



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There is no Staff Correspondence

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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1. Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) minutes – [March 28, 2023](#)

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: [#2023-INFO-29](#)  
Date: April 21, 2023

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**Subject:**

Provincial consultation on Bill 97 – The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, and the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, ERO postings [#019-6821](#), [#019-6822](#), [#019-6813](#)

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, and Bill 97 - the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and related ERO postings.
- 1.2 The deadline for comments is June 6, 2023. Staff will prepare a Regional position on the proposed changes for consideration by the Planning and Economic Development Committee at its meeting on June 6th. Preliminary Regional comments will be provided to the province by the June 6th deadline. A final Regional position will be sent to the province following the June 28th Council meeting.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 On April 6, 2023, the province released another suite of legislative and policy proposals. These latest proposals include a new Provincial Planning Statement

(2023 PPS), which is intended to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (both were last updated by the province in 2020).

- 2.2 Further changes are also proposed to the Planning Act, through the introduction of Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023. These changes are associated with the province's goal of achieving the construction of 1.5 million new homes by 2031.
- 2.3 The province has advised that it expects the new PPS to come into force in the fall of 2023. While it is expected that decisions on planning matters will need to be consistent with the new PPS as of its effective date, Bill 97 would allow for the minister to make regulations which could address different transition rules.
- 2.4 Through the ERO postings, the province has advised that it does not expect to proclaim those aspects of Bill 23 that affect upper tier planning responsibilities until the winter 2024, at the earliest.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 Implications of Bill 23 on the Region of Durham were presented in Report [#2022-COW-33](#) in December 2022.
- 3.2 Durham Region's response to the provincial consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan were presented in Report [#2022-COW-31](#) in December 2022.
- 3.3 Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer on Bill 23 were presented in Report [#2022-INFO-93](#) in November 2022.
- 3.4 Comments from the Region of Durham on the Report of the Provincial Housing Affordability Task Force presented in Report [#2022-INFO-12](#) in February 2022

### **4. Overview of Proposed Changes in the 2023 Provincial Planning Statement**

- 4.1 The changes proposed in the proposed 2023 PPS represent another round of fundamental change in how growth planning is to be carried out in the province.
- 4.2 Although the proposed 2023 PPS does not change the premise that land use planning in Ontario operates on the basis of a policy-led system, the rigour, policy content and system of benchmarks for managing growth would be substantially relaxed.

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- 4.3 A significant change in the 2023 PPS is the planned elimination of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- 4.4 Certain policies in the proposed 2023 PPS pertain only to 29 "large and fast-growing municipalities" (LFGMs). The list of LFGMs is consistent with those municipalities required to sign a housing pledge. No upper-tier municipalities are on the list. Durham's five lakeshore municipalities are identified; however, the Region's northern municipalities are not identified as LFGMs.
- 4.5 Although the legislated ability for developing growth plans under the Growth Plan Act 2005 would remain, the existing provincial plan to guide provincial population and employment growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe would be removed, including the following measures:
- a. The removal of mandated provincial population and employment forecasts as the basis for planning for upper and single tier municipalities to 2051;
  - b. The removal of provincial requirements to match the amount of urban land to be designated for growth with forecasted levels of growth;
  - c. The removal of minimum density targets for Strategic Growth Areas (such as downtowns, centres and corridors) although these areas are intended to continue to be the focus of development. Prescribed targets would only remain for major transit station areas, which are located along primary transit routes such as GO rail lines, subways and LRT routes;
  - d. The principle of Urban Growth Centres (UGCs) as separate and higher order subset of Strategic Growth Areas would be removed. There are 2 UGCs in Durham Region;
  - e. The requirement for a provincially mandated intensification target and the principle of directing a minimum of 50% of growth to the delineated built-up area, as a way to encourage intensification and minimize sprawl would be removed. Although municipalities would still be encouraged to promote intensification and direct densities to Strategic Growth Areas, provincial policy safeguards that provide for a systematic approach to intensification would be removed;
  - f. The current minimum density requirement for greenfield areas would be removed, except for the LFGMs which are "encouraged" to achieve 50 residents and jobs per hectare;
  - g. In terms of new development within rural areas, expansions to rural settlement areas appears to be more permissive, as well as the opportunity for hamlet expansion, however, confirmation of these changes is currently being sought (see Section 7 of this report); and

- h. Rural lot creation outside of rural settlements would be more permissive and the ability for lot creation in agricultural areas would return. Additional residences would also be permitted on farm properties (up to two additional residences on one parcel and up to three additional residential parcels).
- 4.6 While most of the directive policies from the Growth Plan are being removed as noted above, minimum densities around major transit station areas are being maintained.
- 4.7 The provincial requirement that municipalities undertake municipal comprehensive reviews of official plans would not form part of the proposed 2023 PPS. Going forward, settlement area boundary expansions and employment area conversions would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis as privately initiated amendments to official plans, similar to the approach taken prior to the introduction of the Growth Plan in 2006.
- 4.8 From an economic development and servicing perspective, Employment Areas would be identified as areas that would be set aside principally for manufacturing, warehousing and goods movement. Major office, retail, and other population-serving uses would be excluded from these more focussed Employment Areas. Employment Areas would still be protected and preserved, but conversions would be allowed outside a municipal comprehensive review process.
- 4.9 Provincially significant employment zones (PSEZs) were first introduced as a concept in 2019, however the enabling policy guidance has never been provided. PSEZs would no longer exist with the repeal of the Growth Plan. However, the ERO postings indicate that the province is considering alternative approaches to protect these lands, possibly through the use of minister's zoning orders.
- 4.10 Policies requiring municipalities to plan for climate change remain in the 2023 PPS, albeit less directive.
- 4.11 Natural Heritage policies remain under consideration by the provincial government. Once completed, they will be the subject of a separate ERO Posting. All the natural heritage policies have been removed from the proposed 2023 PPS.

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## 5. Key Bill 97 Changes

5.1 It is proposed that the Minister will be given the power to:

- a. Require landowners and municipalities to enter into agreements where the Provincial Land Development Facilitator has been appointed. These agreements could include matters that go beyond what can be provided in either the Planning Act or Development Charges Act. The order has the same effect as an interim control by-law, only permitting existing uses to continue until agreements have been signed.
- b. Exempt lands that are the subject of MZO's from complying with provincial policies and official plans when other planning approvals are applied for, such as plans of subdivision. This gives the Minister the ability to address circumstances where an MZO permits residential uses in an area where the official plan does not.
- c. Make regulations regarding transition related to the applicability of a new provincial policy statement.
- d. Make regulations regarding the powers of municipalities to regulate demolition and conversion of residential rental properties, including the ability to pass a by-law requiring a landowner to provide compensation.

5.2 The effective date for planning application fee refunds (implemented through Bill 109) where no decision has been made within the statutory time periods (originally in place for applications filed on or after January 1, 2023) is proposed to be changed to July 1, 2023. If any fee refunds owing as a result of applications filed but not decided on between January 1 and July 1, 2023, will be deemed not to have been required.

5.3 Bill 23 put in place restrictions on the ability to require more than one parking space where additional residential units are permitted as of right. Bill 97 proposes to clarify that official plans and zoning by-laws can still require more than one parking space for the primary residential unit.

5.4 Amendments are also proposed to the Residential Tenancies Act, which will strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those in respect of landlord's own use, and clarify tenants' rights to install air conditioners.

## **6. Site Plan Regulations**

- 6.1 As part of Bill 23 the Planning Act was amended to exclude certain types of developments from site plan control, e.g. residential buildings having less than ten units. However, the Building Code/Fire Code health and safety requirements continue to apply (e.g., distance to fire hydrants, access for emergency personnel).
- 6.2 Two new regulations are proposed that, if Bill 97 is passed and the regulations are made, would set out conditions under which municipalities could use site plan control for residential developments of ten or fewer units on a single lot, (in addition to land lease communities where site plan control can already be used).

## **7. Relationship to Greenbelt Plan (2017)**

- 7.1 The province is also proposing an administrative and housekeeping amendment to the Greenbelt Plan so that the policies in the current Greenbelt Plan would be maintained should the PPS, 2020 and A Place to Grow be revoked. This appears to be directed at limiting rural settlement growth and rural lot creation in the Greenbelt Plan Area, while being more permissive in other areas of the province. However, it is unclear how this would be implemented in practice as the proposed 2023 PPS changes seem to indicate that the new policies would be implemented province-wide, particularly related to rural settlement growth and rural lot creation. Clarification continues to be sought from provincial staff on these matters.

## **8. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 8.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 2.1 - Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing.
  - b. Goal 4.1 - Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability, and sustainability.

## **9. Conclusion**

- 9.1 Comments on the proposals related to Bill 97 and the proposed 2023 PPS are due by June 6, 2023. Preliminary comments will be provided to the province by that date. Regional staff expect to bring forward a report to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on June 6, 2023, with ratification of the comments at Regional Council on June 28, 2023.



Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and  
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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: [#2023-INFO-30](#)  
Date: April 21, 2023

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**Subject:**

Invest Durham Annual Report 2022

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief overview of the Region's Economic Development and Tourism Division's 2022 activities and programs. Included as Attachment #1 is The Invest Durham Annual Report 2022.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Economic Development and Tourism Division (Invest Durham) provides updates on its activities and programming to the Planning and Economic Development Committee regularly. The Annual Report is a high-level summary in addition to these regular, more detailed updates.

2.2 The Annual Report summarizes activities undertaken by the various sections of the Division which include Business Development and Investment, Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development, Marketing and Cluster Development, and Tourism.

2.3 In addition, the Annual Report provides an economic snapshot, and contains spotlights on entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives, sector development initiatives, highlights from special programs and activities, as well as awards and recognized achievements.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

3.1 A Year-in-Review report from the Economic Development and Tourism Division is provided annually.

### **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.

- 2.5: Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

b. Goal 3: Economic Prosperity.

- 3.1: Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business
- 3.2: Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
- 3.3: Enhance communication and transportation networks to better connect people and move goods more effectively
- 3.4: Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs
- 3.5: Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

c. Goal 5: Service Excellence.

- 5.3: Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 The Invest Durham Annual Report will continue to be produced on an annual basis.

5.2 This report will be delivered to Durham Region area municipalities.

**6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Invest Durham Annual Report 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development



# 2022

## Economic Development and Tourism Annual Report



### 2022 Year in Review

- Economic Snapshot
- Business Investment Highlights
- Business Investment and Attraction
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Marketing
- Tourism
- Sport Tourism
- Rural and Agriculture
- Film Durham
- Broadband
- Awards

**2022 was a year of booming growth in Durham, as the global economy began to emerge from the effects of the pandemic. Invest Durham had an exciting year, as we supported and celebrated several innovative projects and major investments.**

The new Durham College Barrett Centre for Sustainable Urban Agriculture found a great temporary home on Regionally owned lands. Ontario Power Generation broke ground on what will be North America’s first small modular reactor. We celebrated as the ribbon was cut at Kubota’s new Canadian headquarters.

With a return to in-person events, we welcomed prospective investors from international markets to experience why Durham is in-demand. Invest Durham’s business development team grew; adding some necessary bench strength to service inbound investment inquiries. This ensured Durham is positioned to land advanced automotive and clean energy investments in the near term, leveraging our talented workforce.

We nurtured culinary industry change-makers at Feast on the Farm, and welcomed visitors back at Gates Open. These events brought thousands to get a taste of place and understand how farm reaches fork in Durham.

At the Invest Durham pavilion at the Collision Conference—the world’s premier gathering of tech companies—an abundant farm market stand showcased that Durham is a delicious place to grow your tech businesses – appealing to start ups with our vibrant and desirable lifestyle.

Anticipation has built through the year as we prepared our new five-year strategy to grow the Region’s economy. It sets out four bold economic aspirations 30 years in the future for the Region’s people, vibrant places, accelerating sectors, and creative identity.

Ready Set Future: A PLACE Blueprint for Durham was approved in December 2022. Now, it’s off to the races.



**Simon Gill**

**Director, Economic  
Development and Tourism**

## Economic Snapshot



### Booming Growth

- Average commercial and industrial building activity of more than \$900M annually over the past three years.
- Durham Region's population is expected to grow to 1,300,000 by 2051.



### In Demand

- Oshawa census metropolitan area (Bowmanville to Whitby) is the third fastest growing population in the country (2021 Census Data).
- Average industrial and commercial rental rates in the east Greater Toronto Area have increased 49 per cent year-over-year, and 144 per cent in the past five years.



### Talented

- Durham Region post-secondary student population continues to grow, reaching more than 30,000 students annually.
- Durham College, Ontario Tech University and Trent University Durham GTA rank among Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges and Universities.



### Innovating the Future

- Ontario Power Generation announces partnership with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, SNC-Lavalin, and Aecon to construct North America's first Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at the Darlington New Nuclear Project site.
- Project Arrow, the first all-Canadian zero-emission connected concept vehicle is engineered, built, and tested at Ontario Tech University.



## Business Investment Highlights

The following non-exhaustive list details some key new businesses, strategic investments and retained/expanded businesses in Durham Region in 2022. Please note that this list does not include any retail or franchise opportunities and may include opportunities that our team did not directly support.

**Excelencia Consulting** locates Canadian office in 1855 Accelerator, Whitby.

**Key2Enable** has become a member of 1855 Technology Accelerator and is working on arranging resources for its entry in the Canadian market.

**Vegan Delights – Commercial Kitchen and Bistro** launched its commercial kitchen in Whitby.

**CloudTax** locates corporate office in 1855 Accelerator, Whitby.

Durham Region welcomes investments from **FGF Brands and Hi Tech Bay** to Pickering Innovation Corridor.

**Broccolini** continues construction of 685,000 square foot facility at Garrard Road in Whitby.

**Atlantic Packaging** expands its existing facility to add paper manufacturing.

**Agile Manufacturing** expands to Township of Brock.

**TriBro Studios** opens Sandy Beach Studios, a 165,000 square foot creative space with three sound stages in City of Pickering.

Durham College's new **Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture**, an urban farm on Regional land in Ajax broke ground.

**Kubota** celebrates grand opening of Canadian corporate headquarters in Pickering Innovation Corridor.

**Swegon North America** opens new facility and Canadian HQ in Town of Ajax.

**Lastman's Bad Boy** announce new corporate HQ and distribution centre in the Pickering Innovation Corridor.

**General Motor's Oshawa Assembly** adds third shift, bringing jobs total to 2600 since reopening.

**Ontario Power Generation** continues its decade-long collaboration with Durham College and Ontario Tech University through a new \$5-million investment.

**Ontario Tech University's ACE Climatic Wind Tunnel** opens enhanced space with Moving Ground Plane.

Federal government and Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority announce nearly \$30 million dollar investment into upgrading and extending the **Port of Oshawa**.



## Business Development and Investment Attraction



Responded to 157 Business Investment Inquiries – 28% Increase over previous year



Directly landed three investments: Keys2Enable, Vegan Delights and Excelencia Consulting

**148**  
leads remain open

10 national and international investment attraction missions

8 industry events, conferences, and trade shows

9 inbound delegations and site tours

In 2022, Invest Durham substantially advanced Regional relationships with important partner organizations for investment attraction, particularly with senior government investment attraction agencies both domestically and internationally. These senior agencies, or senior government staff of foreign governments, are critical to successfully attracting investment. Strong relationships result in an awareness of Durham’s brand, reputation, and value proposition for investment, and prospective investments are referred to Durham through these agencies.

## Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Invest Durham supported a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship organizations and initiatives, including:

- Spark Centre
- Synergy Pioneer Program
- 1855 Accelerator
- Business Advisory Centre of Durham (BACD)
- Durham Entrepreneurship Ecosystem
- OPEN.innovate Creative Arts Incubator of Durham Region
- Digital Main Street
- SiberXChange and SiberX Canadian Women in Cybersecurity
- Collision Conference
- Ontario Shores' Mental Health Innovation Incubator
- Durham Region International Film Festival Emerging Filmmaker Incubator
- The Durham Regional Technology Development Site, a part of the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN), a provincial network of advanced mobility support organizations. The local partnership includes the Spark Centre, Ontario Tech University, Durham College and Durham Region/Invest Durham

## Marketing

Promoting Durham Region for new investment and job creation.



### Twitter

2,199 followers  
1,829 interactions  
102% follower growth



### LinkedIn

3,829 followers  
6,510 interactions  
38% follower growth



### Instagram

1,978 followers  
2,266 interactions  
40% follower growth

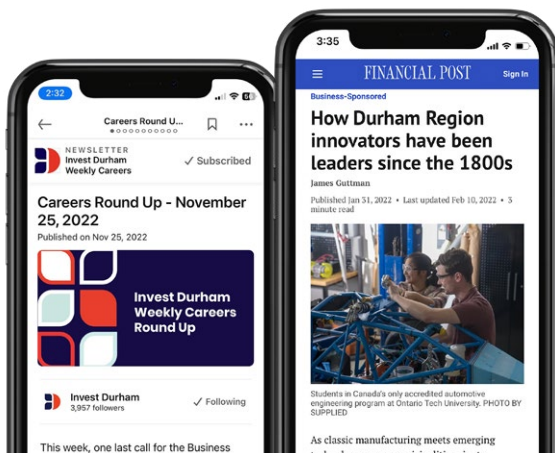
**1,766 subscribers to Invest Durham Enews**

## Invest Durham Marketing Initiatives

- Teamed up with Durham’s local innovation community—including the eight local municipal economic development teams; three post-secondary institutions; as well as 1855 Accelerator; and Spark Centre—to showcase Durham Region’s exciting development potential to businesses and investors at Collision Conference, resulting in more than 1000 connections.
- Supported 2 Access IO events to foster entrepreneurship and promote innovative technological solutions in the community.



**145% increase on Average Time spent on InvestDurham.ca between 2020 and 2022**



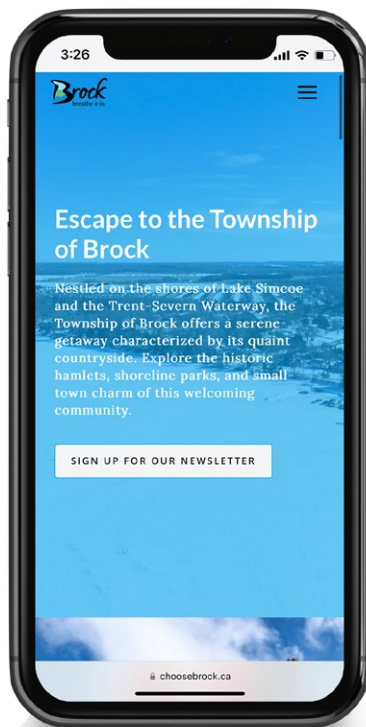
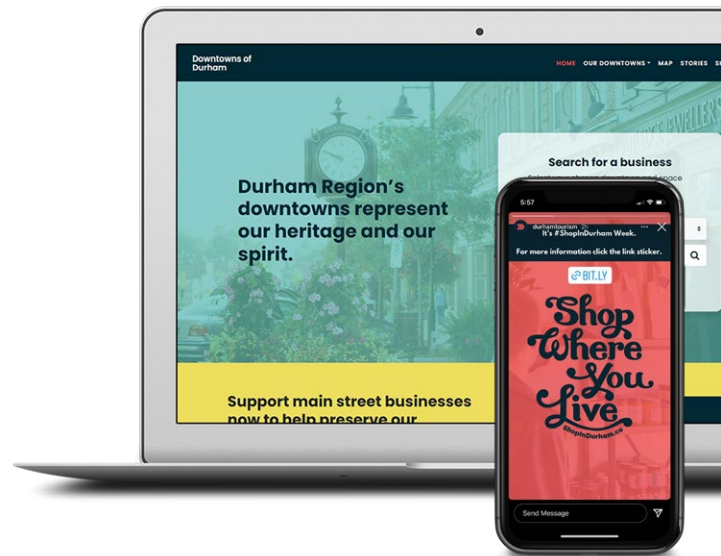
- 1387 subscribers following the launch of a Weekly Careers Round Up LinkedIn Newsletter
- 1,241,551 impressions of four-article series in Financial Post about Durham Region’s value proposition for investment.

## Tourism

With promotions to bring tourists to Durham limited by the pandemic, Durham Tourism focused significant effort on supporting local tourism businesses and operators as many experienced the most severe impacts to their business due to restrictions.

### Initiatives included:

- Shop Where You Live, Shop in Durham campaign—a joint effort with Durham’s Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade achieved a 61% year over year growth of the campaign landing page.
- Downtowns of Durham project—the website grew to reach over 62,000 page views in 2022, an increase of 7% over 2021.



### Other key initiatives include:

- The creation of a Township of Brock tourism website; partnership with North Durham events such as Winding Roads Festival, Mural Marathon, and the Uxbridge Holiday Trail.
- Celebrated the arts, culture and creative industries through partnerships with events such as Small Town Big, The OMA’s, Springtide Music Festival, The Troubadour Series and Culture Days.
- Supported the establishment of the inaugural Oshawa Orientation Experience event in partnership with the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, City of Oshawa, Durham College, Ontario Tech University, Trent University, Downtown Oshawa Business Alliance, Central Counties Tourism and the province of Ontario.
- Welcomed 150 guests to Feast on the Farm—an event supporting industry changemakers who are championing regenerative farming and sustainable practices—in partnership with the Culinary Tourism Alliance.

## Tourism



**7,729**

monthly e-newsletter subscribers



**4,160**

monthly industry e-newsletter subscribers



### Twitter

8,394 followers  
131,000 impressions  
Engagement rate 2.4%



### Instagram

9,363 followers  
835,000 impressions  
Engagement rate 4.1%



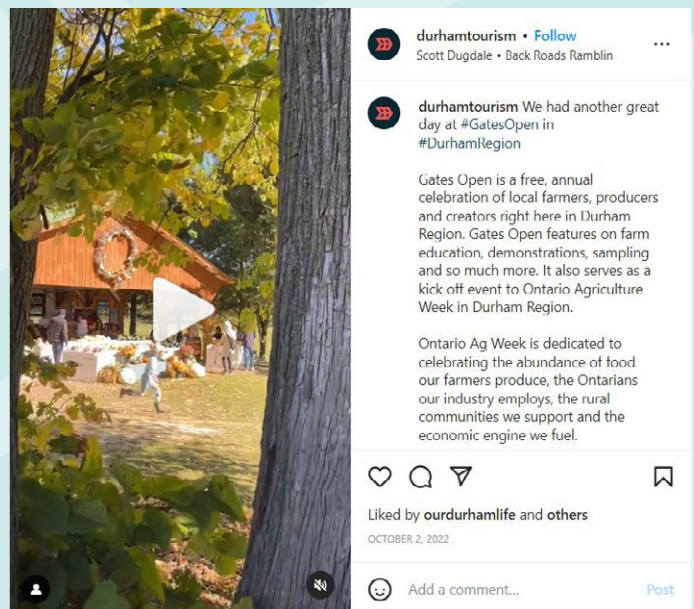
### Facebook

6,571 followers  
290,000 reach  
Increase +1%



## Tourism Initiative

Durham Tourism and Durham Farm Fresh co-hosted Gates Open: Find Your Flavour in October 2022. Gates Open is an annual celebration for Durham Farm Fresh members to “open their farm gates” and offer free, educational and experiential activities. Gates Open provides a platform for farms that are not typically open for visitors to participate in an on-farm diversified use. The 2022 event showcased 10 farms in Durham’s vibrant agriculture sector to 2,500+ visitors. The event received funding support from the Reconnect Ontario granting program.





## Sport Tourism

In 2022, Durham Region was selected to host the 2023 Ontario Parasport Games from February 3 to 5, 2023.

Under the leadership of Sport Durham, a Games Organizing Committee (GOC) was formed of more than 60 members. Activities included:

- Planning for Opening Ceremony, dinner, and reception
- Coordination of 11 sport competitions and 4 demonstration/try-it sessions
- Organization of food, accommodations and transportation of nearly 500 participants
- Improving accessibility for participants
- Securing sponsorships
- Games promotion and 100-day Countdown event



### Parasport Games Partnerships

- AccessNow mapping of Games venues and municipal facilities
- A pilot training program for accessible sport athletes
- Sensory support kits at libraries and Games venues
- A pilot program to add more adaptive sport and recreational opportunities at Durham College and Ontario Tech University
- Inclusive Athlete’s Lounge
- Collection of donations in support of Feed the Need in Durham

### Other sport tourism activities included:

- Oshawa/Durham Region selected to host 2023 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships
- Collaborated with City of Oshawa to bid on and host Quidditch Canada Eastern Regional Championship in November 2022
- Secured Ultimate Canada’s Canadian 4-on-4 Ultimate Championships for April 2023 (Oshawa) and Canadian High School Championships for May 2023 (Ajax)
- Sport Tourism Specialist joined Sport Tourism Canada Board of Directors
- Supported 2022 events including the Ontario Basketball Association Under 16 Boys, Under 17 Boys and Under 19 Ontario Cup Championships, Special Olympics Hometown Games Bowling and Softball tournaments, University and College National Badminton Championships and the annual ten-day Ontario Lacrosse Festival

## Rural and Agriculture



**817**  
bi-monthly industry  
e-newsletter  
subscribers



**7%**  
growth in number  
of social media  
followers



**530**  
total attendees at  
agriculture and rural  
workshops

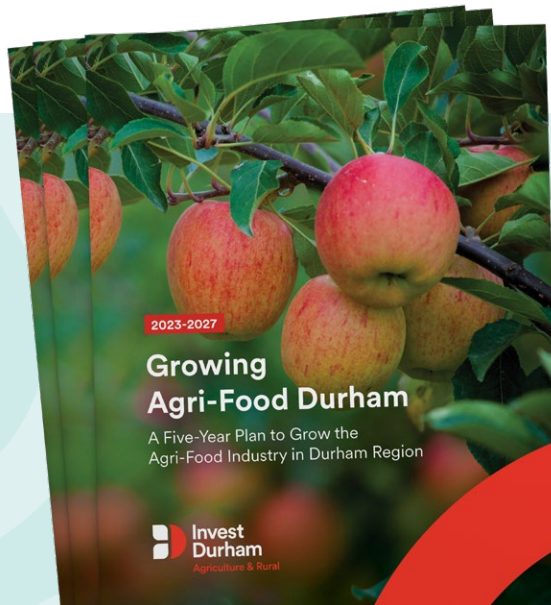
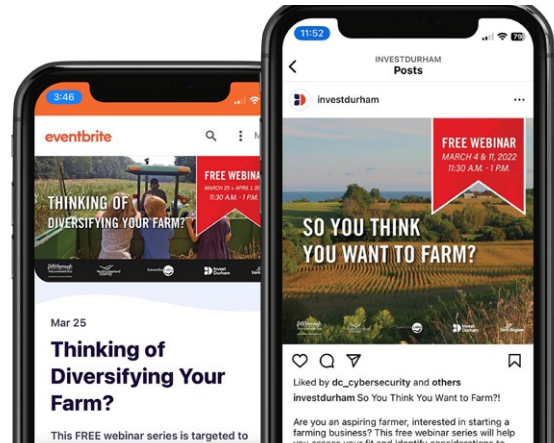


**400**  
participants in  
Vertical Farming  
101 webinar  
series

Completed the Uxbridge  
Downtown Revitalization  
Strategic Plan and Action  
plan in partnership with the  
Township of Uxbridge

**70** participants in Thinking of  
Diversifying Your Farm webinar series

**60** participants in the So You Think  
You Want to Farm webinar series



In June 2022, Regional Council endorsed the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan. A 5 Year Plan to Grow the Agri-Food Industry in Durham Region. This is an Action Plan associated with the Ready Set Future Regional Economic Development Strategy and focuses on advancing agri-food as a priority cluster for the region of Durham.

## Film Durham



**53%**

increase in film production days in Durham Region from 2021 to 2022



**37%**

in film production projects in Durham Region from 2021 to 2022



**65**

Helped to coordinate 65 film and television productions in Durham Region



## Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) 2022:



27 applicants to the DRIFF Emerging Filmmaker Incubator



3 sold out drive-ins showing works by diverse Canadian filmmakers



3 venues hosted Fall film festival series

**456 attendees**

at Film and Television Industry Career Fair hosted with 23 partners.

## Broadband

The Region of Durham advanced the 2019 Broadband strategy by incorporating the Region's broadband municipal services corporation, Durham OneNet Inc. to design, build, and operate the Regional Broadband Network. Visit [DurhamOneNet.ca](http://DurhamOneNet.ca) to learn more.



## Awards

### Economic Development Awards

- Invest Durham's Timeline of Innovation Ad won an Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) Marketing Canada Award in the category of Single Advertisement; an International Economic Development Council (IEDC) award for Excellence in Economic Development; as well as an IEDC Bronze Award for the print version.
- The Durham is Home Social Media Campaign won a EDAC Marketing Canada Award in the category of Social Media/Apps.
- Tap into Talent campaign earned an EDAC Award in the Advertising Campaign category.
- EDCO Economic Development Awards – Finalist; Shop Durham Region Marketplace, in collaboration with Whitby BIA, Finalist; Energy Campaign.

### AVA Digital Awards:

- Invest Durham Value Prop Video – Platinum
- Invest Durham Tap into Talent Video – Platinum
- Invest Durham Ag Careers Series – Honourable Mention
- Invest Durham Timeline of Innovation Campaign – Platinum
- Invest Durham Energy Campaign – Honourable Mention

### MarCom Awards:

- Invest Durham Innovation Ad Series – Gold
- Durham at Collision – Trade Show Exhibit – Honourable Mention
- Invest Durham Timeline of Innovation Campaign – Platinum
- Invest Durham Energy Campaign – Honourable Mention



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**Re: Recognizing the Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023:

**WHEREAS** Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

**AND WHEREAS** on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;

**AND WHEREAS** on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015 delivered 86 recommendations;

**AND WHEREAS** specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories; however, Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Violence Prevention Coordination Council of Durham (VPCC), which represents 35 local agencies including Luke's Place, Herizon House, and the Durham Rape Crisis Centre, reported a significant increase in demand for assistance from local IPV support providers on behalf of member Victim Services of Durham Region, with IPV victim support up 32% over four years and sexual violence victim support up 277% over four years;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and Lanark County have passed motions declaring an IPV epidemic, and acknowledging the 86 recommendations in the Renfrew County Inquest;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Ontario Government declare an IPV epidemic, as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and

2. The Region of Durham declare an IPV epidemic and integrate IPV into the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, as per recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
3. This motion be distributed to the Ajax MPP Patrice Barnes, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, the Region of Durham and Durham municipalities, Renfrew County, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca](mailto:Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,



Jason McWilliam  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Councillor N. Henry  
Regional Councillor M. Crawford  
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**Re: Establishing a Provincial Short Term Rental System**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023:

**WHEREAS** Ontario is facing a housing crisis and more can be done to ensure that new and existing housing units serve their intended use, which is to provide stable affordable housing options to the people of this province;

**AND WHEREAS** short term rental (STR) properties are sometimes prone to nuisances impacting others' enjoyment of their properties, notably in Ajax, noise, waste, excessive parking needs, and violence;

**AND WHEREAS** in rural tourist destinations , locals have found themselves priced out of the housing market because landlords find it more profitable to list as an STR;

**AND WHEREAS** other provincial governments are stepping into the monitoring and enforcement of short term rentals, including Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland which require STRs to register, or attain a business licence or permit in order to list with popular short term rental companies like Airbnb, and Vrbo;

**AND WHEREAS** STR hosts are also required to register for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on what they earn;

**AND WHEREAS** requiring licencing for Ontario's STR market is a logical next step;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**


1. Ajax Council requests that the Province of Ontario establish a short term rental licencing and enforcement system; and

2. This motion be circulated to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AJAX MPP Patrice Barnes, lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Big City Mayors.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca](mailto:Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,



Jason McWilliam  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee  
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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

April 17, 2023

To all Ontario Municipalities

## **Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

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At a meeting held on April 11, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #116-23:

### **Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

*Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton*

*Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber*

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs to all municipalities in Ontario.

**084-23**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto:blarmer@cobourg.ca) or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer  
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Returning Officer  
Legislative Services Department





<b>Moved By</b>	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	<b>Resolution No.:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	MUTTON	116-23
<b>Seconded By</b>	<u>Councillor Randy Barber</u>	<b>Council Date:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	BARBER	April 11, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs to all municipalities in Ontario.



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Judy Smith  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
[ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

***Motion 12***

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen*

*That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.*

***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Denny Giles  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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April 17, 2023

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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
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## Re: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

At a meeting held on April 11, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #114-23:

### Retaining the Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

*Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton*

*Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber*

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Essex and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction

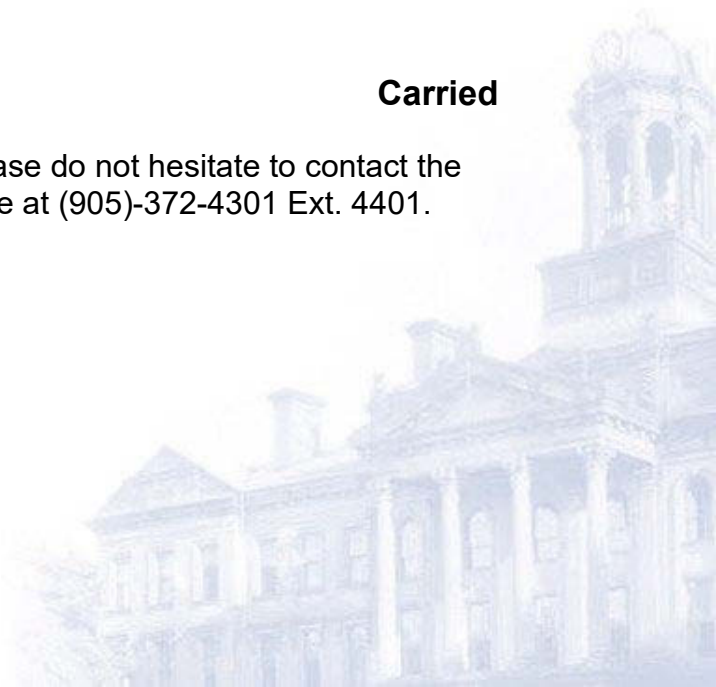
**084-23**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto:blarmer@cobourg.ca) or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer  
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Returning Officer  
Legislative Services Department





<b>Moved By</b>	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	<b>Resolution No.:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	MUTTON	114-23
<b>Seconded By</b>	<u>Councillor Randy Barber</u>	<b>Council Date:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	BARBER	April, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on April 11, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Essex and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

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**Honourable Steve Clark**

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

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Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**R23-03-081**

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

**That** Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Brown".

**Shelley Brown**

Acting Clerk

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*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Re: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

***Motion 14***

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett*

*That Council support item 'N' of correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.*

***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Denny Giles  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**Shelley Brown**

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Good afternoon,

At the regular meeting of the Town of Greater Napanee held on April 11, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Pinnell Jr., seconded by Councillor Hicks

That Council support the motion from the Town of Essex and direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Lennox and Addington Council, MPP Rick Bresee, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.  
 CARRIED.

**Katy Macpherson**



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# Northumberland County Council Resolution

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**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s (AMO) Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness**

At a meeting held on April 12, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-04-12-270.

**Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s (AMO) Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hankivsky

**Seconded by:** Councillor Logel

“**Whereas** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and

**Whereas** homelessness requires a range of housing, social service, and health solutions from government; and

**Whereas** homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and

**Whereas** municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge; and

**Whereas** leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Corporation of the County of Northumberland calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
3. Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal; and

**Further Be It Resolved That** County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.”

**Council Resolution # 2023-04-12-270**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,

Maddison Mather  
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County




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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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**Re: Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Township of Carlow/Mayo Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding *Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

*Moved by Councillor Pam Stewart  
Seconded by Councillor Elson Ruddy  
That Council support correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.  
-Carried-*

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [clerk@carlowmayo.ca](mailto:clerk@carlowmayo.ca)

Sincerely,  
Jenny Snider  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Carlow-Mayo

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
Stephen Blais – MPP, Orléans; Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy  
Ric Bresee – MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington  
Association of Municipalities of  
Ontario All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

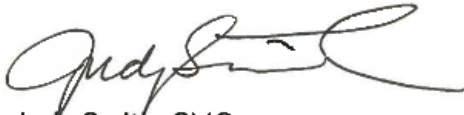
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at  
[ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Minutes

#### Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: G. Best, Whitby  
M. Cannon, Oshawa  
C. Des Granges, Clarington  
R. Fleming, Pickering  
G. Gordon, Whitby  
P. Haylock, Clarington  
K. Palinka, Oshawa  
T. Shomar, Clarington  
J. Vinson, Clarington  
**\*members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: None

#### Non-Voting Members

Present: Councillor Elhajjeh, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington  
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator, Municipality of Clarington  
B. Parayankuzhiyil, Facility Manager, Covanta

#### Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services  
A. Evans, Manager, Waste Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology  
L. Saha, Project Manager, Waste Management  
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

A. Evans, Manager of Waste Services, welcomed the new and returning committee members who were then given the opportunity to provide some of their background and their interest in the EFW-WMAC.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Elections**

A) Election of the Chair

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC).

Moved by P. Haylock, Seconded by K. Palinka,  
That Greg Gordon be nominated for the position of Chair of the  
Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Moved by P. Haylock, Seconded by R. Fleming,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

S. Ciani asked if G. Gordon wished to stand. G. Gordon indicated he would to stand.

G. Gordon was acclaimed to the position of Chair of the EFW-WMAC.

B) Election of the Vice-Chair

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Moved by G. Gordon, Seconded by T. Shomar,  
That Phil Haylock be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the  
Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Moved by G. Gordon, Seconded by R. Fleming,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

S. Ciani asked if P. Haylock wished to stand. P. Haylock indicated he would to stand.

P. Haylock was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the EFW-WMAC.

G. Gordon assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by C. Des Granges, Seconded by K. Palinka,  
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,  
September 27, 2022, be adopted.  
CARRIED

## 6. Presentations

### A) Presentation by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, and Andrew Evans, Manager, Waste Services, regarding Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives

Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, and Andrew Evans, Manager, Waste Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Why is Waste Management a Regional Service?
- Who Receives Waste Management Services?
- What Waste Management Services are Provided
- Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040
- Integrated Waste Management System
- 2022 Trends
- Green Bin Organics Tonnages 2013-2022
- Mixed Waste Pre-Sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility
- Short and Long-Term Organics Management Solution
- Blue Box Marketed Tonnes 2013-2022
- Blue Box Material Tonnes 2013-2022
- Extended Producer Responsibility – Blue Box
- Garbage Tonnages 2013-2022
- Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Operations
- DYEC Capacity Increase
- Landfills

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding the process of flaring at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC); why recommendation A) ii) of Report #2023-WR-3: Organics Management Plan – Next Steps to reduce the number of garbage bags for collection from 4 to 3 was removed; whether the blue box, garbage, and green bin tonnages can be broken down by municipality, and whether that information is made public; the implementation of extended producer responsibility (EPR), and what will happen to the Region's existing recycling facilities once EPR comes into

effect, and whether there are concerns that producers would begin to charge residents for recycling collection; what the energy generation is at the DYEC; and whether there are long-term plans for a physical expansion of the DYEC in the future.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the background of the proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington and the subsequent termination of the pilot, including whether the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) was consulted on the initial development of the pilot program. The Committee requested that Report #2023-WR-1: Update on the Proposed Clear Garbage Bag Pilot in the Municipality of Clarington be forwarded to all Committee members for their information.

**7. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**8. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

**9. Administrative Matters**

**A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2023-2024)**

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G. Gordon stated that when the 2022 EFW-WMAC Annual Report to the Municipality of Clarington's Council was presented, the Council discussed the following matters: the need for clear garbage bags to assist with increasing waste diversion; having high school students tour the DYEC; the multi-residential aspect of waste and diversion of green bin materials; and how the DYEC potentially affects or changes the standard deviation of air quality across Ontario. G. Gordon also highlighted the importance of outreach to the community, and how waste diversion can be addressed without the Region having an anaerobic digester or pre-sort facility.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to the EFW-WMAC 2023-2024 Workplan including whether the statistics noted in Section 3.1 of the workplan can be updated with 2023 figures; whether the inclusion of pet waste and/or diapers in the green bin would require specific devices such as biodegradable diapers and pet waste bags in order to be included in the green bin program; the curriculum program established by Works staff to be used when giving presentations to schools; and the possible establishment of a Waste Reduction Achievement Award.

Further discussion ensued regarding how propane tanks are addressed and disposed of at the Region's waste management facilities; donating the black



gardening pots back to local nurseries to be re-used by others as they cannot currently be recycled; and educating the public on the benefits of a compost bin and whether compost bins can be provided to the public as opposed to a second green bin.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the Committee researching all avenues of waste diversion, including the viability of a clear garbage bag program within the Region, looking at what other municipalities/countries have done regarding innovative waste diversion methods, and then putting forward a recommendation to the Works Committee for consideration.

Staff advised that numerous reports have been presented to the Works Committee and subsequently Council with respect to a clear garbage bag pilot program in the Municipality of Clarington, who ultimately decided to terminate the pilot program.

The Committee also requested a copy of Report #2009-WR-12: Results of Clear Bags Pilot Study in the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Pickering for their information.

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That we recommend to the Works Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the proposed 2023-2024 EFW-WMAC Work Plan be amended as follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under the heading of Section 5.2 b), add a new part ii) as follows, “Assist the Region’s Works Department with support to manage high density dwellings and their waste diversion”;

Under the heading of Section 5.2 c) iii.), add the word “what” after the words “assist with a communication of”; and

Under Section 5.3 c), add the word “innovative” after the word “assess”.

CARRIED

B) Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

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Discussion ensued regarding whether the May 23, 2023 EFW-WMAC meeting could be rescheduled as it falls after the Victoria Day long weekend. Staff advised they would look into whether that would be possible and report back to the Committee.

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That the following proposed 2023 EFW-WMAC meeting dates be approved:

- May 23, 2023
- September 26, 2023
- November 28, 2023

CARRIED

**10. Other Business**

A) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Technical Memorandum regarding Overview of Ambient Air Monitoring Programs in Durham Region

A copy of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Technical Memorandum regarding an Overview of the Ambient Air Monitoring Programs in Durham Region was received.

B) Participation in Waste Management Community Outreach Events

A. Evans advised that M. Smart will circulate the list of dates for the Community Compost Days and National Public Works Week at the DYEC if any members of the Committee are interested in participating in these events.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2023 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by K. Palinka, Seconded by G. Best,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk