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There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham
Information Report

From:	Commissioner of Social Services
Report:	#2023-INFO-23
Date:	March 24, 2023

Subject:

Long Term Care and Services for Seniors Division Accreditation

Recommendation:

To receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of the outcome of the recent accreditation survey in Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division of Social Services.

2. Background

2.1 Accreditation is an ongoing process of assessing health care and social service organizations against national and international standards of excellence to identify areas for improvement to their services.

2.2 These standards examine all aspects of our service delivery, and are based on eight quality dimensions: accessibility, appropriateness, client centred care and service, coordination of care, efficiency, population focus, safety, and work life.

2.3 Accreditation is a voluntary process and is conducted by Accreditation Canada, an independent, not-for-profit Canadian company. This process operates on a four-year cycle culminating in an on-site review conducted by peer surveyors.

2.4 The Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) Long-Term Care (LTC) homes have been accredited since 2004 and the Region's Adult Day Programs (ADP) have been accredited since 2018.

2.5 From January 30 to February 3, 2023, two Accreditation Canada surveyors visited the Region's four LTC homes and three ADPs to assess compliance against the standards.

2.6 The on-site survey involved documentation and records review, interviews with staff, residents, families, service providers as well as observation of staff providing services. Information gathered was then used to evaluate compliance and make recommendations.

3. Accreditation Results

3.1 On February 27, 2023, the LTC and Services for Seniors Division was informed that it is Accredited with Commendation, having met the requirements of the Qmentum Accreditation Program. Of the 588 applicable standards, only six were unmet.

3.2 An Executive Summary of the Accreditation Report (see Attachment #1) highlights the Division's commitment to people-centred care as well as feedback from families and residents regarding the transparent partnership with the homes' staff, where their decisions and input are considered and valued.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 2 Community Vitality

- Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery

b. Goal 5 Service Excellence

- Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.
- Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

5. Conclusions

5.1 Accreditation through Accreditation Canada sets standards of excellence for health and social service organizations in Canada and around the world. As noted in the Accreditation report, Region of Durham LTC homes and ADP programs have gone beyond the requirements of the accreditation program and is commended for its commitment to quality improvement.

5.2 A detailed report provided to LTC Division will be used to conduct an in-depth review of the results and findings and a new improvement cycle will begin. The

Division will incorporate any outstanding issues into its overall quality improvement plan.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Executive Summary – Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Accreditation Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Social Services

Executive Summary

Accreditation Report

ACCREDITATION AGRÉMENT CANADA
Qmentum

Attachment #1

Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors

Accredited with Commendation

Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors has gone beyond the requirements of the Qmentum accreditation program and is commended for its commitment to quality improvement.

Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors is participating in the Accreditation Canada Qmentum accreditation program. Qmentum helps organizations strengthen their quality improvement efforts by identifying what they are doing well and where improvements are needed.

Organizations that become accredited with Accreditation Canada do so as a mark of pride and as a way to create a strong and sustainable culture of quality and safety.

Accreditation Canada commends **Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors** for its ongoing work to integrate accreditation into its operations to improve the quality and safety of its programs and services.

Accreditation Canada

We are independent, not-for-profit, and 100 percent Canadian. For more than 55 years, we have set national standards and shared leading practices from around the globe so we can continue to raise the bar for health quality.

As the leader in Canadian health care accreditation, we accredit more than 1,100 health care and social services organizations in Canada and around the world.

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Demonstrating a commitment to quality and safety

Accreditation is an ongoing process of evaluating and recognizing a program or service as meeting established standards. It is a powerful tool for quality improvement. As a roadmap to quality, Accreditation Canada's Qmentum accreditation program provides evidence-informed standards, tools, resources, and guidance to health care and social services organizations on their journey to excellence.

As part of the program, most organizations conduct an extensive self-assessment to determine the extent to which they are meeting the Accreditation Canada standards and make changes to areas that need improvement. Every four years, Accreditation Canada surveyors, who are health care professionals from accredited organizations, visit the organization and conduct an on-site survey. After the survey, an accreditation decision is issued and the ongoing cycle of assessment and improvement continues.

This Executive Summary highlights some of the key achievements, strengths, and opportunities for improvement that were identified during the on-site survey at the organization. Detailed results are found in the organization's Accreditation Report.

On-site survey dates

January 30, 2023 to February 3, 2023

Locations surveyed

- **6** locations were assessed by the surveyor team during the on-site survey. Locations and sites visited were identified by considering risk factors such as the complexity of the organization, the scope of services at various sites, high or low volume sites, patient flow, geographical location, issues or concerns that may have arisen during the accreditation cycle, and results from previous on-site surveys. As a rule, sites that were not surveyed during one accreditation cycle become priorities for survey in the next.

- All sites and services are deemed **Accredited with Commendation** as of the date of this report.

See **Appendix A** for a list of the locations that were surveyed.

Standards used in the assessment

- **5 sets of standards** were used in the assessment.

Summary of surveyor team observations

These surveyor observations appear in both the Executive Summary and the Accreditation Report.

During the on-site survey, the surveyor team undertook a number of activities to determine the extent to which the organization met the accreditation program requirements. They observed the care that was provided; talked to staff, clients, families and others; reviewed documents and files; and recorded the results.

This process, known as a tracer, helped the surveyors follow a client's path through the organization. It gives them a clear picture of how service is delivered at any given point in the process.

The following is a summary of the surveyor team's overall observations.

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Like many long-term care organizations in Canada, Region of Durham's Long-Term Care and Senior Services is navigating its way through a very different political climate due to COVID-19. Ontario's long-term care regulations have changed with the Fixing Long-Term Care Act and the team has worked tirelessly to ensure provision of the best possible care.

The organization consists of four long-term care homes and an Adult Day Program operating out of three locations. Recognizing the large population growth in the region— that they currently do not service—plans are underway to open another home in 2026. Homes are warm, clean, bright, welcoming, and well-maintained. Residents were very complimentary of the home-like environment. The current strategic plan covers the years 2018 to 2022. There are plans for a strategic planning session in February 2023. Prior to the strategic planning session residents, families, and staff from each of the homes contribute to a SWOT analysis. A community partnership survey has also been completed; this and the information from the SWOT analysis will contribute to the development of the strategic plan. Demonstrating the organizations commitment to person-centred care, residents and family members have been invited to participate in the strategic planning session.

The organization is committed to people-centred care, which is reflected in its vision and philosophy of care as well as outlined in themes from the strategic plan.

Residents and families report excellent communication; they are kept apprised and involved in decision making. A Divisional Advisory Group has been developed with representation from residents and family council members to have dialogue regarding issues effecting the homes. The organization has an active family advisory council in each home, and they are involved with many aspects of facility operations. They are provided with information, such as strategic plans, quality indicator data, and survey data results. Families and residents expressed that there is a transparent partnership where their decisions and input are considered and valued.

The organization has rich and supportive community partnerships established. Several partners participated in the survey process and spoke of the organization's collaborative nature, which has earned it a reputation as a leader.

The leadership team works collaboratively toward common goals that support the strategic plan. The organizational approach to quality and risk is very sophisticated and comprehensive. Quality is firmly entrenched throughout the organization.

Since its last survey, the organization has made several technological improvements. These include the addition of automated dispensing units for medications, the implementation of PointClickCare (PCC) and the creation of regional email addresses for all staff. Undertaking these significant projects, especially during a pandemic, has been a noteworthy achievement for the organization. Staff expressed gratitude toward the Region of Durham for their unwavering support.

Overview: Quality dimensions results

Accreditation Canada uses eight dimensions that all play a part in providing safe, high quality health care.

These dimensions are the basis for the standards, and each criteria in the standards is tied to one of the quality dimensions.

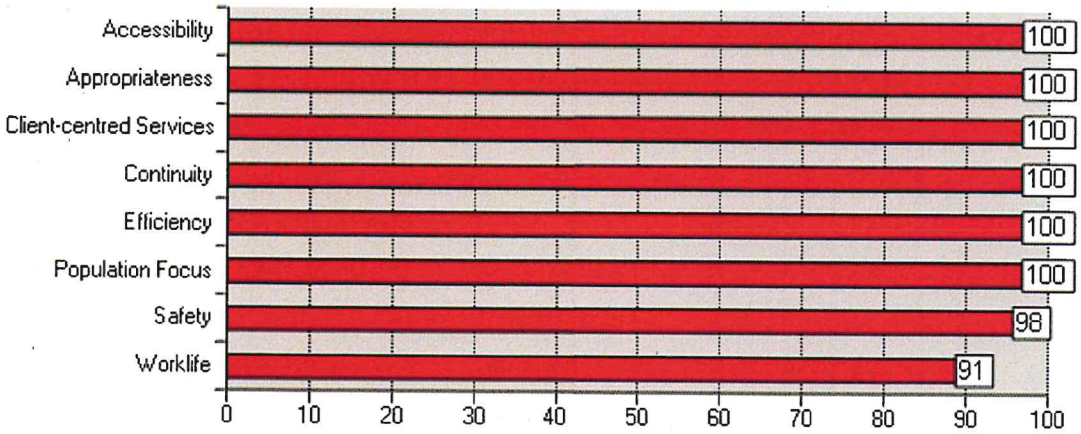
The quality dimensions are:

Accessibility:	Give me timely and equitable services
Appropriateness:	Do the right thing to achieve the best results
Client-centred Services:	Partner with me and my family in our care
Continuity:	Coordinate my care across the continuum
Efficiency:	Make the best use of resources
Population Focus:	Work with my community to anticipate and meet our needs
Safety:	Keep me safe
Worklife:	Take care of those who take care of me

Taken together, the dimensions create a picture of what a high quality health care program or service "looks like." It is easy to access, focused on the client or patient, safe, efficient, effective, coordinated, reflective of community needs, and supportive of wellness and worklife balance.

This chart shows the percentage of criteria that the organization met for each quality dimension.

Quality Dimensions: Percentage of criteria met



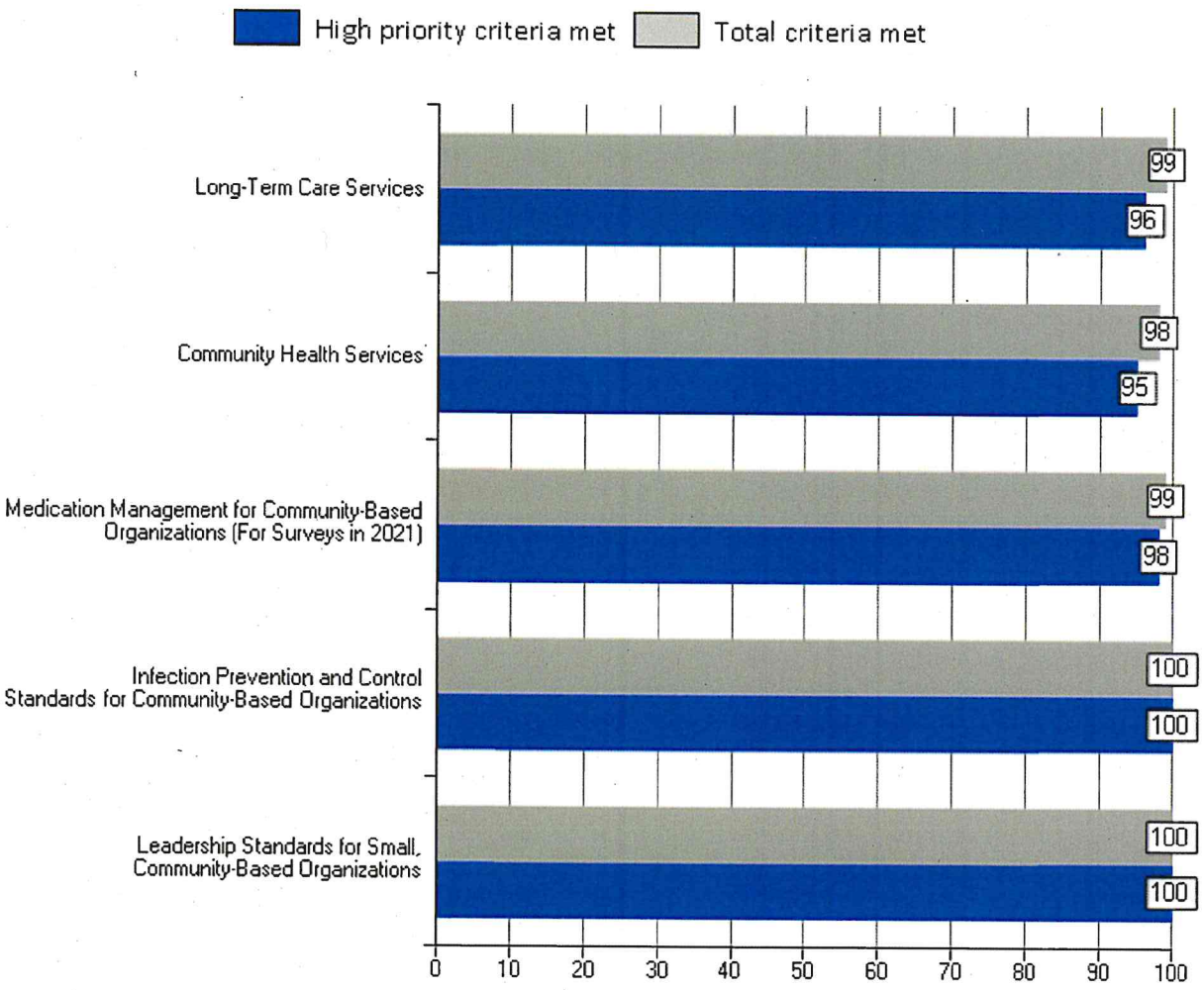
Overview: Standards results

All of the standards make a difference to health care quality and safety. A set of standards includes criteria and guidelines that show what is necessary to provide high quality care and service.

Some criteria—specifically those related to safety, ethics, risk management, or quality improvement—are considered high priority and carry more weight in determining the accreditation decision.

This chart shows the percentage of high priority criteria and the percentage of all criteria that the organization met in each set of standards.

Standards: Percentage of criteria met



Overview: Required Organizational Practices results

Accreditation Canada defines a Required Organizational Practice (ROP) as an essential practice that must be in place for client safety and to minimize risk. ROPs are part of the standards. Each one has detailed tests for compliance that the organization must meet if it is to meet the ROP.

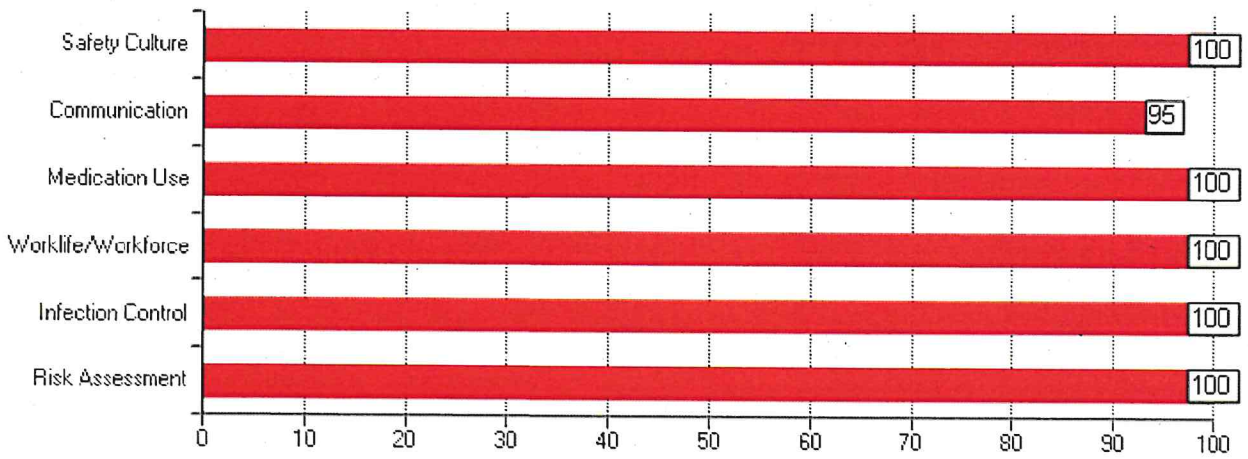
ROPs are always high priority and it is difficult to achieve accreditation without meeting most of the applicable ROPs. To highlight the importance of the ROPs and their role in promoting quality and safety, Accreditation Canada produces the Canadian Health Accreditation Report each year. It analyzes how select ROPs are being met across the country.

ROPS are categorized into six safety areas, each with its own goal:

- **Safety culture**: Create a culture of safety within the organization
- **Communication**: Improve the effectiveness and coordination of communication among care and service providers and with the recipients of care and service across the continuum
- **Medication use**: Ensure the safe use of high-risk medications
- **Worklife/workforce**: Create a worklife and physical environment that supports the safe delivery of care and service
- **Infection control**: Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections and their impact across the continuum of care/service
- **Risk assessment**: Identify safety risks inherent in the client population

See **Appendix B** for a list of the ROPs in each goal area.

ROP Goal Areas: Percentage of tests for compliance met



The quality improvement journey

The Qmentum accreditation program is a four-year cycle of assessment and improvement, where organizations work to meet the standards and raise the quality of their services. Qmentum helps them assess all aspects of their operations, from board and leadership, to care and services, to infrastructure.

The program identifies and rewards quality and innovation. The time and resources an organization invests in accreditation pay off in terms of better care, safer clients, and stronger teamwork. Accreditation also helps organizations be more efficient and gives them structured methods to report on their activities and what they are doing to improve quality.

In the end, all Canadians benefit from safer and higher quality health services as a result of the commitment that so many organizations across the country have made to the accreditation process.

Qmentum: A four-year cycle of quality improvement



As **Region of Durham Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors** continues its quality improvement journey, it will conduct an in-depth review of the accreditation results and findings. Then a new cycle of improvement will begin as it incorporates any outstanding issues into its overall quality improvement plan, further strengthening its efforts to build a robust and widespread culture of quality and safety within its walls.

Appendix A: Locations surveyed

1. Fairview Lodge
2. Hillsdale Estates
3. Hillsdale Estates Adult Day Program
4. Hillsdale Terraces
5. Lakeview Manor
6. Lakeview Manor Adult Day Program

Appendix B

Required Organizational Practices

Safety Culture	• Patient safety incident disclosure • Patient safety incident management • Patient safety quarterly reports
Communication	• Client Identification • Information transfer at care transitions • Medication reconciliation as a strategic priority • Medication reconciliation at care transitions • The "Do Not Use" list of abbreviations
Medication Use	• Concentrated Electrolytes • Heparin Safety • High-Alert Medications • Infusion Pumps Training • Narcotics Safety
Worklife/Workforce	• Patient safety plan • Patient safety: education and training • Preventive Maintenance Program • Workplace Violence Prevention
Infection Control	• Hand-Hygiene Compliance • Hand-Hygiene Education and Training • Infection Rates • Reprocessing
Risk Assessment	• Falls Prevention Strategy • Pressure Ulcer Prevention • Suicide Prevention

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The Regional Municipality of Durham
Information Report

From:	Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report:	#2023-INFO-24
Date:	March 24, 2023

Subject:

Durham Meadoway Visioning Study: Phase 1 Community Engagement

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the community engagement component of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study.

2. Background

2.1 Transportation Planning is coordinating the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study in partnership with the City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa. Proposed as an active transportation corridor and greenspace extending from Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) in the City of Pickering to Harmony Road in the City of Oshawa, the Durham Meadoway will connect four municipalities along 27 kilometers of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor. The Durham Meadoway will be an easterly extension of the existing 16-kilometre Meadoway that has transformed the hydro corridor in Scarborough.

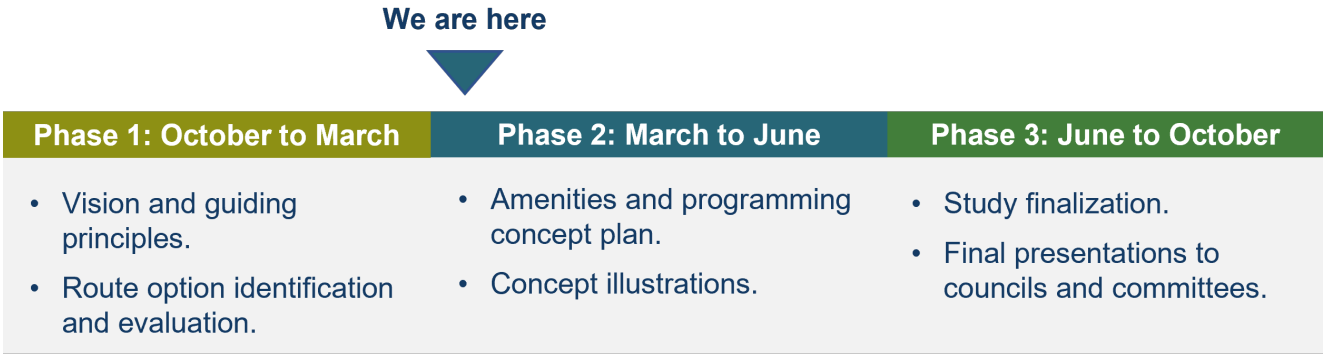
2.2 The study will establish a common vision and framework to guide future detailed planning, coordination and implementation of the Durham Meadoway. Along with active transportation infrastructure, the corridor presents potential opportunities to include ecological enhancements, features and community amenities. Community input is a key component of the study as it progresses.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

3.1 Report #2022-INFO-95 provided information to Council on the study, which commenced in October 2022.

4. Project Status

4.1 The Visioning Study is being conducted in three phases, as illustrated below.



4.2 Phase 1 of the study, which took place between October 2022 and March 2023, included:

a. Finalizing a vision and guiding principles for the Durham Meadoway.
b. Identifying and evaluating route options, selecting a long-term preferred route and a shorter-term interim route to provide more immediate connectivity.
c. Obtaining input from stakeholders that will inform the identification of amenities and programming as part of the concept plan to be developed in Phase 2.

4.3 The primary community engagement activities within Phase 1 included:

a. 3 Municipal and Agency Stakeholder Working Group meetings. Working Group participants include representatives from 13 organizations.
b. 2 open houses, which were attended by approximately 130 residents.
c. 1 online survey, which received 285 responses.
d. 7 council and committee presentations.

4.4 Secondary community engagement activities included:

a. The launch of the “Your Voice Durham” webpage, to which 238 people are currently subscribed.
b. Print and online communication campaigns, including direct mail which reached 53,000 households.
c. Opportunities for Municipal and Agency Stakeholders to provide comments on materials circulated by email, including route options.
d. A Municipal and Agency Stakeholder reception prior to the January 19 open house.

4.5 Attachment #1 provides an overview of the activities, participation and the key themes that emerged.

4.6 Attachment #2 includes the materials that were presented to the public for input at the open houses on January 17 and 19, which are also available from the project webpage [https://yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway].

5. Next Steps

5.1 Input collected from municipal, agency and community stakeholders during Phase 1 of the project will be used to:

a. Finalize the Durham Meadoway vision statement and guiding principles
b. Identify a long-term preferred route and interim routes to provide more immediate connectivity.
c. Identify potential amenities, programming and places of special interest through visualizations.

5.2 Engagement activities in Phase 2 of the project include:

a. Meetings with the Municipal and Agency Stakeholder Working Group to review and provide comments on deliverables, including the route option evaluation.
b. An online survey to invite community feedback on the draft preferred route option.
c. An open house to present a preferred route option, potential amenities and a programming concept plan to the public.

5.3 It is anticipated that the final Visioning Study and recommendations from this work will be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Committee in late 2023.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Objective 1.1: Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands.
b. Objective 1.5: Expand sustainable and active transportation.
c. Objective 2.1: Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing.
d. Objective 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more effectively.
e. Objective 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

7. Attachments

Attachment #1: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study: Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary

Attachment #2: Public Information Centre #1 Presentation Boards

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

Attachment #1



Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary
March 2023

Planning and Economic Development Department
Transportation Planning

Project Introduction

What is the Durham Meadoway?

The Durham Meadoway is a proposed pedestrian and cycling route and linear park that will connect people to destinations across more than 27 kilometres of Durham Region. In addition to providing a significant east-west recreational facility and active transportation spine, the Durham Meadoway also has the potential to become a multi-faceted space for people that includes ecological enhancements, public art and community amenities.



What is the purpose of the Visioning Study?

The Durham Meadoway Visioning Study will provide a robust vision and framework that will guide the future detailed planning and implementation of the corridor. The study will identify the route for the multi-use path and create a concept plan for the types of experiences, amenities, gateways, public art and other elements that community stakeholders would like to see programmed or evolve over time. The Visioning Study will be the first of several initiatives that will be needed to take the Durham Meadoway from concept to construction.

The Durham Meadoway Visioning Study will culminate with a final report that will be presented and made publicly available toward the end of 2023.

Timeline

We are here

Phase 1: October to March	Phase 2: March to June	Phase 3: June to October
• Vision and guiding principles. • Route option identification and evaluation.	• Amenities and programming concept plan. • Concept illustrations.	• Study finalization. • Final presentations to councils and committees.

Community Engagement

Overview

Phase 1 of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study took place between October 2022 and March 2023. Goals of Phase 1 included:

- Finalizing a vision and guiding principles for the Durham Meadoway.
- Identifying and evaluating route options to select a preferred route as well as an interim route that will provide more immediate connectivity.
- Obtaining input from stakeholders that will inform the development of the amenities and programming concept plan that will be developed in Phase 2.

Community engagement activities in Phase 1:



2 open houses



1 Online survey



3 Municipal and Agency Stakeholder Working Group meetings



7 council and committee presentations

Method

The summaries of qualitative data collected through the engagement activities presented in this report were developed using a summative content analysis approach. A summative content analysis involves counting and comparisons, usually of keywords or content, followed by the interpretation of the underlying context.

How will this information be used?

	Open houses	Online survey	Agency and municipal stakeholder working group	Council and committee presentations
Inform vision and guiding principles	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inform amenities and programming concept plan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inform route option selection and evaluation	✓		✓	✓

Engagement activities

All community stakeholders

Dec 2022
Your Voice Durham page launch

Jan 2023
Communications campaign (direct mail and social media)

Jan 2023
Open House #1 (two locations)

Feb 2023
Online Survey #1

Mar 2023
Online Survey #2

Apr 2023
Open House #2 (one location)

Municipal and agency stakeholder working group

Nov 2022 – Jun 2023
Input on draft materials

Nov 2022
Project kick-off meeting

Dec 2022
Vision and guiding principles discussion

Dec 2022
Route option discussion

Jan 2023
Municipal and Agency Stakeholder open house

Apr 2023
Preferred route, amenities and programming discussion

Council and committees

Nov 2022 – Jun 2023
Area municipal council and committee presentations

Nov 2022
Regional Council Information Report

Mar 2023
Regional Council Information Report

Oct 2023
Final report to Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee

Legend Ongoing | Upcoming | Completed

Indigenous engagement

The following Indigenous communities and groups were contacted during Phase 1 of the Durham Meadoway Visioning Study: Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Oshawa and Durham Metris Council, Durham Region Aboriginal Advisory Circle, Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle, Suswaaning Endaajig / First Peoples Indigenous Centre (Durham College), First Peoples House of Learning (Trent University) and Baawating Indigenous Student Centre (Ontario Tech University).

Municipal and Agency Stakeholder Working Group

3 Municipal and agency stakeholder working group meetings

1. Project kick-off meeting – November 4, 2022.
2. Vision, guiding principles, amenities and destinations discussion – December 8, 2022
3. Route options discussion – December 9, 2022

Additional engagement activities

- A questionnaire was circulated in November to collect initial input on the vision, guiding principles and evaluation criteria.
- The December meeting materials, which included route options, were subsequently circulated to stakeholders for input.
- Municipal and agency stakeholders were invited to attend an in-person meeting prior to the public open house on January 19 to review the materials and meet the consultant team.

Participating organizations

- Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- City of Oshawa - Transportation Engineering, Parks Planning and Development
- City of Pickering - Capital Projects and Infrastructure, Landscape and Parks Development, Cultural Services
- City of Toronto - Beare Hill Park
- Durham Active Transportation Committee
- Durham OneNet
- Hydro One Networks Inc. - Real Estate Services
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Parks Canada
- Region of Durham – Tourism, Rapid Transit Office, Durham Region Transit Policy and Planning, Corporate Initiatives, Traffic Engineering, Sustainability and Climate Change
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Town of Ajax – Transportation Planning, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change, Community and Cultural Development
- Town of Whitby – Creative Communities, Landscape Architecture, Sustainability and Climate Change, Parks Development, Transportation Services

Stakeholder input – key themes



Vision statement

Municipal and agency stakeholders were asked to reflect on the vision statement and identify ways in which it could be improved. Major themes that emerged in the feedback included:

- Replace words that feel too jargony with more accessible alternatives – e.g., replace “active transportation corridor” with “multi-use trail” or “multi-use path”.
- Include words such as “thriving”, “vibrant”, “unique”, “visionary” and “dynamic” – words that are inspiring, warm and which speak more compellingly to Durham’s values and the project benefits.
- Think bigger – incorporate language that more fully captures the potential to connect people to places (not just communities), both across the Region and to downtown Toronto.
- Add texture – include the word “diverse” to help speak to the unique attributes of the different sections of the corridor – not just communities, but also cultures, landscapes, ecosystems, etc.
- Make nature more prominent by replacing the word “greenspace” with language that is more descriptive and consider ways to integrate sustainability and climate change in the narrative.



Guiding principles

Municipal and agency stakeholders were also asked to reflect on the guiding principles and how they could be improved. Major themes that emerged from the input received on the guiding principles are summarized in the table below.

Principle	Suggestions
Natural Environment	• Be more specific • Add “including meadow restoration and pollinator habitat”
Healthy, Active Lifestyles	• Remove “healthy” – Active lifestyles are healthy lifestyles • Make the language more interesting • Add “diverse and inclusive” to recreational opportunities • Add “include a variety of trail amenities”
Community	• Make the language more interesting • Add “design for community programming for all user groups” and “opportunities for community gardening and urban agriculture”.
Connectivity and Accessibility	• Add the words “accessible” and “AODA-compliant” • Emphasize the role of wayfinding • In “Connect to adjacent communities”, change communities to destinations
Identity	• Incorporate “placemaking principles” into “create a distinct identity..” • Make the language more interesting

Evaluation criteria

Municipal and agency stakeholders were asked to review and provide comments on the evaluation criteria that will be used to evaluate the route options. The following themes emerged from the input:

- Financial feasibility should be part of the evaluation.
- Connectivity to destinations should be prioritized in the evaluation. Connectivity should consider utilitarian destinations such as schools and grocery stores, not just recreational destinations.
- Route the multi-use path where good ecological restoration / enhancement opportunities exist, especially in places where other criteria are equal.
- Align the route with existing or planned routes to minimize natural area disturbance and capital and maintenance costs.

Route options

Municipal and agency stakeholders provided a variety of input on the route options, including. Main themes included:

  - Considerations that may impact the proposed route options or their evaluation.
- Route option preferences.
- Alternative route options that could be considered.
- Facilities, destinations and amenities that could be connected to the Durham Meadoway.

User experience

Municipal and agency stakeholders provided a variety of input on aspects of the Durham Meadoway that will contribute to the experience of users, including amenities, programming and focal points. Themes that emerged from these comments included:

- Leverage existing facilities where possible.
- Consider shade and seasonality in the design.
- Consider parking and washrooms.
- Include local and Indigenous artists.
- Utilize the topography and engineered landscapes to create focal points and foster a sense of place.

How will this information be used?

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Inform the vision, guiding principles and route option evaluation criteria.

Support the development of an amenities and programming concept plan

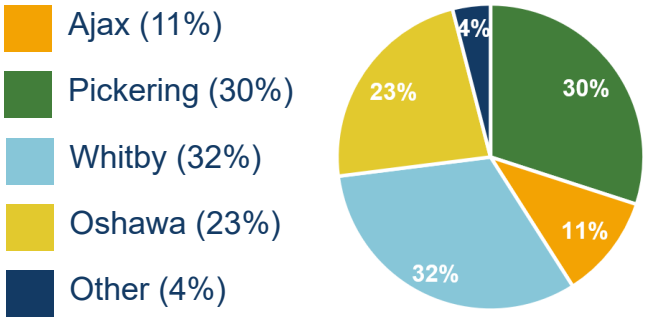
Inform the selection of the primary and interim routes

Open Houses

130 participants

- 2 in-person open houses
  - Whitby (January 17, 6 to 8 p.m.)
  - Pickering (January 19, 6 to 8 p.m.)
- Presentation materials were the same for both open houses. Information presented included:
  - Study background and purpose.
  - Project timeline.
  - Route options.
  - Case studies from other communities.
  - Examples of amenities and programming.
  - Potential focal points.
  - Hydro corridor technical considerations.
- Participants provided input on the route options, vision, guiding principles, amenities and programming.

Where do participants live?



How were the open houses promoted?

Direct mail

53,000 households within and adjacent to the study area received information about the open houses by mail.

Social media

1,835 engagements with 9 posts on the Region's Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Stakeholders

Additional social media by municipalities, Durham Region Cycling Coalition, and other individuals and community groups.

Other

Regional newsletter article in addition to a news story published by Metroland Media (durhamregion.com) online and in print.

Participant Input - Key Themes

Note: Participants provided a range of feedback. For example, some participants encouraged the use of lighting and others would rather minimize lighting to avoid impacts on wildlife and nearby homes.

Natural environment

- Create a route that maximizes views of nature and the ability for people to experience nature while using the multi-use path.
- Design facilities that blend into the natural environment and potentially enhance it.
- Consider strategies for reducing impact on the natural environment.

Things to do and see

- Consider how the multi-use path can be used at different times of day as well as different seasons.
- Ensure the Durham Meadoway is accessible and create opportunities for engagement for all ages.
- Incorporate spaces for activities such as community gardens, outdoor fitness, disc golf, etc.

Identity

- Create a trail that has a “sense of place” and is distinctly representative of the communities that border it.
- Create a destination.

Safety

- Design the multi-use path to separate uses and reduce potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.
- Some participants were concerned about safety and vandalism.

Signage (wayfinding and education)

- Signage should be easy to read and resistant to vandalism.
- People want to discover their neighbourhood! Signs should provide direction and distance to notable landmarks, facilities and roads.
- Explore opportunities to implement interactive signage.
- Provide educational signage to allow children and adults to learn about nature, culture and history.

Comfort and accessibility

- Consider people with mobility issues.
- Design a space that is comfortable through the year and easy to maintain.
- Provide moments of rest.

Good neighbours

- Consider how to reduce the impact on surrounding property owners, for example by connecting to existing trails instead of creating new ones.





Figure 1: Pictures from the January 17 open house in Whitby and the January 19 open house in Pickering.

How will this information be used?

- Inform the vision and guiding principles
- Support the development of an amenities and programming concept plan
- Inform the selection of the primary and interim routes

Online Survey #1

285 survey submissions

154 participants shared their own vision for the Durham Meadoway during the survey period (January 30 to February 13).

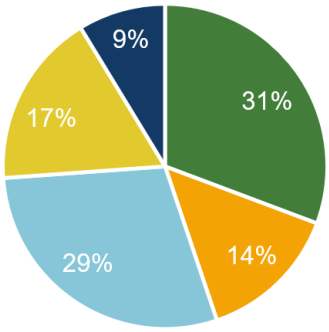
64 provided input on the principles that will guide decision-making.

93 suggested amenities that would make the route more comfortable and convenient.

63 shared ideas for what they would like to see and do along the Durham Meadoway.

Where do participants live?

- Ajax (14%)
- Pickering (31%)
- Whitby (29%)
- Oshawa (17%)
- Other (9%)



How was the survey promoted?

Newsletter

225 Your Voice Durham page subscribers reached by email.

Social media

14 social media posts across Durham Region's Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Stakeholders

Additional social media by municipalities and Durham Region Cycling Coalition.

How will the survey information be used?

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Inform the vision and guiding principles

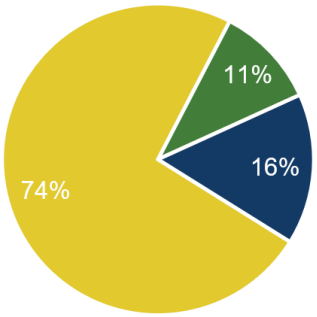
Support the development of an amenities and programming concept plan

Online survey question: Do you like the vision statement? Why / why not?

Summary of quantitative responses

255 responses

The draft vision statement for the Durham Meadoway is:
"To create a quality, regional-scale greenspace and complete active transportation corridor that will stitch together rapidly growing neighbourhoods in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa."



- Yes, I like the vision statement (74%)
- No, I don't like the vision statement (11%)
- I don't know / I'm not sure (16%)

Summary of qualitative responses

Language (32 tags)

Main themes:

- Some words and phrases such as "regional-scale", "active transportation" and "complete" are too jargony or vague.
- The concept of communities being stitched together resonates, but an alternative to "stitch" should be explored.

Nature (16 tags)

Main themes:

- More emphasis on environmental opportunities and benefits such as preserving and restoring ecosystems and supporting pollinator species.

Community (10 tags)

Main themes:

- Connecting communities is a good goal.
- Benefits to individual communities such as fostering social cohesion and improving quality of life could be emphasised.

Transportation Network (33 tags)

Main themes:

- Connections to destinations outside of Durham Region could be acknowledged (e.g., connection to Toronto).
- Support for extending the project to encompass more of Durham Region.
- Vision should strike a balance between recreational and active transportation use.

Online survey question:

What's YOUR vision for the Durham Meadoway?

(158 responses)

The complete list of responses is provided in Appendix A.

An end-to-end trail that connects Pickering to other communities to promote healthy and active lifestyles

As a runner, my vision is a paved pathway that is snow cleared in winter to promote year long activity. The occasional bathroom and water fountain like Ajax's waterfront trail has (that Pickering doesn't) would also be great.

Almost like a bike highway that allows cyclists to get to places of entertainment and shops easily and safely

A place to see familiar faces and keep our family healthy and active

Active trail promoting health and community

An animated public green space that connects essential natural habitats and dynamic neighborhoods across Durham Region

A way to travel while enjoying the route.

Create an acti transportatio loop that will connect Pickeri Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, up to Uxbridge

Accessible for all people

Almost like a bike highway that allows cyclists to get to places of entertainment and shops easily and safely

A magical, immersive, multi-use transportation corridor that will forever stamp Durham Region in the minds of families across the region and beyond.

A safe and dedicated car free route throughout Durham

Community-oriented

A great place for walking and cycling

A protected habitat corrido that gives residents acces to both nature and a healthy lifestyle

I hope that it will be a beautiful trail for me to walk and ride my bike. I live in South Ajax and I use the trail system every day

Just a place to go for awesome walks with the family, meet up with friends to do activities, let the kids run and play. Somewhere that is beautiful and nice to visit

A huge community environment where everyone can enjoy physical activities in nature

A means of connecting active transportation networks across Durham Region

A well-maintained access route to spend time with friends/family, with varying abilities or ages, to connect, be active and be safe

Green, inclusive, safe, connected

A safe and easy to reach outdoor public space where interesting features can be enjoyed by all people

It will be great to walk/ride between the regions in a safe manner . I love biking great distances and not having to worry about traffic

The vision should talk about the treaty land it covers through the williams treaty and talk about original indigenous land

A lively pathway that inspires outdoor activity and healthy lifestyles. It connects people to nature, wellness and each other

Effectively using green space for health and wellness while maintaining its natural beauty and taking in what nature has provided us

Two separate trails side by side. One for pedestrians and one for cyclists

It provides not only important leisure space but a safe, dependendable alternative to personal automobiles

Add art and culture to the vision statement

A great cycling and walking path linked to the Waterfront trail and others.

Extend it further eas

A large & long green space to preserve a significant area of natural landscape. Nature is disappearing all too

Create an environmentally responsible

A Meadoway across all of

Provide the opportunity to actively move between


shops easily and safely
people
I hope there are large parks
Please include walking parks with benches for those who are disabled
A protected habitat corridor that gives residents access to both nature and a healthy lifestyle
Create an active transportation loop that will connect Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, up to Uxbridge
A peaceful, high quality, connected, region wide corridor that showcases the natural beauty of the region and everything it has to offer. The corridor would be ideal for bikes and pedestrian transportation
An animated public green space that connects essential natural habitats and dynamic neighborhoods across Durham Region
'One of a kind'. Include art and theatre
Connections by bike/trike going North and South as well as East and West
A protected habitat corridor that gives residents access to both nature and a healthy lifestyle
Prioritize environment, then community use
A green space pathway connecting 4 cities that seamlessly allows for human activity without disturbing natural Habitats and the species that reside in them
A cycling super highway that will make a significant improvement in our transportation network across the Region
A well-maintained access route to spend time with friends/family, with varying abilities or ages, to connect, be active and be safe
A connected pathway to all communities north and south that replaces the need for a car
An area that seamlessly blends into the natural habitat allowing an escape from the busy suburbs
Create a unique green space and path network across the region of Durham
To create a quality, ecologically diverse and native species-based green space to increase biodiversity and the appreciation of our natural habitats in the Durham Region
along with better mixed use zoning and density to allow people to live richer, better lives
A lively pathway that inspires outdoor activity and healthy lifestyles. It connects people to nature, wellness and each other
Would love for it to include a skating trail in the winter
Having a nice path with skateboard and mountain bike options along it
My vision of the Durham Meadoway is of a trail that runs the length of Durham Region, west to east, connecting various local trails, and stream systems that are part of the current Greenbelt. In other words, the Durham Meadoway becomes an integral part of the Greenbelt
Extend it further east
Safe, family friendly, accessible by all abilities
Family friendly (walking, stroller, bike, wheelchair accessible). Female friendly (safe)
Provide the opportunity to actively move between communities without relying on motorized
A space that multiple user groups can enjoy for free in the Durham

Online survey question: Is there anything missing from the list of guiding principles? Are there words or phrases you think should be captured in them? 64 responses

Participants were asked to provide input of the draft list of guiding principles, which are presented in the following table:

Draft Principle	Description
Natural Environment	• Protect sensitive habitat • Enhance biodiversity Support educational opportunities and community stewardship
Community	• Create places for people to gather • Minimize negative neighbourhood impacts
Connectivity and Accessibility	• Create a continuous, safe and easy to navigate trail • Connect to adjacent communities • Minimize use conflicts • Allow for emergency and maintenance access
Identity	• Showcase cultural and environmental heritage • Create a distinct identity through public art, wayfinding and gateways
Healthy and Active Lifestyles	• Provide active and passive recreational opportunities

Summary of qualitative responses

Themes with 4 or more tags include:

- Safety for both people and animals (10 tags)
- Ease of use, fun and enjoyable (4 tags)
- Habitat protection and restoration, climate change mitigation and sustainability (16 tags)
- Accessibility and inclusiveness (9 tags)
- Transportation equity, connectivity and mode shift to more sustainable and healthy modes of transportation (9 tags)

Online survey question: Which of the following would help make using the Durham Meadoway more comfortable and convenient? Please check all that apply. 241 responses

Summary of quantitative responses

Answer Choices	Responses	
Signage that helps you understand where you are and how to get to important destinations.	213	88%
An app that you could use on your phone that helps you understand where you are and how to get to important destinations.	108	45%
Places to sit and rest.	189	78%
Places to park your car while you use the Durham Meadoway.	159	66%
Washrooms.	186	77%
Places to lock your bicycle.	116	48%
Bicycle repair stations.	88	37%
Other (please specify)	94	39%

Online survey question: Is there anything else that should be considered in the planning and design of the multi-use path? 232 responses

Summary of qualitative responses

Themes with five or more tags include:

- Things to do and see (44 tags)
- Design and signage strategies to reduce cyclist / pedestrian use conflicts (35 tags)
- Water and food (34 tags)
- Safety (22 tags)
- Connectivity to other trails and destinations (18 tags)
- Wayfinding and signage (17 tags)
- Shade and shelter (13 tags)
- Amenities for pets (13 tags)
- Garbage cans (12 tags)
- Lighting (12 tags)

Online survey question: What would you most like to be able to do while vising the Durham Meadoway? Check all that apply. 239 responses

Summary of quantitative responses

Answer Choices	Responses	
Enjoy nature	196	82%
Ride a bike for fun and recreation	189	79%
Enjoy winter activities such as skating, tobogganing or skiing	138	58%
Learn more about the natural environment via interpretive signage along the corridor (self-guided)	116	49%
Ride a bike to get to work or other destinations	111	46%
Sit and socialize with friends	104	44%
Help with a natural environment restoration project	99	41%
Attend an outdoor concert or performance	96	40%
Learn more about the history and culture of Durham Region via interpretive signage along the corridor (self-guided)	89	37%
Take your children to a dedicated play area	85	36%
Learn about Indigenous history and culture	80	33%
Learn about the natural environment through a guided walk	74	31%
View art installations	67	28%
Let my dog socialize with other dogs in a safe, fenced area	64	27%
Attend a community event such as a neighbourhood block party	62	26%
Organize or attend a community fitness class	53	22%
Learn about the history and culture of Durham Region through a guided walk	50	21%
Participate in community art projects	40	17%
Use a skateboard park	39	16%
Other (please specify)	35	15%

Question: Is there anything else that you would like to see or do along the Durham Meadoway?

98 responses

Summary of qualitative responses

Themes with 5 or more tags include:

- Experience and learn about nature (18 tags)
- Participate in warmer season activities (18 tags)
- Use it to get to destinations (13 tags)
- Access food and water (11 tags)
- Food systems and urban agriculture (11 tags)
- Maintenance suggestions and concerns (8 tags)
- Participate in winter activities (7 tags)

Council and Committee Presentations

7 presentations

During Phase 1 of the study, presentations were made to the following councils and committees at the request of area municipal staff:

Committee	Date	Agenda link
City of Oshawa Active Transportation Advisory Committee	December 7, 2022	Link
City of Oshawa Economic and Development Services Committee	February 6, 2023	Link
City of Pickering Executive Committee	February 6, 2023	Link
Town of Whitby Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee	February 9, 2023	Link
Town of Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee	March 1, 2023	Link
Town of Ajax Committee of the Whole	TBD	
Town of Ajax General Government Committee	TBD	

Appendix A

Below is a complete list of responses to the online survey question “What’s your vision for the Durham Meadoway?” Responses have been lightly edited to correct spelling and grammar.

1. Wide paths allowing for multiuse, walk, cycle, run/accessible.
2. A space that multiple user groups can enjoy for free in the Durham Region.
3. A corridor for animals (inverts to mammals) to use as well as people.
4. A great place for walking and cycling.
5. Connected pathways facilitating day-to-day usage and safe travel for walking or commuting.
6. A link from Morningside Toronto through past Oshawa on a paved bike path.
7. A great cycling and walking path linked to the Waterfront trail and others.
8. I want to have a safe, visually pleasing, natural pathway to walk or cycle. Somewhere I can’t hear the traffic of cars and trucks.
9. See above. I am an active community member that enjoys walking, running, rollerblading and cycling. The traffic and increased building of communities is making our roads dangerous and unsafe.
10. Provide opportunity to actively move between communities without relying on motorized transportation.
11. A continuous pathway to travel and enjoy greenspace in Durham.
12. a multi-use well maintained recreational community trail.
13. Green space that is accessible for all.
14. "Nature - having nature be alongside the path.
15. Consider dedicated bike / rollerblade lane within the path so people walking don’t have to stay on the alert for a bike racing up behind them.
16. Adequate parking at checkpoints along the path so someone not living next to it can easily join the path and enjoy it.
17. A continuous easily accessed multi purposed transportation corridor that offers a number of cultural, nature-based activities including community gardens, playgrounds, separate walkways for people and bicycles maintained by community volunteer groups including washrooms and water fountains.

18. Create an environmentally responsible multi use corridor in the Durham Region.
19. I think you need to add the word recreational in there somewhere.
20. As above. A large & long green space to preserve a significant area of natural landscape. Nature is disappearing all too quickly in Durham Region.
21. Some thought should go into future connection with other regions.
22. "A calm, quiet, and accessible space, where nature preservation is of the utmost importance. We are losing too much to urban sprawl already, and I don't want this to become another overcrowded area, where it should not be.
23. A corridor for the promotion of recreation, health and inter-community travel
24. That the project is shelved.
25. Talk about the treaty land it covers through the Williams Treaty and talk about original indigenous land
26. Connect to other parks, walking, hiking and biking trails and to be safe on them.
27. Hikers are looking for trails that begin and end in the same place. For me an ideal hike would take approx. one hour.
28. A well-maintained access route to spend time with friends/family, with varying abilities or ages, to connect, be active and be safe.
29. Add the words 'one of a kind'. Include for art and theatre. Provide for review, revision, renewal and growth opportunities.
30. Adding the opportunity to address food security (via urban farms, market gardens, etc.) since it is a regional and accessible approach that can support communities across several cities.
31. An opportunity to experience nature in our backyard through using the pathway.
32. My vision involves an active, safe and simply trail network that attracts use due to its functionality and ability to draw communities out of the "car culture" existence regardless of the time of year.
33. A safe space for healthy active living.
34. Primarily interested in the benefits for cycling.
35. The vision statement above is ok if you need one!
36. Connected pathway to serve residents for leisure such as cycling, to connect communities and businesses and protect environment.

37. Effectively using green space for health and wellness while maintaining its natural beauty and taking in what nature has provided us.
38. Uninterrupted pathways accessible for cyclists.
39. A vision that includes free space, transportation and links various communities.
40. Connections by bike/trike going North and South as well as East and West
41. An accessible & safe cycling route.
42. Multi use pathways that are wide and that offer separation of riders and walkers as well as a true division between the east and west routes. Bordered by green space. Benches that can be dedicated. Tree planting of types of trees that would be usual for the environment. Flower gardens. One issue would be that it be the same. Not Pickering design for one area, Whitby for another etc. Make a decision on design for the length of the trail.
43. A way to encourage people and families to get more active and see all the great outdoor spaces we are fortunate to have in Durham Region, and have connecting arteries between cities that's a non-automobile route.
44. A green corridor for birds, bees and butterflies; a place of learning for residents.
45. A path for providing connections and alternate transportation methods in a natural greenspace setting
46. It is a reclaimed utility corridor that has been naturalized, providing a passive nature experience to the user that also allows for active transportation opportunities across multiple municipalities. It needs to be worded more appropriately to effectively justify and define the name 'Meadoway'.
47. My vision of the Durham Meadoway is of a trail that runs the length of Durham Region, west to east, connecting various local trails, and stream systems that are part of the current Greenbelt. In other words, the Durham Meadoway becomes an integral part of the Greenbelt.
48. Being able to ride my bike from north Ajax to shops and to the lake without being on a busy road.
49. Community oriented.
50. Walkable cities and rethink housing to reduce footprint and increase affordability.
51. Open free use of green space for leisure or active transportation.
52. As above, but adding "provide continuous habitat for native flora and fauna".

53. I would try to fit culture or art into the statement
54. I would personally like the Durham Meadoway to be an accessible and safe way to make use of active transportation that is not alongside dangerous road vehicles.
55. To create and maintain a safe and beautiful regional-scale greenspace and thorough active transportation corridor that will facilitate community and activity while maintaining the integrity of wildlife in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, and Oshawa.
56. I tilt a little towards active transport- Durham will need to build out a lot of pathway to alleviate car dependency, so emphasis on connections to existing and new multi use paths is essential. What I don't want to see is parking lots at trailheads which defines this green space as something you "drive to" as opposed to something that is part of your daily routine. Green space is not an accessory to living which is the way we have been conditioned by decades of car-centric design.
57. Open and accessible in winter months.
58. That it’s used and maintained well.
59. I just want a way to bike to the Pickering go station that doesn’t feel like it’s designed to inconvenience me at best, or kill me at worst…
60. See comments above; complete communities; multi-use trails and uses.
61. Safe, family friendly, accessible by all abilities
62. A huge community environment where everyone can enjoy physical activities in nature.
63. I love the idea of having a safe active transport route across Durham region.
64. That it would be easily accessible and continuous and somehow minimize time spend on roads.
65. A area people can access easily and be drawn into nature in various ways. walking, jogging biking picnicking. Spending time outdoors and not having a fee attached so it can be an everyday experience if desired.
66. Recognizing the importance of natural environments, in addition to the health benefits of being in nature and having an active lifestyle.
67. The vision described is great. Accessibility in all seasons, particularly during the winter, is an element worth investing in.
68. "A safe, peaceful, greenspace connecting the Durham region community that encourages activity and meditative views.”

69. Same as Scarborough but also connecting all of Durham major cities from Pickering to Courtice.
70. Active transportation! Please connect useful places.
71. See answer in #3
72. Create an active transportation loop that will connect Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, up to Uxbridge.
73. An animated public green space that connects essential natural habitats and dynamic neighborhoods across Durham Region.
74. Green. Local 4 season recreation and the abilities to cycle long distances with family without traffic.
75. I would love to see a greenspace that has lots of trees. A lot of other greenspaces in Pickering have no shade and have a very "manicured" or "suburban lawn" feel. I would love to have a space that feels more natural/wild and gives a feeling of getting out of the city and into nature more. I love the incorporation of art and other cultural components as well.
76. Extend it further east
77. A long bike path that goes east / west that isn't the waterfront trail.
78. An end-to-end trail that connects Pickering to other communities to promote healthy and active lifestyles. As a runner, my vision is a paved pathway that is snow cleared in winter to promote year long activity. The occasional bathroom and water fountain like Ajax's waterfront trail has (that Pickering doesn't) would also be great.
79. Promote use of greenspace; accessible opportunities to get outside and be active.
80. A means to connect 4 cities while being able to enjoy nature.
81. A way to use any foot, bike, recreational (non-motorized) transportation to enjoy the community and to avoid using longer routes on roads and sidewalks.
82. a continuous corridor that the communities of Durham can enjoy using in a healthy and active lifestyle set in a green/nature environment.
83. It provides not only important leisure space but a safe, dependable alternative to personal automobiles.
84. Two separate trails side by side. One for bikes one for cyclists.

85. I like the Meadoway to be similar in scope to the one being currently designed and built by the TRCA in Scarborough. Lots of native pollinator species and the encouragement of biodiversity.

86. That it be safe, well maintained and accessible.

87. The mission is great, but it also needs more awareness for people to enjoy this space and greater connectivity through sustainable transportation. We need the path to be better connected to the rest of the city's bike paths, walking trails and public transit.

88. Green, enough shade for summer days (tree, etc.), usable everyday for commute (bike to Dundas St and take GO to work), kid friendly, children play areas, picnic tables and benches on the way, water filling stations, WC facilities.

89. Leave alone.

90. A path for cycling families, joggers etc., etc. other uses for local horticultural society, not the city, community vegetable gardens, not by the city but city to monitor people play by the rules minimal landscaping minimal interference to what is already there.

91. An area that seamlessly blends into the natural habitat allowing an escape from the busy suburbs.

92. The project should be across to Clarington, not to just Pickering to Oshawa.

93. To create a quality, ecologically diverse and native species based green space to increase biodiversity and the appreciation of our natural habitats in the Durham Region.

94. A cycling route that can be used for travel and commuting.

95. It should also include space for cultural expos or something that binds communities. Durham has historic population as well a great influx of immigrants & younger generations moving here. Durham is missing a vibrant cultural hub and Meadoway should respond like that.

96. Almost like a bike highway that allows cyclists to get to places of entertainment and shops easily and safely.

97. For the love of god please just let the path just be crushed gravel, or wood chips, otherwise it is a skating rink in the winter.

98. Dedicated, winter-maintained trail that connects the Durham Region and encourages non car-based mobility.

99. I hope that it will be a beautiful trail for me to walk and ride my bike. I live in South Ajax and I use the trail system every day.

100. Inviting, well maintained, w sections that are cleared during winter months. A place I can walk my dog.

101. A start; an honest effort to help break our destructive addiction to far too much reliance on cars.

102. That it will be similar to projects like one I've seen in Atlanta.

103. A place where people can walk/bike obviously but to do it in a place that has been restored to a very healthy ecosystem, there should be effort to create beautiful native plant gardens. I'd love to see educational signs all along the way about native plants, lots of labeled trees that are native but not common. Even some indigenous education about the plants and how indigenous peoples used these plants for various purposes. We should make an effort to connect people with nature, the way the indigenous people of the area were connected with nature.

104. Please include walking parks with benches for those who are disabled.

105. Prioritize environment, then community use.

106. accessible for all people

107. It will be great to walk/ride between the regions in a safe manner. I love biking great distances and not having to worry about traffic.

108. A great way to commute safely between all of our Durham towns/cities.

109. Great trails/paths that offer the community a place to enjoy nature the healthy outdoors be it for health biking jogging walks or educational learn about natural species and plants that live along the walk and past history Indigenous Communities that use to live in area and farming communities that once existed prior to the development of The City of Pickering.

110. A safe and easy to reach outdoor public space where interesting features can be enjoyed by all people.

111. A Meadoway that can be used for both commuting but also pleasure / fun. Have parks / parkettes along the way, workout stations, water bottle stations, bike repair stations, etc. The Meadoway could be the "highway for bikes" with feeder trails connecting to it.

112. If money is no object, have bridges over streets (would need to allow on/off access) so that it can be a continuous ride and no car traffic. Garbage bins, benches, bathrooms, and water spigots en route would be nice. I would love to organize a point to point half marathon when it's complete!!!

113. Safe trails for various means of commuting exercising. I would like to see separate paths for bicycles/scooters and walk/runners
114. A means to get around the city by bike/scooter/walking with places to stop and enjoy the surrounding. A place for kids to play with friends and perhaps play sports.
115. A green space pathway connecting 4 cities that seamlessly allows for human activity without disturbing natural Habitats and the species that reside in them
116. Just a place to go for awesome walks with the family, meet up with friends to do activities, let the kids run and play. Somewhere that is beautiful and nice to visit.
117. We need more green space & being able to walk or cycle avoiding the roads which are too dangerous and a lot of vehicular traffic don't like cyclists. They drive so close (big trucks) you can feel the heat from the vehicle on your arm. Something that resembles Scarborough's Meadoway.
118. A connected pathway to all communities north and south that replaces the need for a car along with better mixed-use zoning and density to allow people to live richer better lives.
119. Would love for it to include a skating trail in the winter.
120. A lively pathway that inspires outdoor activity and healthy lifestyles. It connects people to nature, wellness and each other.
121. A safe and dedicated car free route throughout Durham Region.
122. Recreational, community green space corridor across Durham region.
123. An opportunity to improve community health by providing good walking and cycling thoroughfares in a potential group setting. Moving some of the exercise from busy roads to safe areas.
124. A corridor that is both useful as transportation, and enjoyable as a recreational pursuit, with as few detours to busy traffic corridors as possible.
125. A place to see familiar faces and keep our family healthy and active.
126. A magical, immersive, multi-use transportation corridor that will forever stamp Durham Region in the minds of families across the region and beyond.
127. Family friendly (Walking, stroller, bike, wheelchair accessible). Female friendly (safe).
128. A means of connecting active transportation networks across the Region.

129. To enhance the regional green space and connect the communities from east to west.
130. A trail similar to the one extending from Cullen gardens to north Brock St except servicing along the northern area. Along the Brooklin area extending east and west. Already have waterfront trail to the south but no place to meet for a walk in north Oshawa/Columbus/ Brooklin/ Hampton.
131. The Meadoway will lead the future of mobility, active transportation and Recreation in Durham region, enriching lives through a connection to the beauty of natural and built environments and enhancing the freedom of movement for all residents.
132. A way to travel while enjoying the route.
133. Safe area for active lifestyle.
134. "Appropriate spaces for multiple active user groups to minimize conflicts; my interest is a corridor for cycling, in nature, away from motorized traffic; adjacent spaces for other activities, skate park, bike park, pump track.
135. Nature areas, butterfly gardens, etc.
136. An Active Transportation network connecting different areas across Durham Region.
137. My vision would be that it includes all cities/municipalities within Durham. Is there an option for an outdoor skate trail?
138. Make it as unobtrusive to natural habitat as possible.
139. A trail system for biking and hiking.
140. green, inclusive, safe, connected.
141. An all-weather active transit corridor providing a real alternative from car based transit that incorporates prioritising active segregated transit at road intersections (e.g. make cars wait not people and bikes) and optimises the natural environment as part of the project.
142. A Meadoway across all of Durham - East to West.
143. An active transportation route that connects Pickering to Oshawa with connections to Toronto and further east of Oshawa.
144. A protected habitat corridor that gives residents access to both nature and healthy lifestyle
145. A recreational trail that needs connections in each community. North/south routes. Also needs to connect to Scarborough Meadoway.

146. Active trail promoting health and community
147. A safe way to traverse the Region by bike. It would be nice if it connected Eastern Durham as well.
148. To create a unique green space and path network across the region of Durham.
149. Forms a AT corridor between 407/401, like Waterfront Trail south of 401 does. Don't forget to connect with north/south power corridors in Oshawa, Whitby and Pickering, as well as Seaton, TCT etc.
150. A cycling superhighway that will make a significant improvement in our transportation network across the Region.
151. SKATEPARK!! having a skatepark could help the youth to have a way to get away from being around drugs and bad choices
152. More skateparks.
153. Skateboard park, no graffiti.
154. Having a nice path with skateboard and mountain bike options along it.
155. More green space and recreational activities.
156. A peaceful, high quality, connected, region wide corridor that showcases the natural beauty of the region and everything it has to offer. The corridor would be ideal for bikes and pedestrian transportation.
157. I hope there are large parks.
158. A major trail that links Pickering through to Oshawa.

Attachment #2: Public Information Centre #1 Presentation Boards

Welcome!

About the Durham Meadoway

The Durham Meadoway is a proposed pedestrian and cycling route and linear park that will connect people to destinations across more than 27 kilometres of Durham Region.

In addition to providing a significant east-west recreational facility and active transportation spine, the Durham Meadoway has the potential to transform the hydro corridor into a multi-faceted destination that includes ecological enhancements, public art and community amenities.

For More Information

Survey Coming Soon!

Project Website
YourVoiceDurham.ca/Durham-Meadoway





Quick Facts

27 km as the crow flies

100,000 people
in the Greater Study Area

35,000 people
10 minute walk

23 neighbourhoods

30 roads
in the Corridor Study Area

13 creeks

Please Tell Us What You Think

We want to hear your ideas!

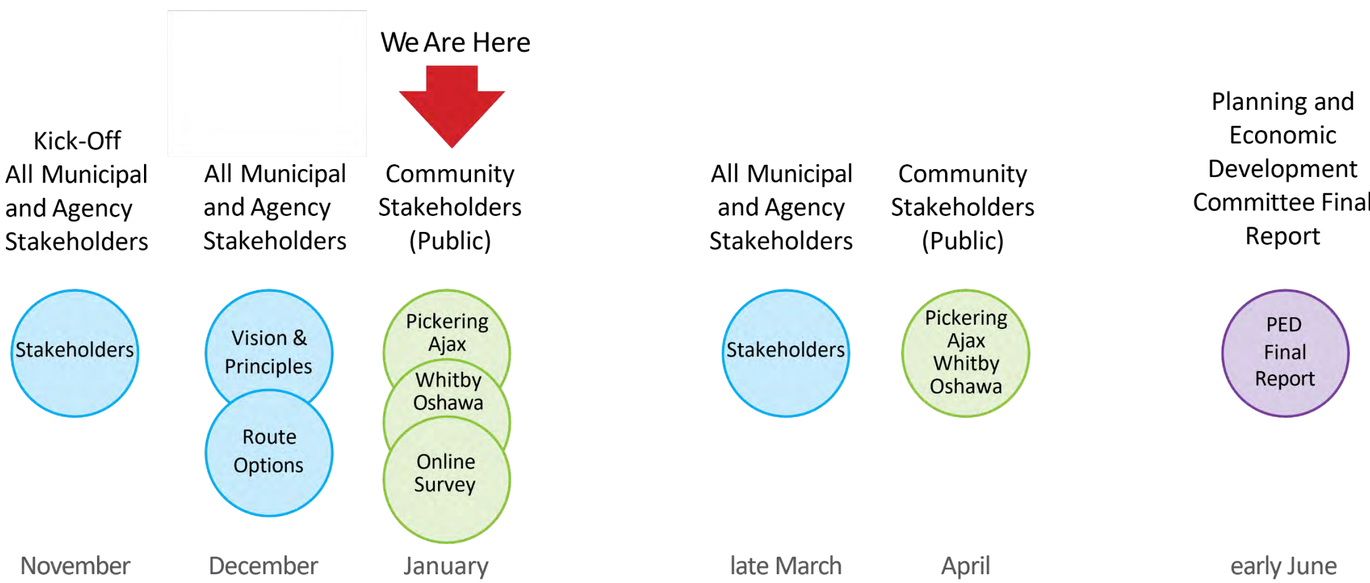
- Where can the multi-use path be located?
- What can it connect to?
- What would you like to see along the path?
- What are your ideas for the Durham Meadoway?

You can provide your feedback on these interactive displays, talk to a member of the project team, or fill out the upcoming online survey.

Timeline

Sept. 2022 — Durham Meadoway Visioning Study → June 2023 — Detailed Design

Schedule - Key Dates



Next Steps

Technical Studies

- Environmental study
- Engineering studies for creek and road crossings
- Costing
- Design development and landscape working drawings
- Branding, wayfinding and signage

Implementation

- Construction of multi-use path
- Construction of amenities, gateways, and features

Case Studies

Arbutus Greenway, Vancouver - 9km

Multi-use path that encourages active and sustainable modes of transportation while connecting parks, creeks, and rivers throughout the city.





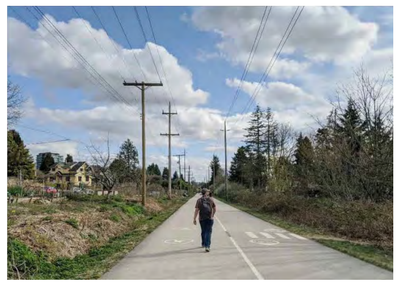












The 606 (former Bloomingdale Trail), Chicago - 4.3km

Elevated trails for bikers and runners, art installations, and landscape designs create an urban oasis.










606
The Bloomingdale Trail
Access point
On-street bikeway
CTA bus route
CTA Blue Line station
Metra station
Library
Dog friendly area
Fieldhouse
Playground
Dining station
LOGAN SQUARE
BUCKTOWN
HUMBOLDT PARK
WICKER PARK
WEST TOWN
MILWAUKEE
KEDZIE
CALIFORNIA
WESTERN
DAMEN
ROCKWELL
MOZART
HOMAN
SAWYER
KIMBALL
KEDVALE
CENTRAL PARK
BLOOMINGDALE
DIVISION
CHICAGO
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JULIA DE BURGOS PARK
HUMBOLDT PARK
PARK NO. 567
CHRISTOPHER FIELD PARK
WALSH PARK
71 LAWRENCE
72 NORTH
Palmer Square
Logan Square Library
Logan Square Boulevard
Humboldt Park
Humboldt Park Boulevard
Humboldt Park Fieldhouse
Humboldt Park Lagoon
Humboldt Park Lagoon Nature Sanctuary
Humboldt Park Recreation Center
Holstein Park
Holstein Park Fieldhouse
Holstein Park Lagoon
Holstein Park Playground
Holstein Park Dining Station
Holstein Park Dog Friendly Area
Holstein Park Library
Holstein Park Boathouse
Holstein Park Access point
Holstein Park On-street bikeway
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Case Studies

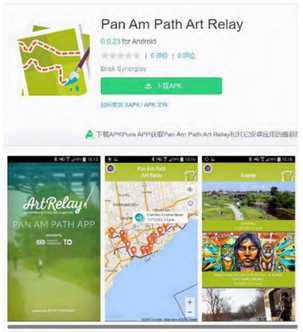
Toronto Pan Am Path - 80km

Connects trails in the Greater Toronto Area as part of the legacy of the 2015 Pan American Games.







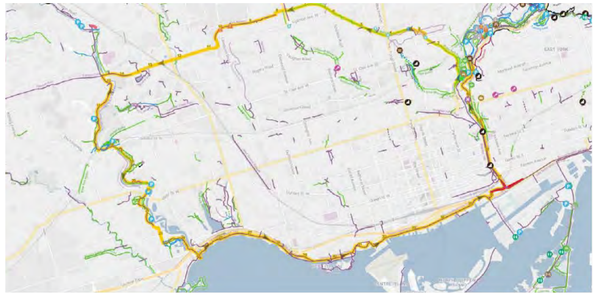






The Beltline - Humber Loop - 42km

Historic railway trail for walkers, joggers, and cyclists that connects Toronto neighbourhoods.













Case Studies

The Green Line Toronto - 5km













The Meadoway Toronto - 16 km





















Durham Meadoway

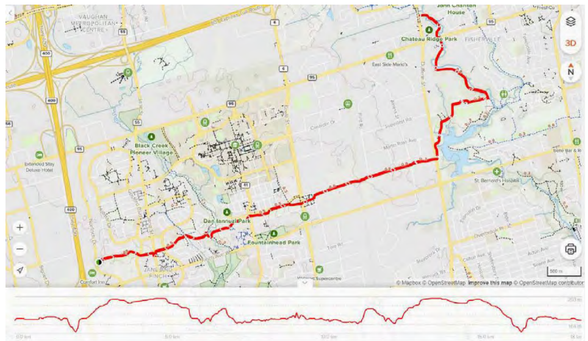
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Finch Hydro Corridor Trail - 22km



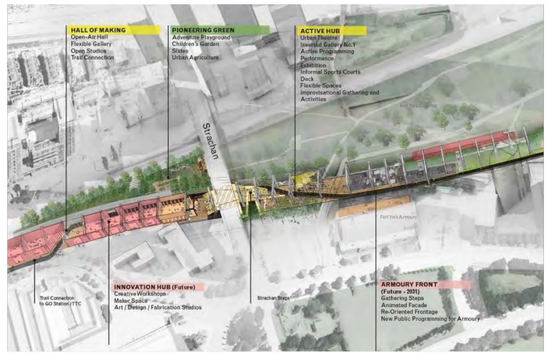






The Bentway Toronto

Creatively uses existing infrastructure that would typically be seen as a constraint to create a distinctive sense of place that is fun and whimsical.











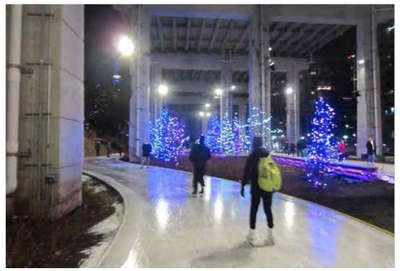






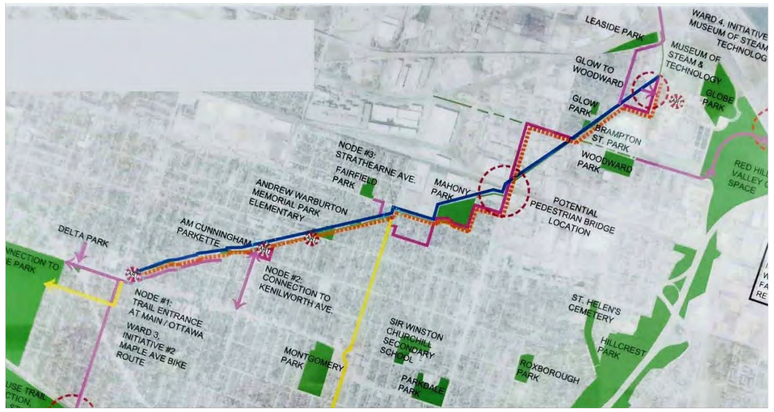






Case Studies

The Pipeline Trail, Hamilton - 6km









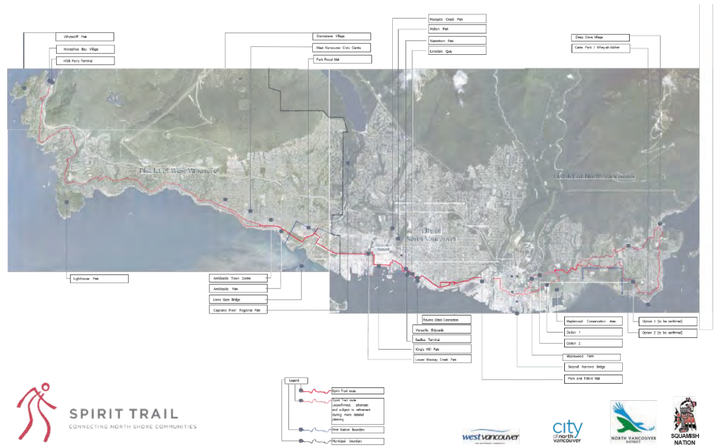






Spirit Trail, Vancouver - 11km

Waterfront-oriented trail provides pedestrians, cyclists, inline skaters and people with wheeled mobility aids safe access across the North Shore while using creative wayfinding to guide users.

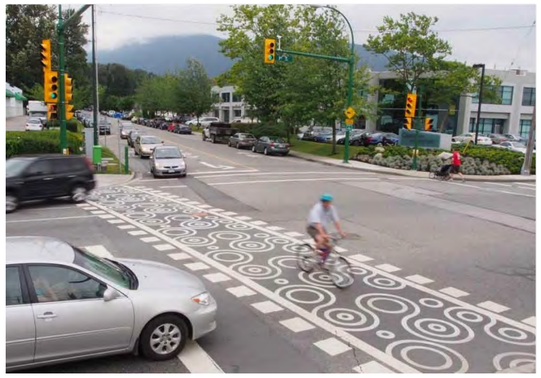








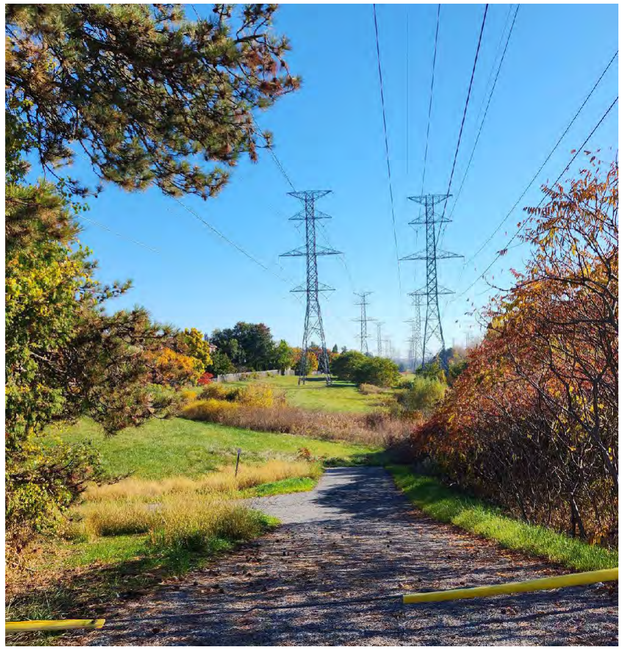


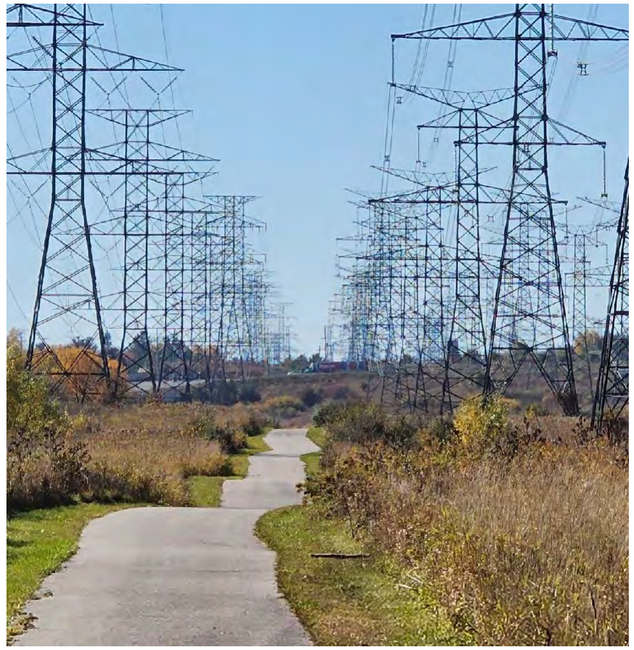


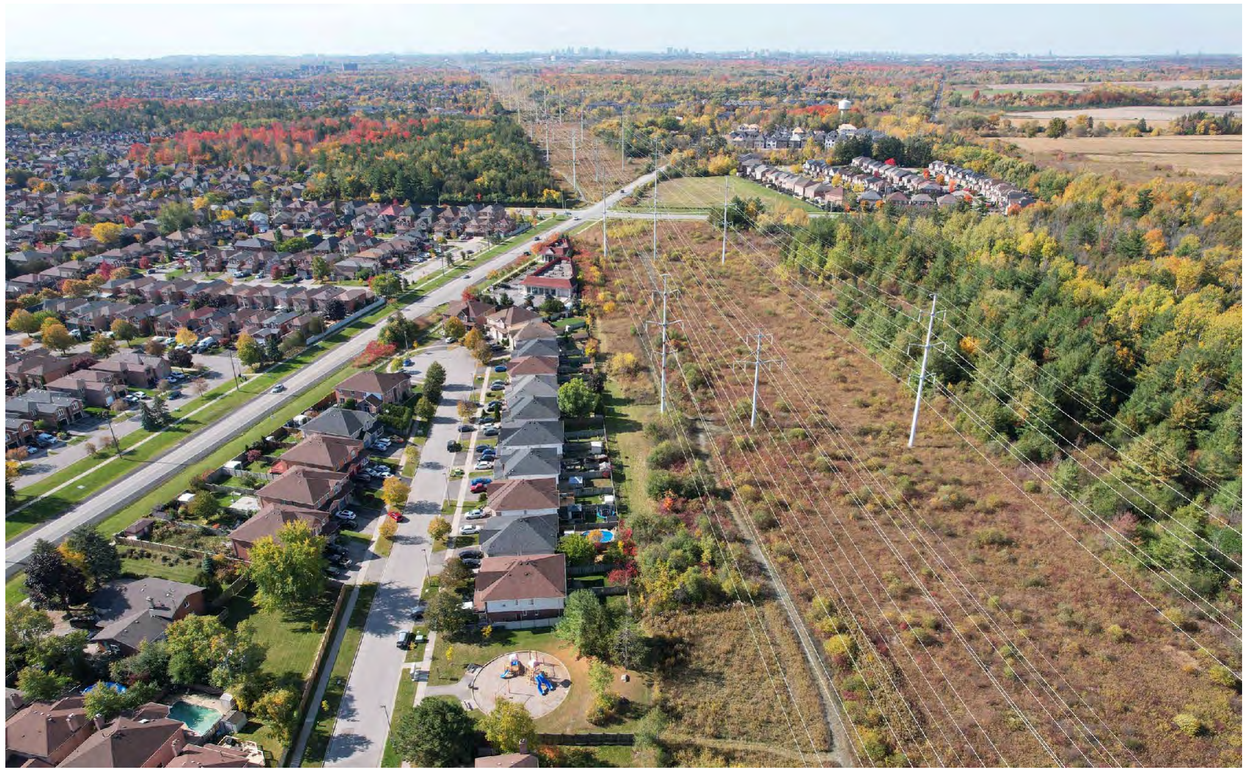


Vision Statement

To create a quality, regional-scale greenspace and complete active transportation corridor that will stitch together rapidly growing neighbourhoods in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa.







Please Tell Us What You Think

Do you like the vision statement?
What words or phrases do you think should be captured in the vision statement?
Please write your ideas on the sticky notes and post them here!

write your ideas and post them in this space.

Principles

Natural Environment

- protect sensitive habitat
- enhance biodiversity
- support educational opportunities and stewardship

Healthy, Active Lifestyles

- create active and passive recreational opportunities

Community

- accommodate gathering and socialization areas
- minimize negative neighbourhood impacts

Connectivity and Accessibility

- create a continuous, safe, and easy to navigate trail
- connect to adjacent communities
- minimize use conflicts
- allows for emergency and maintenence access

Identity

- showcase cultural and environmental heritage
- create a distinct identity through public art, wayfinding and gateways



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Placemaking



Nodes & Gateways









Willingdon Linear Park - Burnaby BC

Please Tell Us What You Think

Which placemaking examples work well for the Durham Meadoway? Select the images you like best and write their code on the corresponding coloured stickers. Then, place the stickers on the areas of the map where you think they should go.







Craigie Compass - Perth, Australia



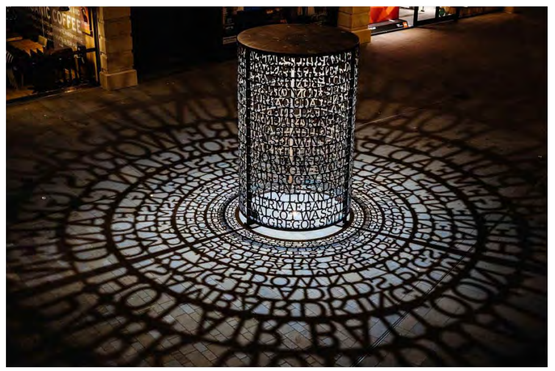
Hydro Corridor - Montreal, Quebec





Pomegranate Place - Hefei, China





South Gate - Bath, UK



Placemaking

NODES | PROGRAMMING | PLAY | LIGHTING | WAYFINDING

Programming & Activation









Metcalfe Park - Sydney, Australia











Look-Out / Memorable Moments / Landscape Artifacts













Temporary Landscape Interventions / Temporary Art Installations

Placemaking



Play & Experience



C1 Acoustic Interactive Installations









Sensory Interactive



C2 Interactive Seating for Children





C3 Temporary Maze



C4 Winter Play Features













C5 Creative Playgrounds

Natural Playground / Creative Play

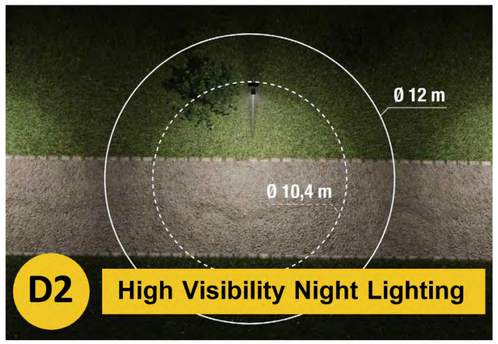
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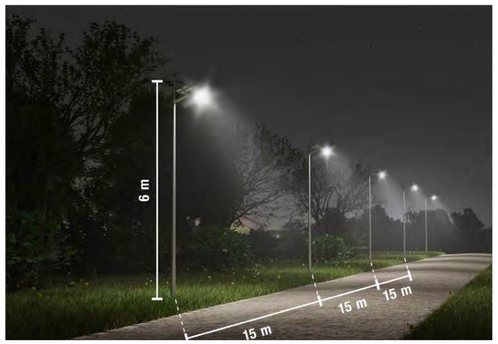


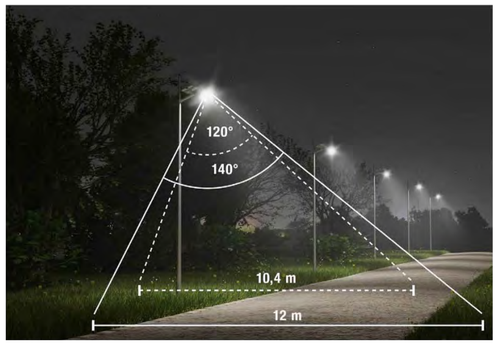
Lighting



Artful Light Installation & Planting









LED - PhotoVoltaic Lighting







Potential Underpass Lighting

Placemaking



Wayfinding

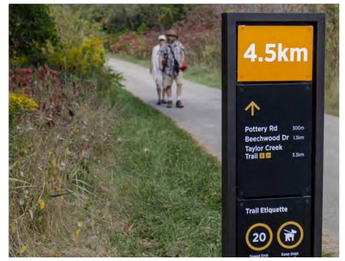


E1 Traditional Wayfinding Strategies

















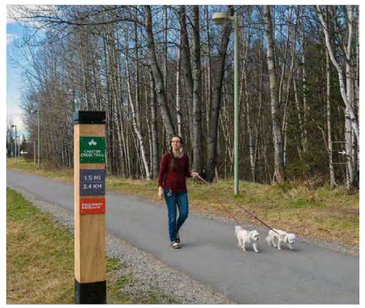




















E7 Interactive Wayfinding Strategies











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Setting the Primary Route

The Durham Meadoway Visioning Study has divided the study area into 10 study segments, which are organized from west to east as follows:

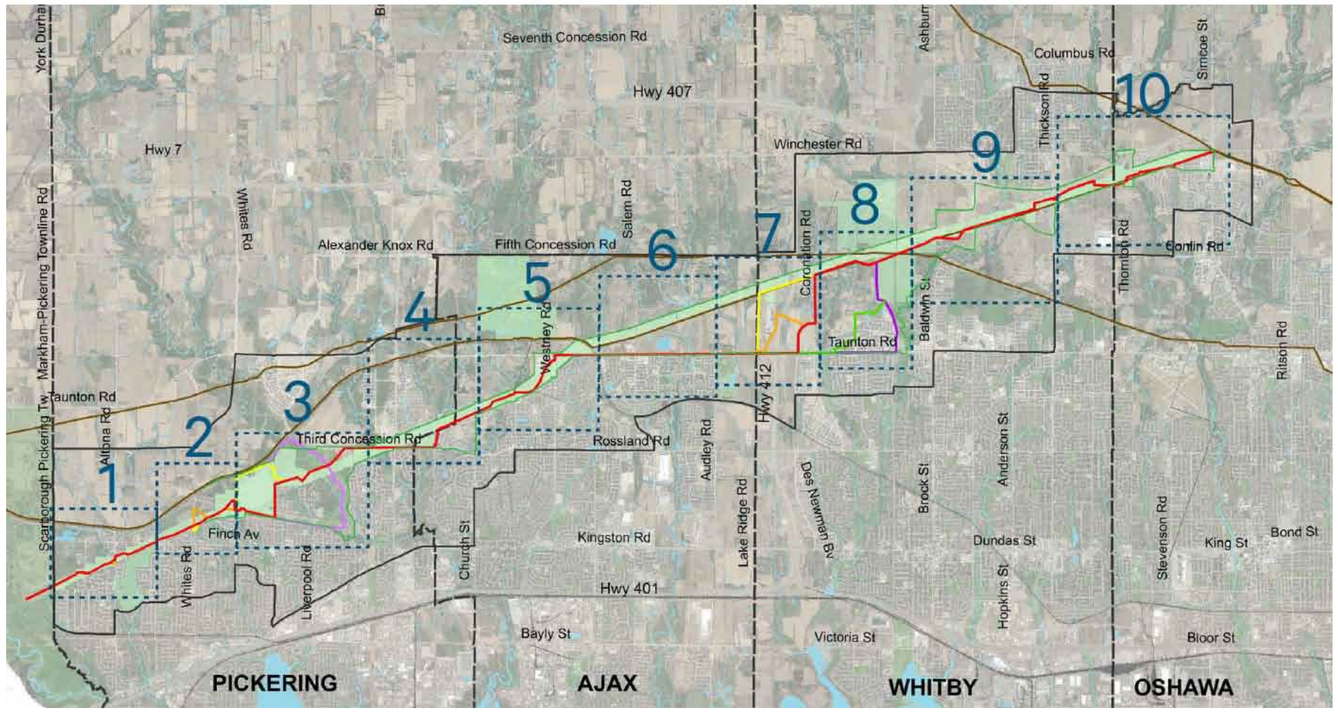
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- Segment 2: Rosebank Road to Dixie Road
- Segment 3: Dixie Road to Brock Road
- Segment 4: Brock Road to Church Street
- Segment 5: Church Street to Harwood Avenue
- Segment 6: Harwood Avenue to Audley Road
- Segment 7: Audley Road to Coronation Road
- Segment 8: Coronation Road to Cochrane Street
- Segment 9: Cochrane Street to Thickson Road
- Segment 10: Thickson Road to Simcoe Street

Each study segment contains up to five options for the Durham Meadoway route. Route options have been identified where the multi-use path may need to be located outside of the hydro corridor to avoid private leases or to ensure that users can cross busy roads safely.

The **Primary Route** will be the route that provides the best continuous end-to-end connection that will ideally be implementable within the short-term (5-10 years).

Your input will assist the project team in evaluating the different route options to set the Primary Route.

Study Segment Map





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Ammenities and Programming

Amenities and Programming
The Durham Meadoway can host an amazing variety of community amenities, destinations, events, and other features. Presented here are four focal points that are great locations for new amenities that build on an existing community attraction and that can connect to existing and future trails.

Route Options


Heber Down, looking east


Woodview Ave, looking west

Pickering Focal Point
- Part of a potential recreational loop with connections to:
  - Seaton Trail
  - Pickering Dog Park
  - Pickering Soccer Park
  - Beverly Morgan Park and Pine Ridge Secondary School
  - Public Art @ Creek Crossing



Ajax Focal Point
- Extended opportunities for Paulpeck Park




Amaretto Park, looking west

Please Tell Us What You Think
Look at the images on the display boards for "Examples" and "Placemaking." Which ones do you think would be good for the Durham Meadoway?

Write the number of the image on a sticky dot and place it on the map where you think it could go.




Amaretto Park, looking east


Pickering Dog Park, looking west


Anderson Street, looking east

Whitby Focal Point
- Extended opportunities for a Recreational Node
- Potential connection to pathway trails along Lynde Creek





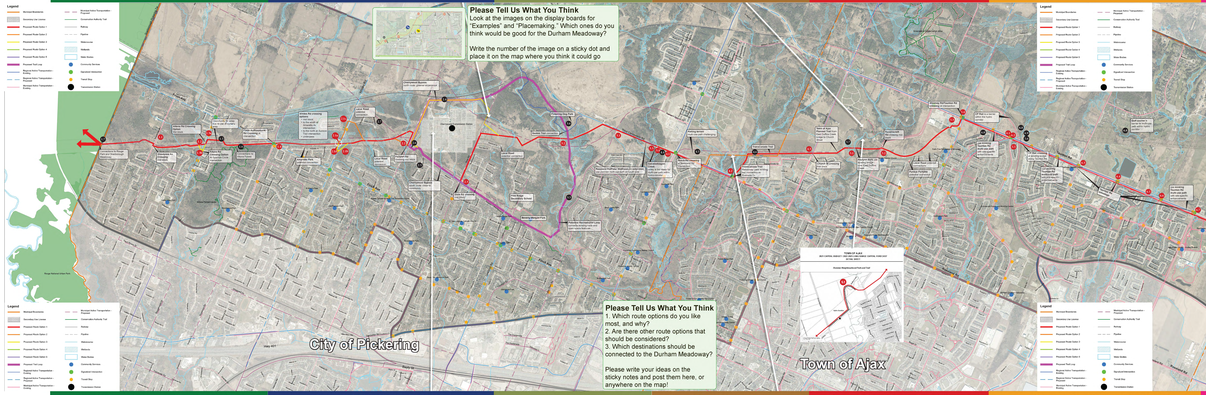
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If you have any more ideas, please write them on the sticky notes and post them here, or anywhere on the map!

Please Tell Us What You Think
1. Which route options do you like most, and why?
2. Are there other route options that should be considered?
3. Which destinations should be connected to the Durham Meadoway?

Please write your ideas on the sticky notes and post them here, or anywhere on the map!

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Via Email:

Honourable Steve Clark
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Re: Municipal Housing Pledge

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 20, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 67-23:

> Whereas on October 25, 2022, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a letter to the Town of Whitby recognizing the Province's commitment to build 1.5 million homes by 2031 and assigning a Municipal Housing Target of 18,000 new homes in Whitby to assist with achieving this target.
>
> And whereas, the Minister also requested the Town to demonstrate its commitment to accelerating housing supply by developing a Municipal Housing Pledge and take the necessary steps to facilitate the construction of 18,000 new homes in Whitby by 2031 and delivering that pledge to the Minister by March 22, 2023.
>
> And whereas, the Town has a considerable inventory of housing units approved or in the approval process (i.e., 18,118 units), including 4,123 low density, 4,925 medium density and 9,070 high density units.
>
> And whereas, the Town has additional greenfield land inventory within the West Whitby and Brooklin Community Secondary Plan areas to accommodate draft plan of subdivision applications, and considerable infill/intensification opportunities, which will further increase the potential housing yield.
>
> And whereas, the Town has experienced a considerable increase in the number of building permits for residential units in the recent past, including 2,360 permits in 2021 and 1,777 permits in 2022, with an expectation to continue such volume of permits into the future.
>
> Now therefore, the Town of Whitby Council pledges its commitment to facilitate the development of 18,000 new homes by 2031 through the following initiatives/activities:

- Implement and/or update Official Plan Policies, including the following:
    - Continue to implement recent Official Plan policy adjustments to increase the proportionate share of medium and high density residential units in strategic areas of the Town, such as designated Centers, Corridors and the Whitby GO Station and Port Whitby areas;
    - Initiate an update to the Town of Whitby Official Plan to comply with recent changes to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and pending new Official Plan for the Region of Durham;
    - Initiate an update to strengthen the policy basis for medium and high density residential units within the Whitby GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA).

- Complete the on-going Comprehensive Review and Update of the Town's Zoning By-laws, including the following:
    - Including permissive policies to support accessory units in ground related housing forms;
    - Including contemporary regulations to accommodate a wide range of housing types as-of-right.

- Develop a Housing Acceleration Strategy and Implementation Plan, including such matters as the following:
    - Confirmation and/or expansion of strategic development areas designated in the Whitby Official Plan;
    - Recognition of updated/contemporary zoning regulations through the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review and Update;
    - Development of municipal fiscal resources to support the cost of new housing and related infrastructure;
    - Co-ordinate with the Region of Durham to develop a servicing plan to accommodate new growth in Whitby;
    - Identification of public lands with development or redevelopment potential.

- Capitalize on funding sources, such as the Streamline Development Fund to further advance on-line portal development for Planning Act and Ontario Building Code Act related applications, recognizing the on-line application resources have been established and will continue to be expanded upon.

- Continue to collaborate with the Region of Durham to ensure major servicing infrastructure (water, sewer, roads) is available when needed.

Notwithstanding the Town of Whitby's Municipal Housing Pledge herein, it is recognized that there are many influences outside the control of the Town, which should not reflect upon the Town's performance to achieve the Municipal Housing Target of 18,000 homes by 2031, including but not limited to the following:

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- Interest rates;
- Inflation;
- Supply chain issues;
- Availability of labour force/skilled trades in housing construction;
- Housing market;
- Developer's desire to proceed with construction;
- Provision of Regional infrastructure;
- Planning approvals shifting to the Provincial level from the Region of Durham;
- Additional, unforeseen legislative changes to planning and building approvals processes;
- Shortage of talent pool for Planning, Engineering and Building professionals required to review and process development applications.

The Council of the Town of Whitby makes this pledge recognizing that there is a shared responsibility with the development community to deliver on the creation of desirable communities where residents can live, work and play, not just live. Also recognizing that they Town's responsibility to support new and existing residents will remain long after the new housing is constructed.

The Council of the Town of Whitby requests further dialogue with the Province regarding definitions related to Bill 23 and regulations thereto, and looks forward to further discussions with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in April 2023 regarding the impacts of Bill 23, and related Development Charge shortfalls, what legislative provisions will be directed at the development community to pass along, dollar for dollar, any savings achieved through Bill 23, and legislative amendments to incent developers to "use it or lose it" with respect to approved development applications or permits.

That the Clerk be directed to circulate a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Area Municipalities, and all Durham Region MPPs.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Development Department at 905-430-4306.

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The Honorable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

RE: Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph at its meeting held on March 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023-094
Moved by Councillor D. Regan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Manders

WHEREAS concerns surrounding the accuracy of the Voters' List has been highlighted in elections past and inaccuracies continue to plague municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Ontario now has the responsibility to prepare and maintain a Permanent Register of Electors, under the Elections Act, for future municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors is paramount in upholding the integrity of democratic government;

AND WHEREAS an accurate Permanent Register of Electors could increase voter turnout statistics and possibly contribute to positive voter apathy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Monte McNaughton and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ron Reymer
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer for Ontario
Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex