



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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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-42](#)  
Date: May 19, 2023

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**Subject:**

2022 Durham Region International Film Festival

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Regional Council of the activities of the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) in 2022, which included a fall festival as well as other activities throughout the year.

**2. Background**

2.1 DRIFF is in its sixth year as a not-for-profit organization. The Economic Development and Tourism Division of the Region of Durham supports DRIFF through in-kind contributions, advertising, and promotional partnerships.

2.2 DRIFF promotes Durham as a world-class location for film, television, and digital media productions, supporting job creation and greater economic activity within the local film sector. The success of DRIFF also increases tourism, supporting local businesses such as restaurants, shopping, and overnight accommodations.

### 3. Events Overview

- 3.1 DRIFF's 2022 three-day fall festival, held September 29 to October 1, 2022, hosted local and international filmmakers, connecting them with audiences through post-screening question-and-answer periods, workshops, and networking events.
- 3.2 In 2022, DRIFF was held at three venues in Durham Region:
- a. The Centennial Building in the Town of Whitby hosted the Thursday, September 29th Opening Night Gala, which included a red-carpet experience, props display and reception. The feature film *Stay the Night* which won DRIFF's People's Choice Award screened at this event. It has gone on to receive two Canadian Screen Award nominations.
  - b. St. Frances Centre in Town of Ajax hosted the Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> event, which started with a pre-screening party followed by a producers' and directors' panel discussing the filmmaking process. The event included the North American premiere of *Bulldog*.
  - c. The Biltmore Theatre in the City of Oshawa hosted the Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> event, which included a "Foley Workshop", "Behind the Scenes with Cast and Crew" panel and homegrown short films during the day, as well as an evening screening of *Revival69: The Concert that Rocked the World* followed by question-and-answer session, awards ceremony, and performance by local musicians.
- 3.3 Film festival submissions were received from more than 20 countries across six categories, including documentary, student, and feature films.
- 3.4 Throughout the year DRIFF produced additional and complimentary events to the festival. These events leverage the power of film to enhance cultural experiences in Durham Region:
- a. DRIFF in a Jiff: in partnership with The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, screenings are held at RMG Fridays, a free evening of live music and art activities on the first Friday of the month from September to June.
  - b. Emerging Filmmaker Incubator: supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, this initiative had entries from 27 emerging filmmakers with strong connections to Durham Region. The filmmakers competed to win \$30,000 and an equipment grant to create a short film under the guidance and supervision of industry experts. The resulting film was screened at DRIFF's August Drive-in.

- c. Drive-In Series “Shifting the Narrative II”: This initiative provided an educational and interactive opportunity for audiences to explore storytelling from diverse, successful Canadian filmmakers, pairing acclaimed feature films with short films by emerging Canadian directors. The drive-in series was held in June, July, and August at the Town of Whitby Municipal Building.
- d. DRIFF/Cinechats Alliance: This event brought the best of DRIFF short films to the Biltmore Theatre on December 11. Films were screened to an audience of more than 100 guests, with post-film chats with John Arkelian, founder of Cinechats.

3.5 The 2022 DRIFF events often sold out. Approximately 900 people attended DRIFF events in 2022.

3.6 In 2023, DRIFF will be held from October 19 to 21 at the Town of Whitby Centennial Building, St. Frances Centre in Ajax, and the Biltmore Theatre in Oshawa. DRIFF plans to continue to offer positive, inspiring programming that educates, entertains, and enlightens our local communities while creating local economic impact.

#### **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 3 – Economic Prosperity: To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation, and partnership.
  - Priority 3.1 - Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business
  - Priority 3.2 - Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
  - Priority 3.4 - Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs

#### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 DRIFF is a cultural asset in Durham Region, playing a significant role in enhancing recognition for Durham Region as a home to the film and television industry.

5.2 Each year DRIFF fosters community pride, provides positive economic benefits, and shows how Durham Region is a welcoming and inclusive community. In future years, DRIFF will continue to grow and offer experiences that bring people together through the art of cinema.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: [#2023-INFO-43](#)  
Date: May 19, 2023

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**Subject:**

Blackstock Landfill Mining Naturalization Project

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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 information on the Blackstock Landfill Mining Naturalization project.

**2. Background**

2.1 The primary objective of the mining phase was to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the closed landfill and assess the feasibility of recovering energy from previously landfilled waste. This work has been completed.

2.2 The objective of the naturalization phase of the decommissioned Blackstock Landfill site is to create a self-sustaining ecosystem with improved surface and groundwater quality and soil conditions to reduce long-term monitoring and management of the site. This will also support the establishment of native vegetation and more diverse wildlife habitat opportunities.

**3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

3.1 Report #2020-INFO-9 provided a complete summary on the Blackstock landfill mining project.

#### 4. Landfill Mining Phase

- 4.1 The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) has seven (7) landfills under its jurisdiction. Each of these landfills can be classified as a “legacy/historical” landfill. The landfills predate many provincial regulations, contain older waste, and have minimal or no engineered controls in place to mitigate potential environmental effects associated with leachate and greenhouse gas generation and migration.
- 4.2 The Blackstock landfill is on Edgerton Road east of Regional Road 57, near Blackstock, in the Township of Scugog. It is approximately two hectares (4.9 acres) in size and is estimated to contain approximately 30,000 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of waste. The site was closed, and a soil cap was installed when waste disposal operations ended in 1975. A transfer station was operated at the site by the Region until 2004. A groundwater and surface water monitoring program was initiated by the Region in 2003 with annual reporting to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).
- 4.3 The mining phase of the Blackstock Landfill was completed in 2019. Approximately 27,000 m<sup>3</sup> of landfill waste was mined, with 9,000 m<sup>3</sup> removed from the site. The remaining 18,000 m<sup>3</sup> was designated as “fines” and used to backfill the landfill footprint upon completion of the mining activities. The “fines” are a mixture of mostly sandy landfill soil material and refuse smaller than 50 mm that was separated from the larger waste materials during trommel screening operations. Overall, approximately 5,054 tonnes of waste, 98 tonnes of recyclables, 160 tonnes of concrete, 450 tires, and 200 m<sup>3</sup> of logs and tree stumps were excavated from the landfill for disposal and recycling.
- 4.4 Large woody debris (e.g., tree stumps), wood chips and boulders were separated, stockpiled and retained for use in site naturalization. The remnant “fines” were backfilled, covered hydroseeded for soil stability.
- 4.5 Since the installation of a leachate monitoring well after completion of the landfill mining project, groundwater chemical analysis results continue to detect elevated concentrations of several non-health related parameters, which is partially attributed to aeration and movement of the waste during excavation. Other parameters have exhibited a decline since the landfill mining project was undertaken.

## **5. Landfill Naturalization Phase**

- 5.1 The Blackstock Landfill site is in the Greenbelt's Protected Countryside land use designation and is identified as being within the Natural Heritage System. The Blackstock Creek watershed is one of four watersheds draining north from the Oak Ridges Moraine into the broader Lake Scugog watershed in an area regulated by Kawartha Conservation. Due to adjacent wetlands and watercourses the naturalization project required approval and permits from Kawartha Conservation.
- 5.2 There is a wide variety of wildlife habitat communities that surround the site including mixed forest vegetation, small meadow marsh wetland, and large shallow marsh wetland (Attachment #1). Replicating some of the habitat features observed on the adjacent land was used to enhance natural habitat availability and improve landscape connectivity.

## **6. Design Elements**

- 6.1 With the Shallow Marsh Wetland in a portion of the site, Kawartha Conservation requested that the Region create turtle nesting habitat as part of the naturalization design. Other wildlife opportunities that were implemented on site include the creation of a snake hibernaculum, amphibian/reptile and small mammal refuges with woody debris piles; enhancement of pollinator habitat; and provision of several types of biologically diverse vegetation communities.
- 6.2 Plant and tree species were chosen to help remediate any remaining contaminants within the topsoil-capped fines mound remaining in the landfill. Poplar and willow are among the most preferred tree species for phytoremediation because they grow rapidly and can withdraw large quantities of water and nutrients and provide root surface area for beneficial microbes.

## **7. Blackstock Landfill Naturalization Project Summary**

- 7.1 The project began in September of 2020. In addition to erosion control measures, some areas were regraded to improve drainage and allow other areas of the site to retain water to blend with the surrounding wildlife habitat communities. All excess fill was used to create berms to further diversify the habitat.
- 7.2 All exposed areas of the site were topped with a combination of the topsoil that was reused from the site supplemented by compost from the Regions green bin program.

- 7.3 Several seed mixtures were chosen to provide biologically diverse vegetation communities that will attract pollinator species, provide habitat and a food source for wildlife. In addition, tree and shrub species were planted throughout the site, with preference given to species that are capable of remediating contaminants on the topsoil-capped fill mound and other areas chosen for habitat or food.
- 7.4 In 2021 a closure plan was prepared for the site which includes the details of the landfill mining operation and naturalization project. As contaminant concentrations in the groundwater are expected to decrease over time, the closure plan recommends that the existing monitoring program be modified by reducing the sampling frequency and reporting frequencies at the site, and in some areas reducing the number, of samples, or sampled parameters. A technical review of the draft closure plan has been completed by the MECP. Their comments and recommendations are currently under review by Regional staff.

## **8. Site Naturalization Progress**

- 8.1 The site is inspected regularly by Regional staff and consultants for any signs of erosion to the cap or vegetative distress.
- 8.2 Year one following the construction showed very promising results. Many of the pollinator plants were in bloom throughout spring, summer and fall seasons. A survival rate of approximately 80 per cent was noted in the shrubs and trees planted. Many insects including bees were observed during site visits as well as evidence of deer and fox presence.
- 8.3 Year two showed very dense vegetation cover and no signs of erosion. The silt fencing was removed in December of 2022 when the ground was frozen to reduce the impact caused by the equipment during its removal.
- 8.4 In year two there were very dry summer conditions resulting in a high mortality rate in the trees and shrubs. Additionally, some areas developed Queen Anne's Lace which invaded this area, choking out many of the intentional plantings. Attachment #2 contains photos of all phases of the naturalization phase.
- 8.5 Staff are working with Scouts Canada and the Region's Sustainability Office through to provide replacement trees and shrubs for 2023 and/or 2024 planting. As part of site work in 2023, measures to control the spread of Queen Anne's Lace will be attempted and affected areas replanted with the intended pollinators.

## **9. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 9.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability – Objective 1.2 - Increase waste diversion and resource recovery
  - b. Goal 1: Environmental Sustainability – Objective 1.4 - Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change

## **10. Conclusion**

- 10.1 Overall, both the landfill mining and naturalization phases of the project have been successful.
- 10.2 The landfill mining presents an option and opportunity to address environmental concerns associated with closed landfills; recovering energy from reclaimed waste; recycling previously landfilled materials (metals, concrete, and tires); reducing or eliminating the need for longer-term groundwater monitoring or requirements to establish a Contaminant Attenuation Zone (CAZ) to meet regulatory compliance; improving groundwater quality; removing Regionally owned landfill sites from the Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and from the Regional Municipality of Durham's annually reported landfill closure and post-closure liabilities; and, reclaiming Regionally owned land for sale or other higher value-added uses.
- 10.3 For additional information, contact: Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 4102.

## **11. Attachments**

- 11.1 Attachment #1: Photos of wildlife habitat communities surrounding Blackstock site.

11.2 Attachment #2: Photos of all phases of the Blackstock Naturalization following the Blackstock Landfill Mining Project

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Jenni Demanuele,  
CPA, CMA, Director, Corporate Infrastructure  
and Strategic Business Services  
for

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John Presta, P.Eng., MPA  
Commissioner of Works

# Attachment #1 Wildlife Habitat Communities Surrounding the Blackstock Landfill

## Photos of Surrounding Wildlife Habitat Communities



**Mineral Cultural Meadow**



**Mineral Meadow Marsh**



**Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh**



**Organic Meadow Marsh**



**Fresh-Moist Hemlock Mixed Forest**

Location Map showing the overall study area surrounding the Blackstock Landfill





**Construction**



Figure: October 2020-During Construction



Figure: Pile of woody debris salvaged from landfill mining



Figure: Construction of Snake hibernaculum (2020)



Figure: Snake hibernaculum (2020)



Figure: Completed snake hibernaculum (2021)



Figure: Completed snake hibernaculum (2021)



Figure: Turtle nesting habitat (left) (2021)



Figure: Close up of turtle nesting habitat (Spring 2022)

### **Hydroseeding**



Figure: Hydro seeding and reusing logs from landfill to create habitat for small mammals (2020)



Figure: Small mammal habitat created from reused logs from landfill (2021)

Pollination



Figure: Pollinator species in bloom (July 2021)



Figure: Bumble bees

Figure: In bloom (Oct 2021)



Figure: May 2022



Figure: July 2022.

Invasive Queen Anne's Lace is out competing the beneficial plant species previously planted. Further reseeding of beneficial plant species will be made to control the invasive Queen Anne's Lace plant.



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April 17, 2023

Via email: [ltcminister@ontario.ca](mailto:ltcminister@ontario.ca)

Ministry of Long-Term Care  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

**Re: Resolution – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services**

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At their April 11, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution requesting the provincial government to support community driven home care services through the redirect of ministry beds in abeyance funding:

**THAT staff be requested to send a letter to the provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services.**

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Chris Bantock  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford  
Matthew Rae, MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities

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May 15, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

SENT BY EMAIL TO: Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 3, 2023, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 3**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the Township of Amaranth urges the Provincial Government to:

1. Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
2. Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Sylvia Jones MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information in this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk

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# FORTFRANCES

## BOUNDLESS

May 15, 2023

### RE: RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

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Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Town of Fort Frances Council considered and adopted the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 195**

Moved By: Mandi Olson  
 Seconded By: Steven Maki

**WHEREAS** Fort Frances recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Fort Frances;

**WHEREAS** addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

**WHEREAS** mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Fort Frances and the surrounding communities;

**WHEREAS** Fort Frances Council acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

**WHEREAS** addressing and responding will require strategies and practices specific and uniquely designed for Fort Frances and surrounding communities;

**WHEREAS** Fort Frances Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

**WHEREAS** challenges of mental health, addictions and homelessness are not unique to Fort Frances; Fort Frances and surrounding communities hold the greatest prevalence of opioid crisis within Ontario;

**WHEREAS** Fort Frances Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

**WHEREAS** Fort Frances Council acknowledges that a declaration of emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from a senior government level.

**THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Fort Frances ("**Council**") conveys the following comments as submissions to the Commission:

1. THAT **Council** directs staff to send a letter to all municipalities in Ontario, surrounding First Nation communities, MPs and MPPs, requesting letters of support advocating for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis;

And FURTHER THAT these letters be forwarded to Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the federal and provincial government advocating the need for additional resources and support towards the current opioid crisis in Northwestern Ontario.

2. THAT **Council** recommend and support the Northwestern Health Unit establish a north or northwest regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies, and others as appropriate, in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources."

CARRIED

Sincerely,

  
Gabrielle Lecuyer, AOMC  
Clerk

ms/GL

May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO.**    **2023-293**  
**DATE:**                    **May 9, 2023**  
**MOVED BY:**            **Councillor Hirsch**  
**SECONDED BY:**        **Councillor MacNaughton**

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**WHEREAS** the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

**WHEREAS** the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

**WHEREAS** the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

**THAT** our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO



May 11, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO.**    **2023-294**  
**DATE:**                    **May 9, 2023**  
**MOVED BY:**            **Councillor MacNaughton**  
**SECONDED BY:**        **Councillor St-Jean**

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**WHEREAS** the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and **WHEREAS** recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

**WHEREAS** every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, and rural areas see an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence; and

**WHEREAS** this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide, and in Prince Edward County, 233 domestic violence investigations in 2022 were led by the OPP, and service provision by Alternatives for Women was provided to over 100 women and their children per year in our community; and

**WHEREAS** violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward has recognized that issues of violence against women in rural communities are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward recognizes that:

- the Renfrew Inquest is important to all rural communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community; and



**From the Office of the Clerk**  
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**THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women are epidemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to all 444 municipalities of Ontario, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO





The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Re: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms**

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

**Motion 13**

*Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*

*Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.*

**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: Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, Region of Waterloo  
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
All Ontario Municipalities

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April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

**Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;**

**AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;**

**AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from**

**engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.**

**THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

**AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at [RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca) or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

WS/hk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0  
Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

May 12, 2023

**Re: Res. #23-11-29 – School Board Elections**

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-29 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports in principle, the Town of Petrolia's resolution regarding School Board Elections;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Michael Mantha, the County of Lambton, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk  
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May 12, 2023

**Re: Res. #23-11-30 – Municipal Insurance Cost**

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-11-30 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports, in principle, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk  
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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;  
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

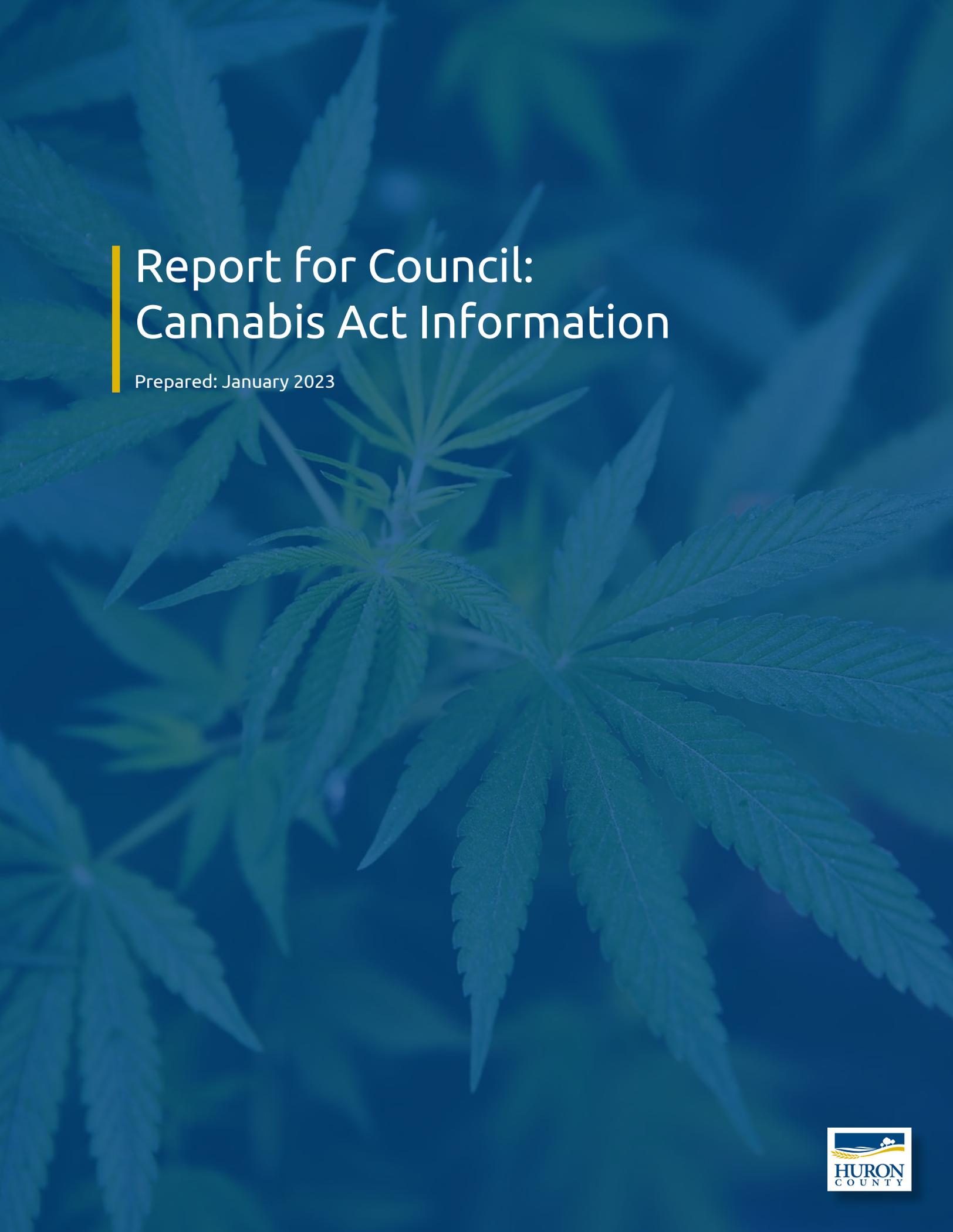
impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the beginning.

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of cannabis leaves, rendered in a monochromatic blue color. The leaves are detailed, showing their serrated edges and vein structure. A vertical yellow bar is positioned to the left of the main title.

# Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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## Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

## Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

### 1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

## **2. Personal and Designated Production**

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.

## Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

## Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

## Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

## Recommendations for Further Advocacy

### **Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)**

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

### **Call to Action Letter**

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
- Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

## Further Resources

### **The Cannabis Act: The Facts**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

### **The Cannabis Act**

[https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018\\_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework)

### **Cannabis Information for Municipalities**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

### **Ontario: Cannabis Control Act**

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

## Correspondence Received by Council

### **Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton**

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

## Appendix A

Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

## Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

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October, 5, 2022

**To:** Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat  
Health Canada  
Address locator 03021  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliance to municipal by-laws;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

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In conclusion, we strongly recommend enhanced consultation with municipal governments and request further notice and consultation with the County of Huron when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations dealing with matters related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

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{insert date}

**To:** {insert recipient}

**Re:** Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

{insert motion}

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

{insert motion}

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Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
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On behalf of Huron County Council

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Hon. Graydon Smith  
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 Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

Sent via email  
[minister.mnrf@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mnrf@ontario.ca)

**RE: Section 28 Regulation Mapping Annual Update**

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Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed the [Section 28 Regulation Mapping](#), at its meeting on April 28, 2023, adopting Resolution A#71/23 as follows:

**WHEREAS in 2019, TRCA staff undertook the first jurisdiction-wide update to TRCA's Section 28 Regulation mapping update since 2006 in consultation with member municipalities, the public, and the building industry;**

**WHEREAS at TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved, stating that staff continue to make updates to the Regulation mapping on an annual basis;**

**WHEREAS staff have now updated the Section 28 Regulation mapping to reflect the most currently available information;**

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the 2022 updates to TRCA's regulation mapping be endorsed by the TRCA Board of Directors for internal use, for municipal staff screening purposes, and for public viewing on TRCA's website;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario, and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.**

TRCA's Section 28 Regulation mapping annual update is based upon the most current information available related to regulated natural hazards and natural features and follows the guidance provided by Conservation Ontario for regulation mapping updates.

The implementation of the updated mapping will not result in any changes to the day-to-day functions and procedures for TRCA's roles and does not undermine the decisions made through the development review process and applications in progress do not have to "re-start" the process based on being inside an area affected by the mapping updates.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mary-Ann Burns, Senior Manager, Provincial and Regional Policy at [MaryAnn.Burns@trca.ca](mailto:MaryAnn.Burns@trca.ca) or (437) 880-2299.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hyde  
 Clerk and Manager, Policy

cc. John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA  
 Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer, TRCA

Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning, TRCA  
Mary-Ann Burns, Senior Manager, Provincial and Regional Policy, TRCA  
Angela Coleman, Conservation Ontario, [acoleman@conservationontario.ca](mailto:acoleman@conservationontario.ca)  
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[Section 28 Regulation Mapping \(Report\)](#)

## Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Friday, April 28, 2023 Meeting

**FROM:** Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning

**RE:** **SECTION 28 REGULATION MAPPING**  
Annual Update

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### KEY ISSUE

To seek Board of Directors' endorsement of the annual update to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Section 28 Regulation mapping based upon the most current information available related to regulated natural hazards and natural features.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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**AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario, and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.**

### BACKGROUND

TRCA has a regulatory permitting responsibility to protect people, the environment and property from natural hazards associated with flooding, erosion and slope instability, and to conserve valley lands, wetlands, watercourses and the shoreline of Lake Ontario. Pursuant to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act, TRCA administers a "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation", (the Regulation), approved by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and known as Ontario Regulation 166/06, as amended. Key objectives of the Regulation include preventing or reducing the risk to life and property; minimizing negative impacts on natural features, functions, and systems; and preventing the creation of new hazards or aggravation of existing hazards.

The Regulation enables TRCA to prohibit or regulate development in areas of land

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associated with natural hazards, wetlands and watercourses, collectively known as TRCA's Regulated Area.

In the Conservation Authorities Act, "development" is defined as:

- Construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind;
- Any change to a building or structure that would have the effect of altering the use or potential use of the building or structure, increasing the size of the building or structure or increasing the number of dwelling units in the building or structure;
- Site grading; or
- Temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere.

The Regulation also prohibits, in the absence of a permit from TRCA, alteration of the channel of a watercourse and interference with a wetland.

The areas of land where TRCA's Regulation applies are:

- **River and stream valleys**, including valleys with stable and unstable slopes, plus an allowance of 15 metres surrounding the valley;
- **Floodplains and areas subject to stream-related erosion** (meander belts) where valleys are not clearly defined on the landscape, plus an allowance of 15 metres surrounding these areas;
- **Lake Ontario Shoreline**, including associated flooding, erosion, slope instability and dynamic beach erosion hazards, plus an allowance of 15 metres inland from these areas;
- **Watercourses**;
- **Wetlands and areas surrounding wetlands**, where development could interfere with the hydrologic function of a wetland (areas of interference). This includes 120 metres surrounding Provincially Significant Wetlands, wetlands on the Oak Ridges Moraine and 30 metres surrounding all other wetlands; and
- **Hazardous lands**, which are lands that could be unsafe for development due to flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock.

Each of these natural hazards and environmental features and the associated regulated areas are described in law through the text of the Regulation. However, given the specific geographic areas to which the Regulation applies, and the need to represent these areas visually, the Regulation also provides for the creation of Regulation mapping. This mapping can be updated by TRCA as new information becomes available.

TRCA Board of Directors Meeting #6/19, held on Friday, June 21, 2019, Resolution #A116/19 was approved as follows:

THAT staff continue to make updates to the Regulation mapping on an annual basis;

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TRCA staff have now completed the 2022 annual update to the Regulation mapping in consultation with TRCA development, infrastructure, enforcement, and technical review staff.

### **Bill 23 and the Conservation Authorities Act**

It should be noted that as of the time of writing, the amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and recently published regulations do not affect the 2022 regulation mapping update. TRCA's Ontario Regulation 166/06 remains in effect until such time as the Province establishes a new regulation for all conservation authorities under the new section 28 of the Act. TRCA Policy Planning staff will continue to monitor the ERO for provincial regulations that may affect TRCA's policies and procedures with respect to its Regulation and regulation mapping and will keep TRCA staff and the Board informed accordingly.

### **RATIONALE**

#### **Regulation Mapping: What it is and how it works**

TRCA's Regulation mapping is a tool that conceptually shows the area of land within TRCA's jurisdiction that is likely to be subject to the Regulation. The Regulation limit boundary is based on the best technical information available to TRCA at the time of the preparation of the map. The mapping represents spatial information for each of the regulated features and areas, which is integrated to form one conceptual boundary of the Regulation limit. TRCA's Reference Manual – Determination of Regulation Limits provides the standards and criteria used for the mapping of these features and areas.

Technical analysis that supports the mapping includes flood plain studies, provincial wetland mapping, ecological land classification mapping, digital elevation models, aerial photography, watercourse meander belt analysis, watercourse location mapping and Lake Ontario shoreline hazard assessment studies. Site-specific investigations and studies are required to precisely define the location of hazards and features and the legal extent of the Regulation, which typically occurs through consultation between landowners and TRCA staff during the review of a development application or proposal.

The mapping is not a "statutory map", which means that the mapping does not have the force of law. The actual regulatory requirements are found within the provisions of [Ontario Regulation 166/06](#). The mapping is best considered as a screening tool for TRCA, municipalities and the public that indicates where the Regulation likely applies, thereby assisting with implementation of TRCA's regulatory permitting responsibilities. This contrasts with a more rigid boundary such as a schedule of a municipal zoning by-law.

#### **The Regulated Area is not a Development Limit**

The mapping does not indicate areas where development is prohibited, but rather areas where development needs to consider potential constraints from natural hazards or features, and for which a permit is required from TRCA prior to development activity commencing.

In addition to facilitating TRCA's permitting responsibilities, the mapping is also used to inform:

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- Solicitor/Realtor Property Inquiries to TRCA;
- TRCA's delegated responsibility to represent the provincial interest for natural hazards;
- TRCA's review of applications under the [Planning Act](#) and [Environmental Assessment Act](#) (in accordance with the [Conservation Authorities Act](#) and [Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation Ontario Regulation 686/21](#));
- Municipal Comprehensive Reviews, including natural systems mapping
- Official Plan Reviews and Comprehensive Zoning By-law updates, including hazard land mapping.

### **Updated Regulation Mapping Protocol**

TRCA has the ability to update the mapping as new information becomes available. Updates to the Regulation mapping improve its accuracy with respect to what is likely regulated by TRCA, thereby enhancing certainty for landowners considering or proposing development. This also assists both TRCA and municipal staff conducting development and infrastructure reviews. The last jurisdiction-wide update was completed in 2021.

The current 2022 annual update to the existing regulation mapping has been undertaken to reflect new technical information on current aerial photography. In 2019, we committed to establishing a protocol for conducting and tracking future incremental mapping updates in a consistent and timely manner, and to report to the Board in the case of an update that involves substantial changes.

Coordination between the internal Policy Planning and Business and Data Analytics (BIDA) teams resulted in a codified workflow and protocols describing project scope, timeline, and staff roles. Staff established an internal consultation process involving an open call for update requests from development and infrastructure plan review staff, enforcement staff, and technical staff (engineers and ecologists), use of an internal online mapping platform for tracking and enabling staff review of proposed updates, and working sessions conducted with plan review and technical staff to review specific update requests. The product of this effort is updated draft Regulation mapping.

TRCA is following the guidance provided by Conservation Ontario for regulation mapping updates. It is important to note that only the mapping is being updated; there are no legislative changes to the text of the Regulation driving the mapping update. Furthermore, there is no legal requirement for municipal council approval of the updated mapping.

### **Regulation Mapping Update Results**

Changes to the mapping include:

- Revised wetland and area of interference limits associated with new and updated wetland mapping by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and TRCA;
- Adjustments to flood hazard limits as a result of updated floodplain mapping; TRCA staff work with municipal staff to ensure awareness of these updates.
- Changes to features and hazards resulting from as-built development approved

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by TRCA (e.g., watercourse channel realignments);

- Adjustments to wetland area of interference limits associated with changes in as-built development approved by TRCA (e.g., Greater Golden Horseshoe Built Boundary updates); and
- General refinement of regulated features resulting from detailed site examination and field verification of properties through the development and infrastructure review processes (e.g., top of bank staking) and/or site visits.
- Adjustments to shoreline hazard limits as a result of updated shoreline hazard mapping – In 2021, TRCA’s Engineering Services staff, using National Disaster Mitigation Funding, retained professional engineering consultants to undertake a study to update shoreline hazard mapping along the Lake Ontario shoreline across TRCA’s jurisdiction. The [Board report on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Mapping Project](#) was received at the October 28, 2022 TRCA Board of Directors meeting and the completed [study](#) (November 2022) is posted on the TRCA Flood Risk Management webpages. TRCA planning staff have been working with City of Toronto planning staff on informing landowners to ensure awareness of the updated mapping, particularly where the shoreline hazard mapping captures existing residential area. Both City and TRCA staff have been using the updated shoreline hazard limits since the Shoreline Hazard Mapping Project was published, to inform their review of development applications in these areas.

### **Tracking, Notification, and Future Updates**

Once endorsed, staff will distribute the updated mapping to TRCA municipalities for their use. TRCA will notify Conservation Ontario and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as neighbouring conservation authorities and stakeholders, of the update. In addition, the publicly available “Regulated Area Search” page on TRCA’s website will be updated to include the new mapping. Changes to the Regulation mapping are tracked in TRCA’s Geographic Information System (GIS) databases and will be recorded on each of TRCA’s 132 Regulation maps that span the jurisdiction.

Regularly updated regulation mapping will continue to ensure that TRCA staff, municipalities, stakeholders, and the public have the most accurate and current information to inform decision-making. It also contributes to TRCA’s service delivery, for example in pre-consultation meetings and walk-in counter service, and enhances coordination between TRCA and municipal staff.

### **Implementation and Transition**

The implementation of the updated mapping will not result in any changes to the day-to-day functions and procedures for TRCA’s roles. It is important to reiterate that the Regulation mapping does not undermine the decisions made through the development review process and applications in progress do not have to “re-start” the process based on being inside an area affected by the mapping updates.

### **Relationship to TRCA’s 2022-2034 Strategic Plan**

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA’s 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

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### **Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:**

- 1.1 Deliver provincially mandated services pertaining to flood and erosion hazards

### **Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:**

- 1.4 Balance development and growth to protect the natural environment ensuring safe sustainable development

### **Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:**

- 2.4 Integrate environmental considerations and science into decision making

## **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Funding to support policy and planning input and GIS services for the mapping products was provided by capital funding from TRCA's participating municipalities in account 120-12.

## **DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE**

Following Board endorsement, TRCA staff will:

- Conduct a quality control check on the draft updated mapping;
- Update the Regulated Area Search tool on TRCA's website with the final updated Regulated Area mapping and place notification on website;
- Distribute the final updated Regulated Area mapping to member municipalities;
- Continue to monitor the mapping for future changes that will be compiled and implemented on an annual basis;
- Continue to monitor the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for provincial initiatives or regulations that have implications for TRCA's Regulation and regulation mapping, and will keep TRCA staff and the Board informed accordingly;
- Training with municipal staff on the regulation mapping or the regulation upon request;
- Continue to provide regulation mapping criteria data layers to municipalities for comprehensive official plan and zoning by-law updates, etc., upon request; and
- Continue to keep the building industry informed on mapping updates and other initiatives through the BILD Working Group and provide training upon request.

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE**

**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 8:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### **1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment**

Chair Samuel read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Present: S. Bookal, Community Member  
S. Byrne, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative  
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Vice-Chair  
R. Coelho, Community Member  
A. Frempong, Community Member  
B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
T. Hancock, Community Member  
Councillor Lee, Regional Council  
J. Munawa, Community Member  
B. Nelson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative  
C. Oyeniran, Community Member  
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Chair  
Councillor Shahid, Regional Council  
K. Vieneer, Community Member  
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative  
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
R.O. Pule, Community Member

#### **Staff**

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,  
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting  
held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**6. Presentations**

A) Tara Sutton, Stiletto Consulting, re: Durham Region – Intelligent Communities

Tara Sutton, Stiletto Consulting, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham Region – Intelligent Communities.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- Durham: Intelligent Communities Update & Discussion
- Intelligent Communities: Project Overview
- What is an Intelligent Community
- Timelines
- Who is Stiletto: Make a Point
- What we have heard so far

T. Sutton asked if the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce would be interested in participating in a steering committee and/or working group to identify key priorities. It was the consensus of the committee to take this under due consideration and advise at a future time.

T. Sutton responded to questions with regards to what data is being collected and what the data is being used for; what major issues the steering committee would be assisting with; the time commitment involved with being on the steering committee; the diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the intelligent community; and the availability and affordability of fibre optic cable in the urban and rural areas of Durham Region.

A. Hector-Alexander advised the committee would identify if this project, including participation on a steering committee, could intersect with the Council approved DRART workplan.

**7. Information Items**

There were no information items.

**8. Discussion Items**

A) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) Workplan

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A. Hector-Alexander shared the 2022 Annual Workplan and asked Committee members to provide input, feedback and thoughts. She advised that a Workplan is required to be provided to Regional Council for adoption.

Discussion on taskforce priorities ensued and members shared ideas including: preparing a speaker's bureau to develop a speaker's series; advocating for more police reform; having more presence in the community; engagement with other anti-racism committees and diversity, equity, and inclusion groups; identifying important tasks from the four areas of focus in the 2022 Workplan; scope around tasks; sharing and collecting data; networking with other organizations; identifying gaps and needs; using Regional Council to advocate to the Province; preparing a workplan working document to allow for everyone's input; and creating relationships with other community members.

**9. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby..

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by G. Wilson-Beier, Seconded by A. Frempong,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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N. Samuel, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk