anaerobic Digestion Facilities, City of Toronto, Ontario

- a. Toronto operates two AD facilities processing residential organic waste
- b. Website: <https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/recycling-organics-garbage/solid-waste-facilities/>

##### 4.2 Biffa, Horsham Mechanical Biological Treatment Facility

- a. Provides mechanical waste sorting and anaerobic digestion of organics for West Sussex County in England.
- b. Website: <https://www.biffa.co.uk/about-us/waste-journeys/mechanical-and-biological-treatment>

#### 4.3 Bio-En Power Inc, Elmira, Ontario

- a. Provides Anaerobic Digestion equipment and operating expertise.
- b. Website: <http://www.bio-enpower.com/>
- c. Operates the AD facility located in Elmira, Ontario

#### 4.4 Allerton Waste Recovery Plant, North Yorkshire, England

- a. A waste management campus that includes a pre-sort facility, anaerobic digestion and energy-from-waste.
- b. Website: <https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/where-we-work/north-yorkshire/>
- c. Video of Recovery Plant operations start to finish:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWI0OFbYz9s&feature=youtu.be>

### 5. Conclusion

5.1 Anaerobic digestion is a proven and widely used process that is compatible with a diverse organic waste stream that will allow the Region to expand its organics diversion program and processing capability while reducing waste for disposal at the Durham York Energy Centre, thereby, delaying the need for additional disposal capacity.

5.2 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

### 6. Attachments

Attachment #1: [June 15, 2020 Memorandum: Mixed Waste Pre-sort Facilities](#)

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2020-INFO-81  
Date: August 28, 2020

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Summary of Economic Activity, August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 26<sup>th</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 significant changes that have occurred over the period of August 13 – August 26, 2020.

**2. Federal Government**

2.1 On August 18, the Prime Minister announced that Chrystia Freeland would become the first female federal Finance Minister in Canadian history. The appointment comes after the resignation of former Finance Minister Bill Morneau.

2.2 One of the new Finance Minister's first announcements was the extension of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), the enhancement of the Employment Insurance (EI) program, and the implementation of three new recovery benefit supports. The CERB has been extended for an additional 4-week period, to a maximum of 28 weeks, as the first cohort of Canadians receiving the CERB will now exhaust their benefits at the end of September. The further extension of the CERB is expected to cost \$8 billion.

2.3 The federal government is enhancing the EI program as it plans to transition Canadians from the CERB to EI. The government is adjusting eligibility criteria to ensure more Canadians qualify for EI and is freezing EI insurance premium rates for two years. In addition, those receiving EI will be eligible for a taxable benefit

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rate of at least \$400 per week, or \$240 for extended parental benefits, for a minimum of 26 weeks. The estimated cost of the EI enhancements is \$7 billion.

- 2.4 The three new recovery benefits include the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), which provides \$400 per week, for up to 26 weeks, to workers who are self-employed or are not eligible for EI, and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) which provides \$500 per week, for up to two weeks, for workers who are sick or must self-isolate due to COVID-19. The third new benefit is the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) which provides \$500 per week, for up to 26 weeks per household, for eligible Canadians that need to stay home to care for dependents because of the closure of schools, day cares, or other care facilities. The estimated cost of the three new recovery benefits is \$22 billion.
- 2.5 The federal government is also investing \$31 million, through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, to help communities develop innovative ways to adapt services and spaces to the evolving needs arising from COVID-19. The funding is for non-government organizations to work with municipalities on projects that create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, and provide digital solutions. The program is being funded from the \$170 million remaining in the Smart Cities Challenge program.
- 2.6 As Canada and the United States continue to work towards slowing the spread of COVID-19, the Canadian government announced a further extension of the Canada - U.S. border closure for all non-essential travel until September 21.

### **3. Ontario Government**

- 3.1 On August 12, the Ontario government announced that \$1.6 billion will be allocated amongst Ontario's 444 municipalities as part of the Safe Restart Agreement between the provinces and the federal government. This first phase of funding consists of \$695 million to be allocated toward municipal operating cost pressures, with funds distributed to municipalities on a per household basis. The funding also includes a \$660 million allocation for public transit and an additional \$212 million toward the Social Services Relief Fund. The provincial government is planning a second round of funding for transit and operating cost pressures which will be distributed based on specific needs.
- 3.2 Under the Safe Restart Agreement, the Region of Durham is expected to receive over \$14.5 million in operating cost assistance and over \$8.4 million in transit support. Local area municipalities within Durham Region will also receive funding under this program. The Region of Durham will be eligible for over \$3.6 million in funding as part of the additional allocation toward the Social Services Relief Fund.
- 3.3 In addition to the funding under the Safe Restart Agreement, the provincial government announced that another \$47 million in one-time mitigation funding will be provided to public health units across the province. The funding is intended to help municipalities with the transition to the new 70 per cent provincial, 30 per cent municipal public health cost share formula. The province will also be

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providing an additional \$77 million to support paramedic services across the province, as well as increasing the Land Ambulance Service Grant by five percent in 2020-21.

- 3.4 As elementary and secondary schools prepare to reopen in September, the provincial government announced that school boards will be able to utilize reserves to assist with funding needs by accessing up to two per cent of their operating budget from their prior year accumulated surplus. The government will allocate \$11 million to support the school boards without sufficient reserves as a means to ensure equitable reopening across the province.
- 3.5 In order to support increased safety measures for in-class instruction, the provincial government announced a one-time \$50 million investment to support improved ventilation, air quality and HVAC system effectiveness in schools. As some students may opt to engage in online learning, the province is also investing \$18 million to help school boards facilitate live, synchronous learning.
- 3.6 Given the significant impact of the pandemic on sports facilities, fitness centres, and recreation complexes, the provincial government announced additional supports by applying capacity limits on a per room basis. As of August 15, these facilities can have up to 50 patrons for each indoor sport or fitness room with social distancing measures remaining in place. In addition, the provincial government is investing \$8 million, through the Ontario Amateur Sport Fund, to help sports organizations with athletic development and program delivery.
- 3.7 In an effort to ensure a steady supply of personal protective equipment, the Ontario and federal governments are each investing \$23.3 million to assist 3M Canada in expanding its Brockville, Ontario facility and increase production of N95 respirator masks. The two levels of government reached a five-year agreement with 3M for the annual production of 50 million N95 masks beginning in 2021.
- 3.8 On August 20, the Ontario government announced an extension of nearly all emergency orders currently in force, under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020, to September 22. The Education Sector order will end as scheduled on August 31.
- 3.9 On August 14, the Ontario government announced their support for a plan by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to safely extend the life of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Under the plan, units 1 and 4 would operate until the end of 2024 and units 5 to 8 would operate until the end of 2025. The plan would extend the length of approximately 4,500 jobs in the Region. The plan is subject to approval by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.
- 3.10 OPG has also previously announced its intention to launch a Centre for Canadian Nuclear Sustainability in Pickering. The centre will focus on innovation and research in the nuclear sector, as well as advancing solutions for minimizing nuclear materials.

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## 4. Canadian Economy

- 4.1 After the initial lockdown and economic restrictions caused Canadian retail sales to plunge a record 24.9 per cent in April, the subsequent easing of restrictions and reopening of the economy have sparked a surge in consumer demand. Canadian retail sales increased another 23.7 per cent in June, after rising 21.2 per cent in May. Retail sales have now fully recovered from the pandemic-induced contraction as Canadian retail sales in June were 1.3 per cent above February levels.
- 4.2 Retail sales, on a month-over-month basis, increased in all subsectors in June as nearly all segments of the economy were reopened. The largest monthly gains were experienced in some of the subsectors that suffered the largest declines in the early stages of the pandemic. Clothing and clothing accessories stores posted a 142.3 per cent monthly increase in sales, while furniture and home furnishing stores, as well as sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores posted monthly sales increases of 70.9 and 64.9 per cent respectively.
- 4.3 As more physical retail locations were able to open in June, e-commerce sales as a percentage of total retail sales declined to 5.5 per cent. This is a significant decline from the 9.8 and 7.9 per cent of retail sales that e-commerce accounted for in April and May. Despite the decline, retail e-commerce sales remain 70.6 per cent higher than June 2019 while total retail sales were up 3.0 per cent
- 4.4 The rise in retail sales can be partially attributed to the fact that the various government income and wage subsidies appear to be achieving their desired result. According to the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada, insolvencies filed by consumers, including bankruptcies and proposals, declined 41.8 per cent year-over-year in June. Insolvencies filed by businesses declined 15.3 per cent year-over-year. Insolvencies filed by consumers and businesses in Ontario declined 34.3 and 21.4 per cent respectively, on a year-over-year basis, in June.
- 4.5 Wholesale sales also continue to rise across Canada with another 18.5 per cent increase in June. This follows a 5.8 per cent gain in May and leaves wholesale sales down only 3.9 per cent from February levels. The largest gains in June were in motor vehicle sales with sales increasing 191.2 per cent month-over-month.
- 4.6 In Ontario, significant monthly increases were seen in both retail and wholesale sales in June. Ontario retail sales experienced their largest gain on record with sales increasing 33.8 per cent. Wholesale sales in Ontario rose 27.9 per cent to \$31.9 billion, marking the largest monthly dollar value increase on record.
- 4.7 In addition to retail and wholesale sales, Canadian manufacturing sales rose a record 20.7 per cent in June. Sales increased in all industries that make up the manufacturing sector as more manufacturing plants resumed operations. The manufacturing sector capacity utilization rate, or the percentage of total production capacity utilized, increased 10.9 percentage points to 73.3 per cent in June.

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- 4.8 Ontario saw the largest increase in monthly manufacturing sales of any province with a 35.8 per cent gain in June. The increase corresponds to the fact that most of Ontario moved into Stage 2 of the provincial reopening plan in June. Motor vehicle sales saw the largest increase in June, with sales increasing 288.9 per cent, followed by motor vehicle parts with a 200.7 per cent increase in sales.
- 4.9 The surging sales activity in June helped push the monthly inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to 0.7 per cent. However, CPI inflation for July increased only 0.1 per cent year-over-year. Despite continued price increases in food and shelter, gasoline prices fell another 14.9 per cent in June. The average of the Bank of Canada's core measures of CPI inflation, which exclude the most volatile price movements, suggests an inflation rate of 1.6 per cent in June.
- 4.10 Activity in the Canadian real estate market continues to accelerate as pent up demand has significantly increased home sales. According to the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA), existing home sales across Canada rose 26 per cent, on a month-over-month seasonally adjusted basis, in July. New listings across Canada rose 7.6 per cent from June to July, while the average sale price in July rose 14.3 per cent compared to July 2019. Increasing sales prices can be attributed to demand rising faster than supply as a record low 2.8 months of inventory remained at the end of July. This suggests that it would take only 2.8 months to exhaust housing inventories at the current rate of sales.
- 4.11 According to the Durham Region Association of Realtors, existing home sales rose 52 per cent year-over-year in July, with the average number of days on market decreasing from 23, in July 2019, to 16 in July 2020. Home prices also hit an all-time record for July with the average selling price at \$709,640.
- 4.12 Although many segments of the Canadian economy experienced a resurgence in June, international investment in Canadian financial securities experienced a monthly contraction. Foreign investors reduced their holdings of Canadian securities by over \$13.5 billion in June, while Canadian holdings of international securities increased \$10.6 billion. This \$24.1 billion net outflow follows five straight months of net inflows that totaled over \$132 billion.

## **5. Provincial Economic and Fiscal Updates**

- 5.1 As provincial governments across Canada continue to ease restrictions and restart economic activity, many provinces have released economic and fiscal updates that provide insight on the costs of the various containment measures.
- 5.2 Manitoba released an economic and fiscal update on June 30 that projected the fiscal year 2021 deficit to increase from the previously forecast \$220 million, to a record \$2.9 billion, or approximately 4 per cent of GDP. Expenses are now expected to be \$1.2 billion higher than expected, due in large part to the \$2.1 billion in approved fiscal stimulus measures. Revenues are expected to be \$1.5 billion lower than expected, with net debt increasing to over \$29 billion, or 40.7 per

cent of GDP.

- 5.3 Manitoba's economic and fiscal update also provided several scenarios on the potential economic impact of the virus. The base case scenario projected a GDP contraction of approximately 5 per cent in 2020, which would be the worst economic performance since GDP data became available in 1982.
- 5.4 British Columbia had projected a budget surplus of \$227 million, in fiscal year 2021, when the province released its 2020-21 budget in February. As a result of the pandemic, the province released a fiscal update, on July 14, where the estimate was revised to project a deficit of \$12.5 billion, or 4.5 per cent of GDP. Revenue projections were revised from a 2.6 per cent increase to an 8.5 per cent reduction in fiscal year 2021. Total expenditures were revised upward from a 3.1 per cent increase to a 13 per cent increase after the province released a \$5 billion COVID-19 Action Plan.
- 5.5 British Columbia's updated economic projections are based on several assumptions that forecast a record 6.8 per cent GDP contraction in 2020. The update also projects employment to fall by 9.8 per cent, the provincial unemployment rate to average 11.3 per cent, and corporate profits to fall 36.4 per cent.
- 5.6 Newfoundland and Labrador released a fiscal update on July 24 where the budget deficit for fiscal year 2021 was revised from \$796 million to over \$2.1 billion. This comes after the province estimated a more than \$1.0 billion surplus in fiscal year 2020. The province is estimating revenues to fall by \$631 million, in fiscal year 2021, and expenditures to increase \$720 million, which includes a \$200 contingency fund for COVID-19 and \$261 million in added healthcare costs.
- 5.7 Nova Scotia provided a fiscal update on July 30, which showed a projected deficit of \$852.9 million in fiscal year 2021. This is down from the \$55 million surplus projected when the government released its 2020-21 budget on February 25. Revenues are now expected to be approximately \$500 million lower than previously budgeted, while expenditures are expected to be \$492 million higher. The province is also projecting a record 6 per cent GDP decline in 2020.

## **6. United States Economy**

- 6.1 While most physical retail locations remained closed during the months of April and May, American consumers had to transition to online shopping. Retail e-commerce sales for the second quarter of 2020 (April – June) rose 31.8 per cent from the first quarter, or 44.5 per cent from the second quarter of 2019. The sharp rise in e-commerce sales comes as total second quarter retail sales fell 3.6 per cent compared to the second quarter of 2019. Retail e-commerce sales accounted for 16.1 per cent of total retail sales over the quarter.
- 6.2 Total U.S. retail sales increased significantly in May and June, however sales appeared to have leveled off in July. Monthly retail sales increased a modest 1.2

per cent in July, following 18.3 and 8.4 per cent increases in May and June. Nearly all major categories experienced a slowdown in July. Apparel sales increased 5.7 per cent after increasing 180.1 and 98.8 per cent in May and June. Restaurant sales rose 5 per cent after rising 31.3 and 26.7 per cent in May and June. Auto sales declined by 1.2 per cent after rising 48.3 and 9.1 per cent in May and June.

- 6.3 Although retail sales appeared to level off in July, prices for consumer goods continued to rise. U.S inflation, as measured by the CPI, increased 1.0 per cent on a year-over-year basis in July, or 0.6 per cent on a monthly basis. Gasoline and energy prices rose 5.6 and 2.5 per cent respectively, between June and July, but remain 20.3 and 11.2 per cent below July 2019 levels. Food prices fell 0.4 per cent between June and July but remain 4.1 per cent above July 2019 levels.
- 6.4 The American real estate market continues to remain strong as existing homes sales rose another 24.7 per cent in July. This follows a 20.2 per cent gain in June, marking the largest back-to-back increase since 1999. Surging demand is causing supply shortages as the inventory of homes in July was down 21.1 per cent year-over-year. Increasing demand and decreasing supply also caused home prices to jump 8.5 per cent year-over-year.

## 7. Global Economy

- 7.1 The Japanese economy contracted by another 7.8 per cent between the first and second quarter of 2020. This marks the sharpest quarterly decline on record and represents the third consecutive quarter of GDP decline. Consumer spending, which accounts for over half of economic activity, declined a record 8.2 per cent in the second quarter. Also during the quarter, exports fell 18.5 per cent, imports fell 0.5 per cent, and business capital expenditures fell 1.5 per cent.
- 7.2 In addition to Japan, many other Asian economies are experiencing significant contractions in economic output. Hong Kong reported a 9 per cent year-over-year decline in second quarter GDP, marking the fourth consecutive quarter of GDP decline. Thailand reported a 12.2 per cent year-over-year decline in GDP for the second quarter of 2020. This marks the worst economic contraction since the Asian financial crisis of 1998.
- 7.3 After reporting a record 13.2 per cent year-over-year GDP contraction for the second quarter of 2020, Singapore announced an additional stimulus package worth approximately eight billion Singapore dollars. The measures under this new stimulus program include 320 million Singapore dollars in tourism credits to encourage domestic tourism, 187 million Singapore dollars in relief for the aviation sector, and a seven-month extension of the government's wage subsidy program.
- 7.4 As the pandemic continues to impact Latin American economies, many central banks in the region continue to cut interest rates in an effort to stimulate economic activity. On August 5, Banco Central do Brasil (Central Bank of Brazil) cut its key interest rate by another 25-basis points to a record low of 2.0 per cent. On August

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13, Banco de Mexico (Bank of Mexico) lowered its key interest rate to a four-year low of 4.5 per cent.

- 7.5 As a result of border closures and restrictions on international travel, the World Trade Organization (WTO) is forecasting a significant decline in international merchandise trade for the second quarter of 2020. The WTO Goods Trade Barometer measures trends in world trade growth, with readings above 100 suggesting above trend growth and readings below 100 suggesting below trend growth. The current reading of 84.5 is the lowest on record and implies a 14 per cent drop in global merchandise trade over the second quarter of 2020.

## **8. Economic Bright Spots**

- 8.1 Although the global economy is facing extreme challenges associated with the pandemic, a number of positive developments are occurring that offer a brief distraction from the economic uncertainty.
- 8.2 As the pandemic has forced consumers to spend more time at home, many adults and children are turning to toys for a source of entertainment. According to NPD Group, a global business data and analytics firm, global toy industry sales increased 9 per cent over the first half of 2020, including 16 per cent in the U.S. and 9 per cent in Canada. Board games and puzzles are the main attraction with global sales increasing 37 per cent from January to June.
- 8.3 Since many children will be transitioning to online education for the upcoming school year, Citigroup Inc. is offering employees discounts on test preparation and tutoring services for their children. The investment bank is also helping employees find educational caregivers to help supervise their children's online learning.
- 8.4 Lowe's announced it will be providing another US\$100 million in bonuses to its associates in the United States. Full-time hourly associates will receive another US\$300 one-time payment, while part-time associates will receive US\$150. This increases the company's total pandemic assistance for employees to nearly US\$600 million.

## **9. Conclusions**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Mary Simpson for

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



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** August 28, 2020

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – August 23, 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

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

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**August 23, 2020**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5s5425v>**

- What's Up Doc? Vol 13 No 2 (Jul 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ydhs462q>**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 30)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y29b7jp7>**

- Health Department reports season's first positive mosquitoes for West Nile Virus (Jul 31)

**<https://tinyurl.com/ydhs462q>**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 6)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5dhxqlu>**

- Water sample test results identify blue-green algae bloom at Kinsmen Beach (Aug 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxq6o59a>**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y45n7wzn>**

- Health Department reports more West Nile positive mosquitoes (Aug 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2shtt9u>**

- Kinsmen Beach closed due to elevated levels of toxins from blue-green algae (Aug 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3b2bs6j>**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 20)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yy3p99an>**

- Health Department reports more West Nile virus positive mosquitoes (Aug 20)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2ruexv8>**

- Government of Canada investment brings nutritious surplus food to vulnerable Canadians (Aug 13)

**Canada Border Services Agency**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6cgn5a8>**

- Travel restrictions to Canada remain in place for August long weekend (Jul 30)

**Deputy Prime Minister's Office**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y44bbb9u>**

- Government of Canada announces extension of border agreement with the United States (Aug 14)

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

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5dyp43t>**

- Government of Canada invests in measures to boost protections for Temporary Foreign Workers and Address COVID-19 Outbreaks on Farms (Jul 31)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4rt75qe>**

- Government of Canada temporarily sets a minimum unemployment rate for the Employment Insurance program (Aug 10)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y579fzqx>**

- Government of Canada announces plan to help support Canadians through the next phase of the recovery (Aug 20)

### **Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2mf2pex>**

- Government of Canada supports innovative climate action by the City of Toronto (Aug 21)

### **Health Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax88zx>**

- The Government of Canada is investing to safely restart the economy, while protecting the health of Canadians (Jul 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5pzzet3>**

- Certain hand sanitizers may pose health risks (Jul 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yy4dzkdb>**

- Certain hand sanitizers containing technical-grade ethanol may pose health risks (Jul 30)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y475msnn>**

- Certain hand sanitizers may pose health risks (Aug 4)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2jrpb5n>**

- Government of Canada begins consultation to better ensure the continuity of supervised consumption sites and services in Canada (Aug 20)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2vyly4k>**

- Government of Canada supports a safer drug supply project in Toronto (Aug 20)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3qfg6fv>**

- Certain hand sanitizers containing technical-grade ethanol may pose health risks (Aug 21)

### **Indigenous Services Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3wnm8g8>**

- Government of Canada is providing assistance to urban Indigenous organizations in the Greater Toronto Area to address the COVID-19 pandemic (Aug 6)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2x5swgt>**

- Government of Canada announces funding for Indigenous communities and organizations to support community-based responses to COVID-19 (Aug 12)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3vh59a5>**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Aug 21)

### **Infrastructure Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5jwq85h>**

- Infrastructure program expands to support COVID-19 community resilience (Aug 5)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3ml7gbw>**

- New initiative to support local innovative solutions to safe community reopening (Aug 13)

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

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3fm4dnw>**

- Government of Canada tracks progress on reducing prices of wireless services (Jul 29)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3eq28bg>**

- Government of Canada announces major steps in treating and preventing COVID-19 through vaccines and therapies (Aug 5)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2anfqs8>**

- Response by Government of Canada to petitions concerning CRTC wholesale Internet rates (Aug 15)

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

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3n8369s>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on July 27, 2020 (Jul 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4kegges>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada: World Hepatitis Day (Jul 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4vcbaqz>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on July 29, 2020 (Jul 29)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxrndm4>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on July 30, 2020 (Jul 30)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2mr2mgl>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 1, 2020 (Aug 1)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yynmw9st>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 2, 2020 (Aug 2)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yys95pa2>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 3, 2020 (Aug 3)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5tv3ufv>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 5, 2020 (Aug 5)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5bhqmt2>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 6, 2020 (Aug 6)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2mu5fdp>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 8, 2020 (Aug 8)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y57gk2cz>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 9, 2020 (Aug 9)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4htxvdz>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 10, 2020 (Aug 10)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2cybvpv>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 12, 2020 (Aug 12)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3nj9cgu>**

- Government of Canada Invests in Community-based Projects Addressing Challenges of Dementia (Aug 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2vzxce3>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 13, 2020 (Aug 13)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2gm9tu4>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 15, 2020 (Aug 15)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5darwfa>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 16, 2020 (Aug 16)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2b8mjsm>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 17, 2020 (Aug 17)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxzvr96l>**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 19, 2020 (Aug 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4jg4xdo>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 20, 2020 (Aug 20)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5fjg8g>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 22, 2020 (Aug 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxqbvxyb>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on August 23, 2020 (Aug 23)

### **Transport Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/yyj2x28g>

- Government of Canada releases Canada's Flight Plan for safe air travel (Aug 14)

### **Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ltx9kr>

- Statement from the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Government of Canada on recent credential stuffing attacks (Aug 15)

### **Women and Gender Equality Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y5fmmejf>

- Government of Canada invests \$19 million to reduce human trafficking and support those most impacted (Jul 29)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y6hoh8mz>

- Ontario Takes Steps to Improve Child Welfare System (Jul 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y45crrvgh>

- Ontario Provides More Supports for Families of Children on the Autism Spectrum (Aug 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6hfyx9x>

- Ontario Resumes Infant Hearing Checks (Aug 18)

### **Ministry of Education**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3zhd7v53>

- Ontario Continues to Gradually and Safely Reopen Child Care for Working Parents (Jul 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6bwae43>

- Ontario Release Plan for Safe Reopening of Schools in September (Jul 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3zd7v53>

- Ontario Takes Additional Steps to Better Protect Students and Staff (Aug 13)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5nj8k4>

- Ontario Supports Plan to Safely Extend the Life of the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station (Aug 14)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y6a6xwbf>

- Ontario Encourages All Residents to Take the Ontario Parks 30X30 Challenge (Jul 31)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyxz66d4>

- Ontario Launches First-Ever Climate Change Impact Assessment (Aug 14)

### **Ministry of Finance**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3hlg986>

- Ontario Releases 2020-21 First Quarter Finances (Aug 12)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yyy7vukm>

- Ontario Launches Consultations to Strengthen Privacy Protections of Personal Data (Aug 13)

### **Ministry of Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/y2twhejv>

- Windsor-Essex Remains in Stage 2 (Aug 4)

### **Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3q7w6x6>

- Ontario Expands Indoor Capacity for Meeting and Event Facilities (Aug 21)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y3h8ydlh>

- Ontario Building A Safer and Stronger Long-Term Care System (Jul 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyajo7tm>

- Canadian Armed Forces Share Promising Exit Report on Long-Term Care Mission (Aug 14)

### **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

<https://tinyurl.com/y5z86vby>

- Ontario Invests in Affordable Housing for Seniors in Durham Region (Jul 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5dztyvf>

- Ontario and Municipalities Work Towards a Strong Economic Recovery (Aug 19)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yyh2facn>

- Ontario Releases Plan to Grow and Protect the Forest Industry and its Forests (Aug 20)

### **Ministry of the Solicitor General**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxa3vtta>**

- Ontario Helping to Protect Communities Against Racism and Hate (Jul 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6ph98xf>**

- Ontario Extends Orders Under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020 (Aug 20)

**Ministry of Transportation**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yy489pzf>**

- Ontario Safely and Gradually Reopens DriveTest Centres (Jul 31)

**Office of the Premier**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxve4phl>**

- Historic Agreement Delivers up to \$4 Billion to Support Municipalities and Transit (Jul 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yysuwl3>**

- Ontario Fast-Tracks Long-Term Care Home for Ajax (Jul 28)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yxwuqz7v>**

- Ontario Moving Toronto and Peel Region into Stage 3 (Jul 29)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2cxxl2b>**

- Ontario Launches Independent Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission (Jul 29)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6n3fw8p>**

- COVID Alert Available for Downloading Beginning Today (Jul 31)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2wuuc9t>**

- Province Supporting Innovative Made-in-Ontario Technology to Sanitize PPE (Aug 4)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5tv3ufv>**

- Ontario Supporting Non-Profits as Province Recovers from COVID-19 (Aug 5)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6p6chex>**

- Historic Agreement Delivers Over \$230 Million for Child Care (Aug 7)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y3xtz2df>**

- Windsor-Essex to Join the Rest of Province in Stage 3 (Aug 10)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2wec3mr>**

- Ontario Providing Municipalities with up to \$1.6 Billion in First Round of Emergency Funding (Aug 12)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y6tm9ouo>**

- Ontario Supporting the Safe Reopening of More Spaces at Gyms and Recreation Centres (Aug 14)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2nqvbyz>**

- Ontario Partners with Federal Government and 3M Canada on New N95 Respirator Manufacturing Facility (Aug 21)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fvjz9h>

- Ontario Taking Steps to Improve Service Delivery at Provincial Agencies (Aug 19)

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

<https://tinyurl.com/y67vs332>

- New AMO President Letter (Aug 19)

#### **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/yxuudjkx>

- 2020 AMO Conference Ends with Economic Recovery Panel and Declaration to Better Serve Indigenous People (Aug 19)

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yxvharut>

- 2019-20 provincial spending \$3.5 billion under budget (Jul 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tjpo83>

- Ontario's financial accountability officer releases 2019-20 Annual Report (Jul 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxbhgqgq>

- FAO projects additional borrowing authority required for 2020-21 (Aug 20)

#### **Lakeridge Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/y5a6qq6y>

- Durham Mental Health Services and Lakeridge Health Join to Create a More Accessible Regional Mental Health and Addictions Service (Aug 20)

#### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/y55lmahw>

- LifeLabs agrees to comply with privacy commissioners' orders, but challenges release of investigation report (Jul 29)

#### **Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/y6sfurrb>

- Federal and Ontario privacy commissioners support use of COVID Alert application subject to ongoing monitoring of its privacy protections and effective effectiveness (Jul 31)

#### **Ontario Tech University**

<https://tinyurl.com/y42tt3xd>

- Ontario Tech University and Facebook Canada create global network to address online hate (Jul 28)

#### **Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission**

<https://tinyurl.com/y37ra5az>

- Statement from the Commissioners of Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission (Jul 29)

### **Public Health Ontario**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y34zgepx>**

- PHO Connections (Jul 28)

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

**<https://tinyurl.com/y7m768hd>**

- Thousands join call for the Nursing Home Basic Care Guarantee (Jul 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2pt9ko3>**

- LTC staffing study highlights what RNAO has been saying for two decades:  
Government must immediately mandate hiring to avert second tragedy (Jul 30)

### **Statistics Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/y4u3thtx>**

- Statistics Canada to Collect Data on Individuals' Experience of Discrimination  
(Aug 6)



The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham

Works Department

# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** August 28, 2020

**To:** Regional Chair Henry and All Members of Regional Council

**From:** Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works

**Copy:** Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jason Hunt, Director of Legal Services  
Ramesh Jagannathan, Director, Transportation and Field Services

**Subject:** Automated Speed Enforcement – Start of Operations

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The purpose of this memo is to advise Regional Council of the start of operations at the first four Automated Speed Enforcement Sites on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 to coincide with students returning to school. The first four sites are located as follows:

- Bayly Street east of Harwood Avenue near Ajax High School and St. Bernadette Catholic School – Town of Ajax
- Simcoe Street between Taunton Road and Conlin Road near Ontario Tech University and Durham College – City of Oshawa
- Central Street west of Brock Road near Claremont Public School – City of Pickering
- Anderson Street north of Dundas Street near Anderson Collegiate – Town of Whitby

The ASE cameras will be in operation at the above four sites for approximately 1 month at which time they will be relocated to the next group of four locations for a one-month period at the sites listed below:

- Highway 2 Community Safety Zone between Townline Road and Centrefield Drive in the Municipality of Clarington
- Goodwood Community Safety Zone on Regional Highway 47 between Goodwood Road and Tindall Lane in the Township of Uxbridge
- Cannington Community Safety Zone on Cameron Street between RR2 and Brock Sideroad 18A in the Township of Brock
- Harmony Road between Adelaide Avenue and Regent Drive near Vincent Massey Public School in the City of Oshawa

The remaining locations proposed as shown in Attachment #1 will proceed in sequence.

The Automated Speed Enforcement cameras have been operational at the initial four locations in data collection mode for a period of three months. During that time the four cameras have captured over 500,000 vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit.

Further reports will be provided to Regional Council on the effectiveness of the program including the frequency and severity of collisions and reductions in vehicle speeds for each location.

For additional information, please contact Steven Kemp, Manager – Traffic Engineering and Operations, at 905-668-7711, extension 4701.

**Attachment 1:** Proposed Automated Speed Enforcement Sites

**End of Memo**

### Attachment #1: School Zones and Community Safety Zones in Northern Durham Region Townships

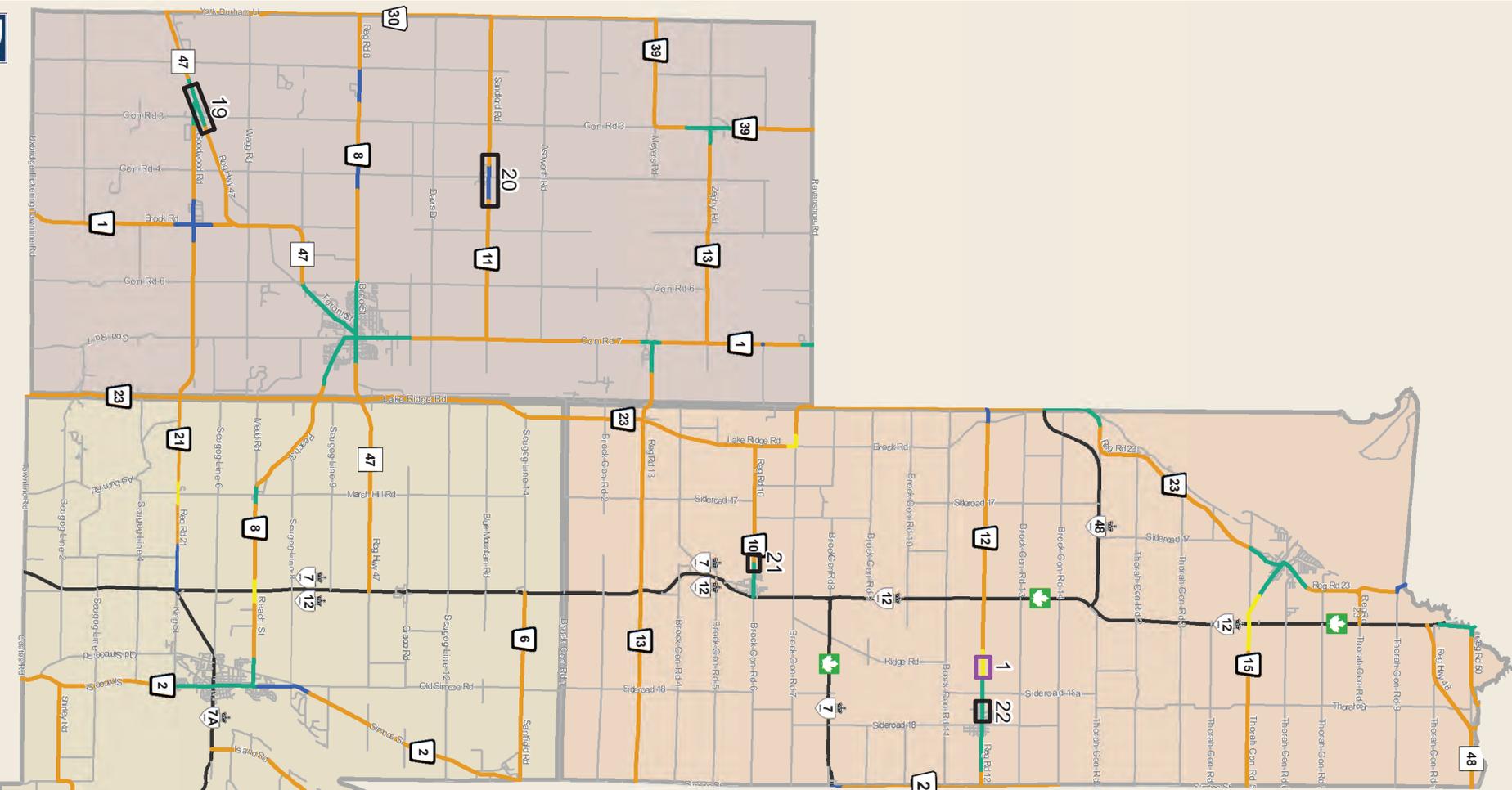
**School Zones and Community Safety Zones in Northern Durham Region Townships**

- School Area (50 km/hr while signals flashing)
- Community Safety Zone
- Provincial
- Regional
- Regional Highway
- Toll
- MTO Highway
- Municipal Road Network

**Posted Speed (km/h)**

- 50
- 70
- 80
- 60

School Zones	
#	School Name
1	Brock High School - Brock
Community Safety Zones	
#	Area Name
19	Goodwood Community Centre - Uxbridge
20	Sandford Scott Central Public School - Uxbridge
21	Sunderland/Hamlet - Brock
22	Cannington Brock Town Hall - Brock
Regional Road #	
47	
11	
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12	



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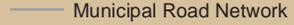


School Zones		
#	School Name	Regional Road #
2	Elizabeth B Phin Public School - Pickering	27
3	St. Issac Jogues Catholic School - Pickering	37

Community Safety Zones		
#	Area Name	Regional Road #
4	St. Mary High School - Pickering	38
5	Claremont Public School - Pickering	5
6	Ajax High School - Ajax	22
7	Sinclair Secondary School - Whitby	4
8	Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute - Whitby	36
9	Paul Dwyer High School - Oshawa	28
10	Adelaide McLaughlin Public School - Oshawa	53
11	St. Stephen's United Church - Oshawa	2
12	UOIT/Durham College - Oshawa	2
13	SJ Phillips Public School - Oshawa	2
14	Beau Valley Public School - Oshawa	16
15	Vincent Massey Public School - Oshawa	33
16	Eastdale Collegiate Vocational Institute - Oshawa	58
17	Courtice Downtown - Clarington	Regional Highway 2
18	Bowmanville High School - Clarington	14

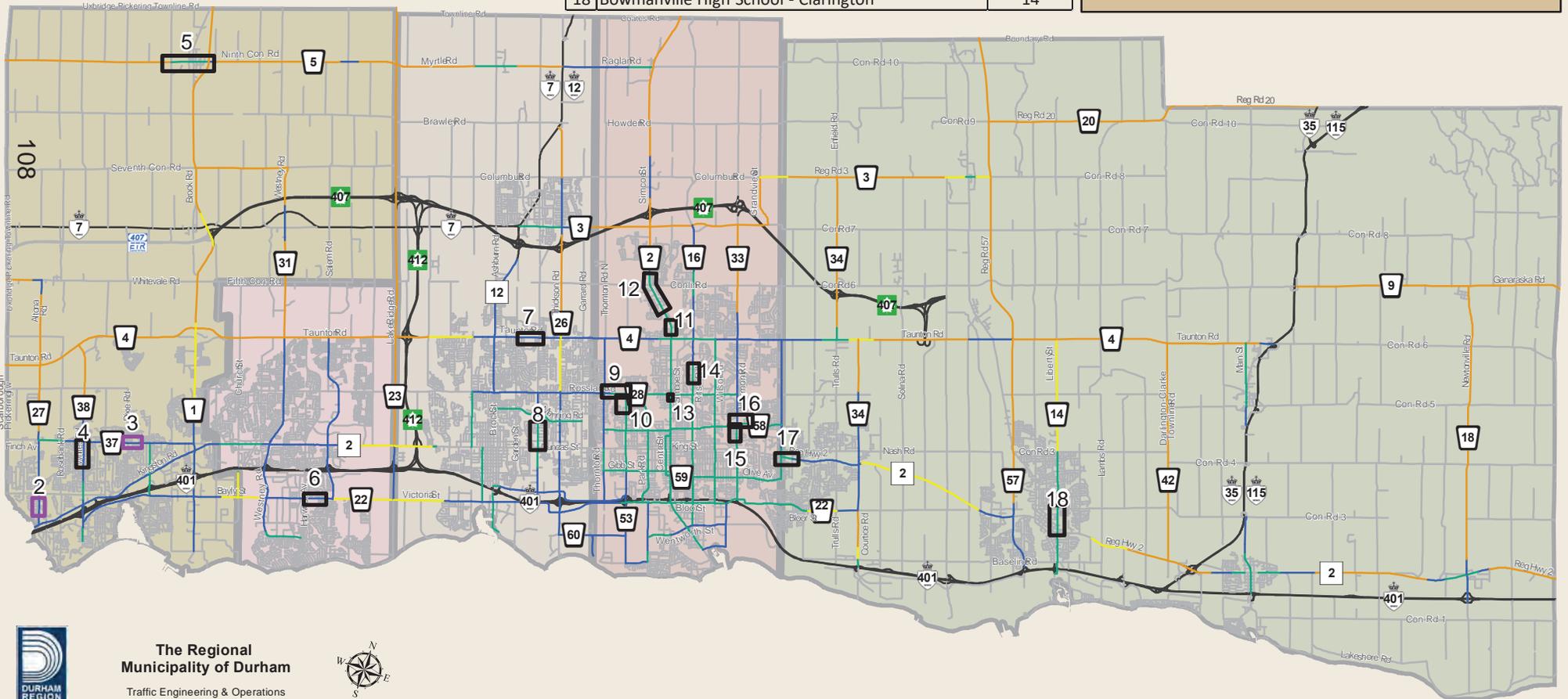
### Attachment #1: School Zones and Community Safety Zones in Southern Durham Region Municipalities

-  School Area (50 km/hr while signals flashing)
-  Community Safety Zone

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-  MTO Highway
-  Regional
-  Municipal Road Network
-  Regional Highway
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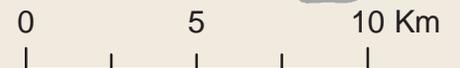


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Office of the  
Clerk

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August 18, 2020

Frank Prevost  
Mayor  
Township of South Glengarry  
6 Oak Street  
Lancaster, ON K0C 1N0

Dear Frank;

**Re: Support of Long Term Care Facility Inspections**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your request for support urging the Ontario Government to provide funding to increase the fulltime positions in place of casual and part time labour in long term care homes.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of the Township of South Glengarry's request to the Ministry of Long Term Care to enact regular inspections of all long term care homes. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14878 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
Clerk  
SC/cp  
Encl.

cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
Mr. Douglas Ford, *The Honourable Premier of Ontario*  
*All other Municipalities with the Province of Ontario*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14878**

14878

*Moved by Patricia Bailey*

*Seconded by Leanne  
Woestenenk*

***WHEREAS the Township of South Glengarry has passed a motion urging the Ontario Government to provide funding to increase the fulltime positions in place of casual and part time labour in long term care homes;***

***AND WHEREAS they further request the Ministry of Long Term Care to enact regular inspections of all long term care homes;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Gore Bay supports the Township of South Glengarry's motion and they be so advised;***

***FURTHER a copy of this motion be sent to the Ministry of Long Term Care.***

***Carried***

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 14878  
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON  
AUGUST 10, 2020

  
.....  
Stasia Carr  
Clerk

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August 18, 2020

Mary Medeiros  
City Clerk  
The Corporation of the City of Oshawa  
50 Centre Street south  
Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7

Dear Mary;

**Re: Support of COVID-19 Funding**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your correspondence regarding COVID-19 Funding.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa requesting support of their motion to request the Federal, Provincial and Regional Government to help municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14876 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,



Stasia Carr  
Clerk  
SC/cp  
Encl.

cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
Mr. Douglas Ford, *The Honourable Premier of Ontario*  
*All other Municipalities with the Province of Ontario*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14876**

14876

***Moved by Ken Blodgett***

***Seconded by Kevin  
Woestenenk***

***WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as through provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the cultural sector;***

***AND WHEREAS to date there has been no further indication as to tools, funding measures, or financial support provided;***

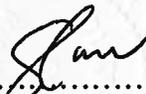
***AND WHEREAS the City of Oshawa is requesting support of their motion to request the Federal, Provincial and Regional Government to help municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council support the City of Oshawa's motion and they be so advised.***

***FURTHER A copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and all municipalities within Ontario.***

***Carried***

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 14876  
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON  
AUGUST 10, 2020

  
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August 18, 2020

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
Corporate Services - Municipal Governance  
315 King Street West, P.O. ox 640  
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Dear Judy;

**Re: Support of Emancipation Day Resolution**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your correspondence regarding the request for support for Emancipation Day Resolution.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supporting the Private Members Bill stating August 1<sup>st</sup> of every year should be designated as "Emancipation Day" in Canada to acknowledge the heritage of Canada's people of African decent and the contributions they have made and continue to make in Canada. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14877 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
Clerk  
Encl.  
SC/cp

cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
Mr. Douglas Ford, *The Honourable Premier of Ontario*  
*All other Municipalities with the Province of Ontario*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14877**

14877

*Moved by Leeanne Woestenenk*

*Seconded by Aaron Wright*

***WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has passed a motion supporting the Private Members Bill stating August 1st of every year should be designated as "Emancipation Day" in Canada to acknowledge the heritage of Canada's people of African decent and the contributions they have made and continue to make in Canada;***

***AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is requesting all Ontario Municipalities to support their motion;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay agree to designating August 1st of every year as Emancipation Day in Canada, and the Municipality of Chatham be so advised, and a copy of this motion be sent to MPP Carol Hughes and to all House of Commons Representatives.***

***Carried***

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 14877  
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON  
AUGUST 10, 2020

  
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Stasia Carr  
Clerk



## Community Services

### Legislative Services

August 25, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: [Anthony.Rota@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Anthony.Rota@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Anthony Rota,  
Chair of the Board for Internal Economy  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: City of Elliott Lake - Private Members Bill M-36 to Declare August 1 as "Emancipation Day" in Canada**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of August 24, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the City of Elliott Lake dated August 14, 2020 acknowledging the Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament, 1 Session.

Attached please find a copy of the City Elliott Lake's correspondence dated August 14, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk  
[cschofield@forterie.ca](mailto:cschofield@forterie.ca)

CS:dlk

Encl.

Sent via email

Natalie Bray, City Clerk, City of Elliott Lake [nbray@city.elliottlake.on.ca](mailto:nbray@city.elliottlake.on.ca)

Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin [mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca)

Carol Hughes, MP, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing [carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca)

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**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

Moved By: T. Turner  
Seconded By: L. Cyr

THAT the City of Elliot Lake Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1 Session that reads as follows:

"THAT the House recognizes that:

The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834;

Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834; Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;

The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent to highlight important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;

The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Algoma and all House of Commons representatives; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario.

Resolution No. 249/20 Carried Mayor Dan Marchisella



**Certified True Copy.**

*Natalie Bray*

City Clerk August 14, 2020

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**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Planned Housing - Beaverton  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:29:04 PM

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Pls add to agenda. Many thanks. Mike

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**From:** Andy Haines  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 3:54:06 PM  
**To:** Debbie Bath-Hadden <dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Cc:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>; Claire Doble <cdoble@townshipofbrock.ca>; Ted Smith <tsmith@townshipofbrock.ca>; Lynn Campbell <lcampbell@townshipofbrock.ca>; Cria Pettingill <cpettingill@townshipofbrock.ca>; Walter Schummer <wschummer@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Subject:** Planned Housing - Beaverton

Mayor Debbie, I read the news article about new housing in Beaverton with incredulity. I will say unequivocally that this has nothing to do with any individual who may move into the proposed housing. My concerns all revolve around support. I won't even address how you get people back on their feet in a township that has essentially no employment opportunities for someone without the ability to commute long distances.

My 35 years of operational support experience have taught me many lessons about over-extending lines of communication. In order to be successful you need shelter, transport, feeding, medical care and specialty support services.

When Regional Council approved this proposal they only addressed shelter. I suspect almost no member of regional council has ever been to Beaverton. All they saw was some readily available free land.

The proposed plan failed to address transport. There is essentially no bus or taxi service. How will people get to a myriad of appointments in various locations, many of which are far from our community?

The proposed plan failed to address feeding. The nearest grocery store is on highway 12, kms away down a very busy road with no public transportation or taxi service. A challenging hike in the best of weather for a healthy soul.

The proposed plan failed to address medical care. Brock is essentially without a doctor and most tests require a trip to one of our surroundings cities. Again, no transportation services to get to our local clinics, with their limited capabilities and total lack of capacity. Clinics, labs or hospitals that surround us offer the same challenges. Many Brock residents obtain these services from surrounding cities, commuting long distances because they can't get a doctor or specialist in Brock.

The proposed plan failed to address the additional workload on emergency services,

particularly ambulance and perhaps even police services.

The proposed plan failed to address specialty services. This is the only time I would specifically address the potential residents of the proposed housing project. This township is essentially bereft of specialty services to support this proposed community.

It is impossible for me to understand how a project such as this could succeed without significant transportation and medical investment from the region. Without such a guaranteed commitment, this project is doomed to failure for Brock, not Durham, but us. The Region will congratulate themselves for building housing. They will blame Brock for failing to make it successful.

There is still a possibility that the project could be successful. Durham could, at their cost, assign transportation and medical services to support the project. I find this highly unlikely and expect that for Durham this is a political exercise and for Brock it will become a saga with a very long, drawn out, sad ending.

I have always been and will remain supportive of the challenging job that each member of your council does each day. It is a very difficult job when balancing local, regional and provincial demands. I spent my adult life finding solutions to poorly thought out plans. This proposal must be revisited and Regional investments made, before we end up saddled with a long-term problem without any hope of resolution.

With respect,  
Andy Haines

**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks](#); [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 133 Main Street Housing Project  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:23:50 PM

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Pls add to agenda. Many thanks. Mike

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**From:** colleen pocock  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 12:17:53 PM  
**To:** Debbie Bath-Hadden <[dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca)>; Council <[council@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:council@townshipofbrock.ca)>  
**Subject:** 133 Main Street Housing Project

*Dear Madam Mayor,  
While we support the provincial investment and goals for this type of housing and We understand it will reduce the cost and demand for services for the target population - We'd like to understand HOW Beaverton became the chosen location and why our council was apparently unaware of that initial planning.  
The following below are some collected statements of concern from residents Cedarhurst Beach, Cedar Beach and Eden Grove.*

- Needs: What is the real need for this housing in Beaverton? Is there an intent to relocate disenfranchised individuals here? (Somehow Beaverton was designated as a priority location...)
- Support Services: We have limited local social, health, education, employment, policing and transportation services in Beaverton. What are the plans and defined funding to enhance these services?
- Location: A similar residence in Lindsay has had recurring issues with theft, drugs, brawls, guns, property destruction, etc. Why put that risk so close to a seniors residence, and in a waterfront neighbourhood that has million dollar homes? Would it be better to locate these homes near the new health care center in Cannington?
- Long term: What is the long term plan for funding, maintenance and services? What direct and indirect costs will fall to Brock taxation base?

"Wrong location and could be extremely detrimental to such a very small community.

1. We do not have the ongoing police presence to manage situations that WILL arise . It must be located in an area where there is constant police availability such as Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering where in all likelihood many would be coming from.

2. Such a small community as ours simply does not have the supervision, recreational and employment opportunities that would be required in order to allay mischief and crime in our community. We have more than our fair share of the "ill and needy" in this community thanks to the legal drug distribution placed in an inappropriate location- Beaverton."

“What is the real need for homeless in Beaverton. Is there a current need or are they relocating disenfranchised to a community that has no support?  
- what supports will be offered to residents? We have limited local social/health services in Beaverton. Would it be better to be near new health center in Cannington?  
- And I’m not sure the location next to the Manor is the right solution....There were many ‘issues’ that occurred in Lindsay - brawls, guns, destruction, drug paraphernalia lying around, etc. Why put that risk so close to a waterfront neighbourhood? “

“How can Mayor Bath Haddon support this initiative without any community consultation ? We haven’t any transit, nor village grocery stores, No police presence or doctors. Why not supportive housing in a town closer to the city, where employment and social services are available. I’m scratching my head here? This is not a NYMBY response, my career was in the field with the homeless and City of Toronto Shelters. A perfect example is the epic failure of the Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporations in Lindsay . “

<https://lindsayadvocate.ca/needle-and-the-damage-done-drugs-in-public-housing/>

<https://www.mykawartha.com/news-story/9584667--it-s-just-a-building-of-doom-lindsay-affordable-housing-petition-launched/>

“ These individuals that would be moving up to live in these facilities and also those living here must be served, loved, and cared for in the appropriate location. This proposal is insanity in this tiny community, unable to provide employment, medical and physiotherapy doctors , education or public transportation.

Why is it happening? Due to our size and hoping that most of the individuals living and retiring in this little touristy town won't "kick up" a fight. Perhaps Larger more sophisticated towns/cities will , so I'm going to be asking questions and demanding accountability from our Brock Township leaders on WHY this little village has this being dumped on our backs. Mayor Bath-Haddon lack of consultation with the community is appalling.

“Where are the resources for these people?

Beaverton has no hospital, walk in, social workers, not even a grocery store to get to without a car.It makes me wonder... who’s pockets are getting lined to build this complex? This is not a responsible solution!

These unfortunate people need way more than what this small town is able to supply!”

*We hope that our collective voices will be heard, with consideration and consultations to we*

*the people who elected you in Office.*

*We request a public meeting ASAP but, For now will settle for a statement from you Madam Mayor on HOW this housing project was assigned to our little village....and the location, beside a LTC facility, across from the fair grounds , play grounds and community centre. Absolutely insane planning.*

With regards,  
Colleen McKenna  
110 Cedar Beach Road  
Beaverton , ON.

**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks](#); [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: New Bvtn Social Housing  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:24:40 PM

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Pls add to agenda. Many thanks. Mike

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**From:** Doreen Belanger  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020, 11:36 a.m.  
**To:** Paul H. Nelson  
**Cc:** JANIS NELSON; Kristine Peticca; Eugenebelanger; Michael Jubb; Ted Smith  
**Subject:** Re: New Bvtn Social Housing

Paul,

I just got around to reading the e-mail you sent a few days ago.

Thanks for the information.

Just a few things that immediately come to mind, after just seeing that there was a triple stabbing outside the Roehampton Homeless facility in Toronto! The crime, drugs, etc. In that area now has increased and we do not need that here in Beaverton.

I do understand that homelessness is a huge, growing problem, however....

These people are not upstanding citizens that have just fallen on hard times for the most part.

My concerns in point form

- putting this type of facility right beside a nursing home for vulnerable seniors (Lakeview Manor)
- the facility located beside a senior living complex (Gillespie Garden)
- all the bungalows in that area are mostly retired people who probably moved to this area to get away from stress
- proximity to Edengrove Senior living
- Beaverton has a very large population of retired residents
- we already have a methadone clinic....right on Main Street!!
- I know for a fact 1 or 2 businesses that have left Main Street Beaverton because of that clinic and the clientele it attracts
- there are no job opportunities in the area
- there is no transportation in the town other than Go bus

I feel this would have a HUGE negative impact on the growth of a town already struggling to keep small businesses, etc.

If it, in fact, is a transition facility, it would not be well served in Beaverton. Beaverton does not need this. Beaverton needs positive, progressive investment to ensure the town moves in the right direction.

Just my thoughts.

Cheers

Doreen

P.S. I did not have Debbie Bath-Haden's e-mail

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 22, 2020, at 12:25 PM, Paul H. Nelson

wrote:

Info related to yesterday's dock discussion about new social housing units on Regional Lakeview Manor/Gillespie Gardens property at link below..

The Region DOES have the right to proceed, but should listen carefully to public input. This type of housing MUST have adequate in-house support services, with mental health specialists as my top concern. And will certainly NOT help house values in the immediate GG area.

Fifty or more struggling people with specialized needs as a lot to drop into any small community like Bvtn !

<https://thebrockvoice.com/2020/08/20/township-opposing-regions-supportive-housing-project-in-beaverton/>

**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Clerks](#)  
**Cc:** [Brock Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:27:24 PM

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**From:** noreply@townshipofbrock.ca <noreply@townshipofbrock.ca> on behalf of Mike Manchester  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020, 11:10 a.m.  
**To:** Michael Jubb  
**Subject:** Re: Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton

Re: Region's supportive housing project in Beaverton  
'Proposed facility would become Durham Regions own CAMH'  
Why in Beaverton?

- No 'Public Transit' to speak of...
- No 'Job's' or employment opportunities to speak of
- No 'Mental Health Resource's' locally to speak of
- Lakeview Manor has been & continues to be lacking in its own resources let alone earmarked as a support 'rap-around' resource.
- Proposed facility would be less than a kilometer from public parks, playgrounds, harbour & children's splashpad.
- Will become a 'magnet' for hundred's of patients.. mostly from the south
- No logical reason other than 'low property value expenditures' to the Region in relation to south Durham property values.

CAMH: Recent Public Safety Record

- Wednesday, July 31, 2019 7:39PM EDT: Public safety warning after another patient goes missing from CAMH
- Man who fled country after disappearing from CAMH was 'threat to public safety': review board
- CAMH to conduct external review after at least two patients go missing
- Reviews launched after Ford questions how 'nutcase' disappeared from CAMH
- Man charged after walking away from mental health facility, allegedly robbing two stores
- Residents in the Queen West area are sounding the alarm after several patients with criminal backgrounds have gone missing from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).  
The statement: "Its a no-brainer" was absolutely correct... but not in the context it was made.

M&S Manchester  
Beaverton

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**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks; Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supportive housing  
**Date:** August 25, 2020 10:43:06 AM

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Pls add to appropriate agenda or CII. Many thanks. Mike.

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**From:** Nicola Speakman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:13:40 AM  
**To:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Subject:** Supportive housing

Mike

I do not believe enough research has been done regarding the Supportive housing that is being planned for Beaverton. I do not think Beaverton has the diverse support mechanisms in place that residents of this type of housing require. I believe there are other locations in Durham that are significantly more suitable in terms of meeting the needs of the residents that this type of housing is designed and expected to provide.

I trust that Brock Township will review their support of this project and that other locations will be given serious consideration before this project moves any further ahead.

If I need to express my concerns in greater detail please let me know who I should be contacting.

Thank you,  
Nicola Speakman  
152 Moorelands Dr  
Beaverton ON  
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**From:** [Pat Stabback Manning](#)  
**To:** [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive housing Beaverton, ON  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 2:11:37 PM

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**To:** [Brock Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive Housing - Beaverton  
**Date:** August 15, 2020 3:13:58 PM

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I do believe everyone is entitled to housing.  
 I do not believe people in need of supportive housing should be plucked from Oshawa etc., and deposited in a rural setting in North Durham. In the proposed (done deal) project for Beaverton where they are going to grocery shop, there is nothing in town? If they don't own a car can they access the pharmacy in town? How will they adapt to a rural area? It's a well known fact that Beaverton has not been able, for many years, to secure a doctor and VERY OFTEN it was because the spouse/family did not like the areas lack of amenities....similar issues, different snack bracket. There are already sixteen +/- units of affordable housing on the adjacent site which has brought absolutely no joy to the residents of Gillespie Gardens. The impact on adjacent residential areas could be significant. I was very surprised to hear how far along this development had progressed before it became local public knowledge. Astounding lack of transparency, which, were I a suspicious person, leads me to believe it was probably felt this project would not be well received. Admittedly one step better than the affordable housing units in Beaverton and Cannington which were thought to be basically the same as our original Gillespie Gardens. I feel these units should be built where there is the greatest need and I don't think it is Beaverton. Were they units for seniors, first pick given to LOCAL residents I feel it would be a positive addition to this area of town given that Lakeview Manor and Gillespie Gardens are similarly purposed.

**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks](#); [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Region of Durham Housing Proposal  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:22:54 PM

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Pls add to agenda. Many thanks. Mike

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**From:** noreply@townshipofbrock.ca <noreply@townshipofbrock.ca> on behalf of Peter Bornemisa

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:14:13 AM  
**To:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Subject:** Region of Durham Housing Proposal  
Hi Mike,

I received a copy of Durham Region council minutes (July 29th) related to Expedited Supportive Housing Development located at 133 Main St. in Beaverton. I'm wondering if you could provide more detail on this proposed development and why there hasn't been public consultation to date on this development plan. Public consultation provides the community an opportunity to hear about the proposal and provide feedback to the Township and municipality. I'd be interested in seeing how these types of developments work, success stories and impacts to local communities. I'd be interested in understanding why Beaverton was identified as the preferred location and what factors were considered in the decision making process. I assume Durham Region owns land across the Region that could be used for similar projects.

I'm interested in understanding if Beaverton has the social support systems in place for this type of development. Beaverton currently is looking for a doctor or nurse practitioner for the Medical Centre. What other social infrastructure like police, fire and EMS will be necessary to support this and other planned and approved developments?

I understand there may be social benefit for Brock and Beaverton which is important. Is there an economic benefit for Brock and Beaverton with this development? We pay high taxes already. Typically, new development is required to pay development charges that benefit the township. I suspect there will be no development charges received with this type of development. Will our local Brock tax levy rate support this development or will it be self supporting through subsidies from the Province or Federal government today and in the future? It's great to say we are going to build this development, but have considerations been given to the long term costs to operate, maintain and rehabilitate this development and the various infrastructure servicing it (water, sewer, roads, sidewalks) in the future.

Regards,  
Peter Bornemisa

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**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks; Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supportive Housing???  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:20:26 PM

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Pls add to agenda. Many thanks. Mike

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**From:** Besaw, Jim  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2020, 8:41 p.m.  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Supportive Housing???

Councillors, Mayor,

If the information I have received is correct, decisions that will effect my neighbourhood, real estate values, safety in the community and overall well being of my neighbours and my family have been made without input from the voters that elected you. Please feel free to correct me if I am wrong.

As I have not heard from Mr Jubb, my ward councillor, on this issue, as he tends to keep his ward up to date on a variety of issues effecting his constituents through social media , including the service of each business in our town, one can only assume that the region is trying to shove this down our throats. Again please feel free to correct my guessing, but that is all that a person can do when they are kept in dark.

I have 2 questions,

1. Mr Jubb, were you aware of the supportive housing project and agree to it without any input from your constituents ?
2. Mrs Mayor, Did you agree to this at a regional level without involving your brock constituents?

If either is the case, shame. Your constituents deserve more.

Roderick Besaw  
Maplewood Avenue  
Beaverton.

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**From:** [Michael Jubb](#)  
**To:** [Brock Clerks](#); [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Beaverton Housing the "unsheltered"  
**Date:** August 24, 2020 1:25:56 PM

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**From:** Ryan Lloyd  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 9:56:59 PM  
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**Subject:** Beaverton Housing the "unsheltered"  
Debbie & Ted,

Over the last few days I've read the Region's announcement for a new type of housing to be put at the Lakeview Manor/Gillespie Garden's site. I do understand that Regional Council is coming from the point of compassion in trying to do the right thing. I'm baffled and possibly appalled that the Regions Planning and Housing Departments support this. You can look at cases right across North American in many cities and communities and easily find where this project is doomed to fail. Take Toronto's "Regent Park". While times are different and the scale of the 2 projects are not even comparable, in the end, the failing principles will be the same.

Regent Park was built and designed with no commercial/retail. They did and are now slowing addressing this decades later, why? Because residents need to not only shop but need to find jobs; entry level jobs generally in service, retail and industry. Where will these individuals shop for affordable food and clothing? Where are they meant to look for employment? Not close by, not in Beaverton. The Brock Foodbank in 2019 (presentation to Beaverton Lions Club) had already predicted a financial shortfall for 2020 as they have seen an increased need (and this was before COVID). Is the Region going to support this? Or will this again fall onto the shoulders of our community groups?

Another Failure of Regent Park was the "isolation" of the project. The Garden City approach of Regent Park seemed to exclude the residents from their city and former community. I'm guessing many of these new residents will not be coming from Brock or possibly not even North Durham. Will that be a shock for many of them? Taking them out of their current bigger community with more amenities - I'm willing to bet it will be a shock. They will be isolated.

Another failure was the city designed the project for the "Cabbagetown" community (the poor) but intended for mixed income. In the end I believe only about 20 % of local residents were ever accepted into the project leaving the local community in discontent, segregating the project even further. And while I hate to use the term, because they are people and they are people that need homes and support - it became a "dumping ground" for the entire city and was never mixed income.

I assume, as I have, you have also heard some of the colourful stories of Brock's newest public housing. Again we have local residents that cannot get into Beaverton or Cannington's newest housing. Housing that the community thought was for them. On any given day Beaverton now has one or 2 people begging for money outside one of the banks. Apparently in Cannington some new residents prefer to shop in a towel or nothing at all.

I get it - there are people out there with real problems and need help and assistance but this isn't a good plan. Since amalgamation, Brock has been haphazardly moving along with no plan and only politically motivated. In the 90s Brock said no to doubling the size of FlexNGate, our largest manufacturer at the time, so no new jobs. In the Late 90s Durham and Brock began allowing McDonalds, Loblaws, & Tim Hortons to move out of the urban boundary (another textbook No No) and now we're dumbfounded why Beaverton's downtown core is struggling (textbook). And there is more highway development to come. Beaverton's downtown is struggling and there are no opportunities - let's bring in the homeless and the poor? Maybe that sounds harsh but that's poor planning and take a look at other communities across the province when urban areas start to sprawl and what happens to the downtown, like maybe Oshawa for example?

Brock Township has been asked to shelter the homeless of Durham and yet it seemingly continues that Durham won't invest into the infrastructure of Brock and provide better services and places for people to work locally. So nowhere to work, no where to shop, no connection to the community. There is talk about about social services and professional help but will it be full time? Onsite? Or will this be another part time, temporary commitment (office hours) from the region that will fade away out of Brock.

There is the possibility that the Brock Community Health Centre could help but it is set to be built in Cannington and why? because it's the geographic centre? makes sense? I'm guessing 60% or more of the Brock population live in Beaverton and Thorah Township. That is likely why Durham built the biggest water and waste water plants in Beaverton. It is seemingly the place to invest infrastructure. That is why there is room for more public housing but we don't have the services to support it.

With all due respect, I think Brock (Beaverton) is being swindled into a failed project. It will look good on the Regional Councillors in the south and they can pat each other on the back

and clean their streets but will have lasting long term impacts on our small and growing community. This project urgently needs to be reconsidered.

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**Paul H. Nelson**

1:47 PM (6  
hours ago)

to Mike, Ted, Cria, Claire, Walter, JANIS, Kristine,

Bruce, BRUCE, Eugene

**Mike/Ted/Others:** Please accept this email as our personal input towards Regional Council's consideration of new social housing infrastructure at the LM/GG site in Beaverton.

1. Social housing in several forms is required to support those who truly require and deserve taxpayer funded assistance, but NOT for those capable but unwilling to help themselves.
2. Assisted housing; especially projects for special needs clients; should be purposely placed where necessary support and community services; especially mental health services; are readily available. Job opportunities and public transportation should also be strong governing factors; and Beaverton lacks both, in spades.
3. 40 to 50 persons with extra social and mental health care needs seems a large and overpowering challenge to "impose" on a small rural town like Beaverton. Would the project's placement not be better place in a more central Durham location ? Of course it would.
4. Although Regional land ownership/social housing zoning is a plus during any project discussion, I fear that Beaverton was a convenient out-of-sight/out-of-mind choice by Regional Council.
5. The mere size of the project; 40-50 persons with extra special needs; seems overwhelming. Has the Region considered smaller projects for special needs projects ?
6. What other specific sites were considered by the Region for this project; as well as the Region's Housing Task Force; and how did LM/GG win out ?
7. Beaverton already has more than its share of community difficulties with mental health, drug use, loitering, panhandling, a drug clinic, and related criminal activities that usually accompany special needs facilities like the one being proposed.
8. I remind you of the ongoing serious problems for surrounding communities at 2 recently organized, similar Toronto facilities in the Eglinton/Mount Pleasant area; 3 persons stabbed just last evening.
9. For the past few years, the McLennan Beach/Cedar Beach area has suffered significant disturbance, reduced own property enjoyment and safety concerns related to a truly disturbed 36 year old male who has imposed his vulgar rantings on any/all neighbours within earshot; and speaks of family-related harm during some of his loud episodes. Confirm with DRP Services if you wish; who have been on site many times, and eventually helped guide this mentally ill person towards some type of care; but for how long ??
10. So imagine our real and justified concern about the possibility of several such additional persons being dropped into our small community without the availability of needed control and treatment features?

11. Where was the pre-project public consultation process for Beaverton? Seems like the Region just "imposed" the project on Beaverton, rather than working WITH the community ?
12. If the project continues to be "imposed" on Beaverton, but hopefully on a smaller scale, what are the REAL, full time, hands-on, specialists who would be included 24/7 to make sure all community concerns are properly addressed?
13. Would facility residents' daily schedules be monitored and controlled by specialist staff, including necessary professional appointments ?
14. Would the project include any "secure" units/areas for extra challenging residents, manned by qualified staff ?
15. What is the ongoing process for Beaverton residents to be truly informed (not surprised) by the Region's ongoing project development ?

As you can sense from points above; the Nelsons and many others in our and other areas of Beaverton have real and justified concerns about the Region's seemingly misguided intent to place a large, specialized, social housing development within a small rural town that is NOT well suited to absorb such a facility or its intended residents' real needs.

**Please make sure this input is added** to Brock Council's project discussions, as well as the Region's ongoing decision making process. Hopefully enough Regional reps, including Brock's, will realize that this specific project is better located in the central/south area of Durham, and that the presently proposed Regional land is saved for more appropriate seniors housing projects in a small rural town.

**Please keep us updated. Thanks !! Paul & Janis Nelson, 4 McLennan Beach Road,**

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Supportive housing in Beaverton  
**Date:** August 27, 2020 7:59:51 AM

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Hi Lydia,

For CIP please...

Thank you,

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**From:** Shirley Wiche  
**Sent:** August 26, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; clerks@townshipofbrock.ca  
**Subject:** Supportive housing in Beaverton

The "Supportive Housing Project" in Beaverton should be shelved until the town has the proper infrastructure to support it.

Currently we have no doctors or a decent police presence in town. We are being advised, however, that suddenly there will be both to support these people and keep the peace.

How will these people shop ? We have no grocery store within walking distance and no cab available to go out to the highway.

Our sidewalks are crumbling and some are closed in the winter. Our roads are terrible.

What's in this proposal for the residents of Beaverton that actually pay taxes?

Please add this to agenda

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