



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health  
Report: [#2023-INFO-55](#)  
Date: June 23, 2023

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**Subject:**

2023 Health Plan

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) priorities for 2023.
- 1.2 The [2023 Health Plan](#) has been posted on durham.ca.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The aim of the Health Plan is to report DRHD's annual priorities, according to its families of programs and services. Priorities are based on DRHD's vision, mission, mandate, and population needs.
- 2.2 Priorities are reported under the following program categories: Health Analytics & Business Affairs; Health Protection; Healthy Families; Healthy Living; Infectious Diseases; Paramedic Services; and Quality Assurance and Improvement.
- 2.3 The Health Plan is a key component of DRHD's 'Accountability Framework' that also includes: the Durham Health Check-Up!; Health Information updates; Program Reports; Quality Enhancement Plans; business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

### **3. Highlights**

- 3.1 The 2023 Health Plan highlights the 2023 approved budget, full-time staff positions by each program and identifies 78 priorities which reflect restoration and recovery efforts.

### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 After almost three years of focusing efforts on pandemic response, DRHD has now restored all programs and has identified priorities for all regular programs and services in the [2023 Health Plan](#).

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: [#2023-INFO-56](#)  
Date: June 23, 2023

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Bank of Canada Reacts to Consumer Consumption Growth and Persistent Inflation with Another Interest Rate Increase

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report updates Regional Council on the economic environment, as monitored by the Finance Department, including key economic indicators and their impacts on the local economy and Durham Region programs.

1.2 Economic highlights include:

- The April 2023 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased year-over-year by 4.4 per cent. Price pressures continue, with food and shelter and household affordability still major concerns, although energy and construction costs are lower.
- On June 7, 2023, the Bank of Canada raised interest rates by 0.25 per cent and many economists predict further increase(s) including on July 12, 2023.
- Growth in GDP outpaced forecasts for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023, growing by an annualized 3.1 per cent.
- Unemployment rates remain low, with the national rate at 5.2 per cent and Ontario's rate at 4.8 per cent.
- The job vacancy rate fell 20 basis points to 4.5 per cent in March 2023, the lowest rate since mid-2021 - employee earnings continued to rise.
- According to the April 2023 Bank of Canada surveys of consumer and business expectations, most consumers think the Bank's ability to get inflation back to target (two per cent) is hampered by high government spending and businesses see inflation remaining over two per cent until at least 2025.

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## **2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 This report updates the April 28, 2023, Report #2023-INFO-31 “Paused Interest Rate Hikes, Reduced Recession Fears but many Struggling with Still Higher Food and Shelter Costs.”

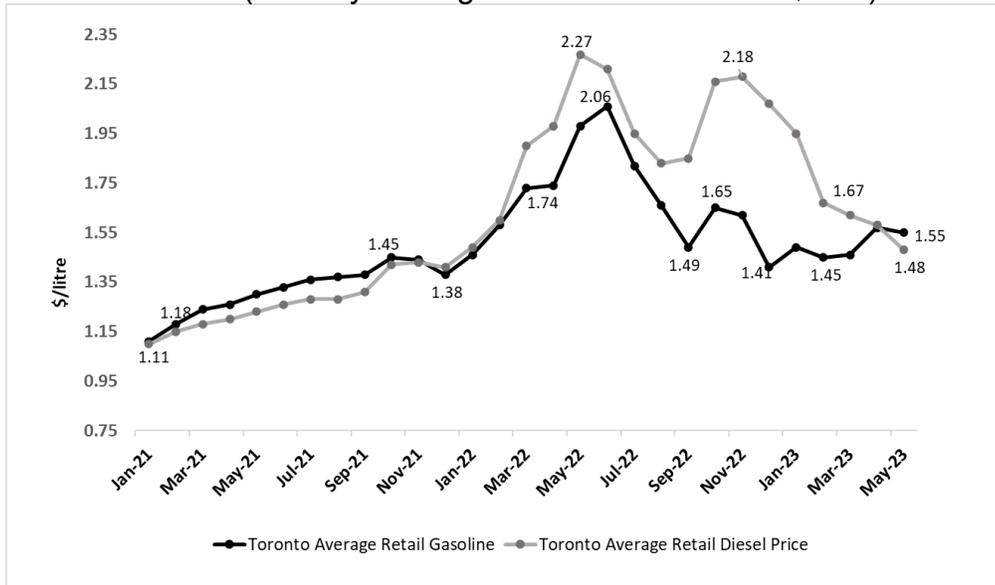
## **3. Consumer Price Index (CPI): Canadian Headline Inflation**

- 3.1 The CPI rate of increase bumped up slightly higher to 4.4 per cent in April 2023 year-over-year, compared to the 4.3 per cent increase recorded March 2022 to March 2023.
- 3.2 While gasoline prices fell 7.7 per cent, giving consumers some reprieve, significant household debt levels, rising shelter and mortgage interest rate costs, and continuing food price escalation remain worrisome. There was an 8.3 per cent inflationary increase in grocery store food prices between April 2022 and April 2023. Year-over-year, CPI shelter costs in April 2023 had increased another 4.9 per cent since April 2022.
- 3.3 Statistics Canada noted, “Canadians continued to pay more in mortgage interest cost in April (plus 28.5 per cent) compared with April 2022, as more mortgages were initiated or renewed at higher interest rates. The higher interest rate environment may also be contributing to rising rents in April 2023 (plus 6.1 per cent) by stimulating higher rental demand. The year-over-year increase in the homeowners' replacement cost index slowed for the 12th consecutive month in April (plus 0.2 per cent) compared with March (plus 1.7 per cent), reflecting a general cooling of the housing market.”
- 3.4 The Region's material inputs and services are also directly impacted by higher pricing. While price increases are on a downward trend, Statistics Canada notes that the overall price of goods increased by 4.0 per cent year-over-year in April 2023 compared to April 2022, while services' cost increases in Canada increased 4.8 per cent over the same reference period.
- 3.5 The next CPI Release date utilizing May data is on June 27, 2023.

## **4. Energy Costs**

- 4.1 According to Natural Resources Canada (Figure 2), the Toronto benchmark average monthly retail price of gasoline in May 2023 was 21.7 per cent lower than May 2022 at \$1.55 cents per litre. Toronto diesel prices also fell significantly over the same one-year period from \$2.27 per litre to \$1.48 per litre in May 2023 (a decrease of 34.8 per cent). Despite the previous year showing improvement for consumers, both gasoline and diesel prices are still close to 20 per cent higher compared to two years ago, May 2023 versus May 2021, when pricing was between \$1.23 per litre (diesel) and \$1.30 per litre (gasoline). Figure 3 shows that natural gas supply costs decreased 66 per cent April 2022 to April 2023 (excluding distribution).

Figure 2: Price Escalation of Diesel and Gasoline January 2021 to April 2023  
(Monthly Average Toronto Benchmark \$/litre)



Source: Natural Resources Canada

Figure 3: Natural Gas Prices  
(Union Dawn Ontario Price Canadian \$/cubic meter)



Source: Sproule Holdings Limited

## 5. Material Input Prices

- 5.1 The Statistics Canada Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI) measures price changes for products manufactured in Canada and reflects 22 industrial product price categories. Year-over-year, May 2022 to May 2023, the trend for the IPPI Index overall, is down 6.3 per cent since May 2022. This follows a 3.5 per cent year-over-year drop for April 2022 to April 2023. Table 1 shows another significant drop in lumber and wood product prices, down 35.7 per cent year-over-year. Energy and petroleum products are down 33.2 per cent, while primary ferrous and non-ferrous metal products are down 12.7 per cent and 2.0 per cent respectively over the same period. The Overall IPPI for Canada reached a peak of 132.7 in May 2022 and by May 2023 had fallen to 124.3.

Table 1: Statistics Canada Industrial Product Price Index Price Level by Product Category

Product Category	IPPI Price Index		Year over Year % Change
	May 2022	May 2023	
Primary Ferrous Metal Products	168.8	147.4	-12.7%
Primary Non-ferrous Metal Products	147.4	144.5	-2.0%
Lumber & Wood Products	186.9	120.1	-35.7%
Fabricated Metal Products & Construction Materials	142.6	140.0	-1.8%
Machinery & Equipment	109.8	117.6	7.1%
Chemicals and Chemical Products	135.8	124.2	-8.5%
Packaging Materials and Containers	125.2	129.8	3.7%
<b>Total Industrial Product Price Index</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>124.3</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, Industrial product price index, by select product, by month

## 6. Housing Market

- 6.1 In Durham, the average price for existing home transactions in May 2023 was \$988,644, or 0.7 per cent lower than the May 2022 average price of \$995,688 (and significantly off the pricing peak of \$1,175,010 in January 2022). However, Durham's average price has moved higher since December 2022 with May 2023 up 3.4 per cent compared to April 2023. The month-to-month increase may be less a trend and more seasonal, as there is usually an increase in transactions in spring. The recent Bank of Canada interest rate increase may also subdue activity in the coming months.
- 6.2 In May 2023, Peel, Halton, and Toronto saw the greatest year-over-year price decreases in the GTA, with prices falling between 3.0 per cent (Toronto) and 3.3 per cent (Peel) and Halton falling in between at a 3.1 per cent decrease May 2022 to May 2023.

Table 2 - Toronto Regional Real Estate Board:  
Summary of Select Existing Home Transactions  
(All Home Types – Average Price)

	Year-over-Year		Durham Peak Jan-22	Monthly Changes		
	May-22	May-23		Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
<b>Durham</b>	995,668	988,644	1,175,010	905,175	956,240	988,644
<b>York</b>	1,369,657	1,377,590	1,519,583	1,318,479	1,369,724	1,377,590
<b>Peel</b>	1,180,883	1,142,062	1,291,955	1,033,797	1,102,352	1,142,062
<b>Halton</b>	1,313,651	1,273,198	1,484,265	1,221,215	1,289,479	1,273,198
<b>Toronto</b>	1,233,748	1,197,021	1,073,111	1,046,656	1,120,352	1,197,021

Source: Toronto Regional Real Estate Board

- 6.3 On April 27, 2023, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) released its Spring 2023 “Housing Market Outlook.” Chief Economist at CMHC, Bob Dugan noted that, “...declining house prices and weaker housing supply are expected to continue to affect Canada’s housing market in 2023. While prices have declined, homeownership will be less affordable because of higher mortgage rates and still-elevated price levels. Rental affordability will also likely decline as demand outpaces rental supply. We foresee a significant drop in housing starts in 2023 than seen in the 2020-2022 period, but some recovery in 2024 and 2025. Consequently, supply gaps in Canada’s most expensive and supply-constrained housing markets, including Vancouver and Toronto, will worsen. Economic recovery and high immigration will add to housing demand in 2024 and 2025, but challenges related to affordability and supply will persist. We also look at an alternate scenario to reflect our concern about significant downside risks from elevated household debt, prolonged inflation, and elevated interest rates.” (CMHC, page 4)
- 6.4 The impact on the housing market from population growth is very significant, especially in the major migrant destination points of Toronto and Vancouver. According to Statistics Canada, for many years Canada has led population growth amongst G7 members and is amongst the 20 fastest growing countries in the world. Canada's population was estimated at 39.6 million January 1, 2023, after record population growth of 1.05 million people during 2022. In March 2023, Statistics Canada noted 2022 was “... the first 12-month period in Canada's history where population grew by over one million people, and the highest annual population growth rate (+2.7%) on record since...1957 (+3.3%) ... then related to the high number of births during the post-war baby boom and the high immigration of refugees following the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.”
- 6.5 Also affecting housing supply in Ontario, according to the Statistics Canada Housing Statistics Program release of May 23, 2023, (2020 data), the share of in-province investors owning three or more properties reached a level of 2.9 per cent, which essentially means over 400,000 Ontarians own three or more real estate properties. Established immigrants landing prior to 2010 comprise a higher

share of property investors than their share of the provincial population as do established residents aged 55 and older. Interestingly, women represent approximately 50 per cent of resident investors, but were underrepresented among Ontario's investors with three or more properties at 47.1 per cent, relative to their share of the provincial population (50.7 per cent). Statistics Canada defines an investor as an owner of at least one residential property that is not used as their primary place of residence.

## **7. Bank of Canada Interest Rate Increase**

- 7.1 The Bank of Canada on June 7, 2023, raised its target overnight rate from 4.5 per cent to 4.75 per cent, the ninth increase since March 2022, when the ascent from 0.25 per cent began. The Bank of Canada cited stubborn inflation, a stronger than anticipated economy, strong consumption growth (even for interest sensitive goods), increased recent housing activity, higher services demand, and a still tight labour market, despite higher immigration levels and employment participation rates boosting the supply of workers.
- 7.2 Given the lag-time between interest rate hikes and resulting impacts, the Bank of Canada will continue to assess economic indicators and their effects on inflation ahead of the next July 12, 2023 interest rate announcement. The Bank of Canada aims to keep inflation, as measured by the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI), within a "control range" of one to three per cent, with a target of two per cent, although this may prove difficult over the next year or two. Many forecasters think another quarter of a per cent increase will follow July 12<sup>th</sup> (e.g., RBC, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup) and that rates could possibly exceed 5.0 per cent before a peak is reached.

## **8. Household Affordability**

- 8.1 Higher interest rates, inflation and indebtedness will continue to erode disposable incomes with potential hardships for lower income households. According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), May 23, 2023, release "Risks to Canada's economy remain high, as household debt levels continue to grow" rising household indebtedness "...makes Canada's economy very vulnerable to any global economic crisis..." particularly if widespread job losses result. CMHC also notes there are some signs of increased household financial difficulties. Over time, disproportionate debt servicing burdens, will reduce other spending levels and can blunt aggregate economic growth.
- 8.2 CMHC noted that Canada's household debt is the highest in the G7 nations and surpasses the value of our entire economy as measured by GDP. Statistics Canada reports the ratio of Canadian household debt to GDP at 102.64 for the fourth quarter of 2022, with GDP at market prices totaling \$2.194 trillion for the first quarter 2023.
- 8.3 Three quarters of Canada's household debt consists of mortgages. Both required down payments and mortgage levels have been increasing along with rising house prices. The recent increase in interest rates will make carrying debt even

less manageable for many Canadians.

- 8.4 At the household level mortgage liabilities as a share of total households' assets were 11.5 per cent for all households (CHMC), however for those in the two lowest income quintiles, CMHC reports mortgage liabilities as a share of assets between 14.9 per cent and 15.4 per cent, compared to 8.4 per cent for the highest income quintile.
- 8.5 In terms of measuring household cash flow burdens, while in the fourth quarter of 1990 the average ratio of debt to disposable income was 90.5, Statistics Canada reports that it had reached a peak at 185.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2022 and finished 2022 slightly off that peak at 183.0 per cent, still double the ratio of debt to disposable income in 1990.
- 8.6 Statistics Canada's May 31, 2023, data release, also showed household disposable incomes decreasing in the first quarter of 2023 by one per cent, from \$1.56 billion to \$1.54 billion, for the first time since the fourth quarter of 2021 when household disposable income sat at \$1.44 billion. Strong labour and housing market conditions in the first quarter had a positive impact on employee compensation and household rental incomes, however these gains were offset by decreased government transfers (as the previous quarter included the one-time GST top-up and provincial inflation relief measures while the first quarter 2023 also included Covid support repayments made by households and higher mortgage costs due to continuing mortgage renewals at higher interest rates).

## **9. Labour market**

- 9.1 According to Statistics Canada June 9, 2023, Labour Force Survey, for the first time since August 2022, the Canadian unemployment rate increased, rising 0.2 per cent nationally to 5.2 per cent. The Ontario unemployment rate increased more significantly in May 2023, from 4.9 per cent in April to 5.5 per cent. In Ontario, unemployment increased by 53,700, although population growth also had an impact on the rate, as from April to May, an additional 33,000 new workers arrived in the province, while the participation rate remained steady at 65.5 per cent.
- 9.2 These increases in the unemployment rate, it should be noted follow very solid employment gains since September 2022. While the national rate has changed little since, employment gains from September to January 2023 totaled 336,000. Nationally in May 2023, employment declines were noted in business, building and support services, professional, scientific, and technical services, although employment increased marginally in manufacturing, utilities, and other services.
- 9.3 Given a still tight labour market, Canada's average hourly wages increased 5.1 per cent on a year-over-year basis to \$33.25 per hour in May 2023, according to Statistics Canada.

## **10. Canadian Economic Growth Outlook**

10.1 Within its April 12, 2023, Monetary Policy Report, the Bank of Canada noted it expects Canada's economy, as measured by average annual real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), to grow by 1.4 per cent in 2023, 1.3 per cent in 2024 and, 2.5 per cent in 2025. The first quarter of 2023, though, showed a slightly higher pace. According to Statistics Canada's May 31, 2023, data release, Canada's real GDP grew by 0.8 per cent January to March, after no material change for the last quarter of 2022. For the first quarter 2023, growth in household spending (up 1.5 per cent for goods and 1.3 per cent for services) and higher international trade (exports up 2.4 per cent) were offset by decreased investments in housing (down 3.9 per cent) and lower business machinery and equipment investments (down 2.5 per cent) as well as lowered business inventories.

## **11. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

- Economic Prosperity: To build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth, innovation, and partnership.

## **12. Conclusions**

12.1 While there is considerable economic uncertainty and risk, there is no doubt about the resolve of the Bank of Canada to get inflation under control. While most analysts were caught off guard by the June interest rate increase, an increasing number of economists are predicting more increases to come, given recent data showing expanding economic fundamentals: an uptick in already high inflation, strong GDP growth outpacing forecasts, still low unemployment rates, higher employee earnings and job vacancies.

12.2 Price pressures are anticipated to continue across the board, with food and shelter costs and household affordability still major public policy concerns and no magic bullet in sight to significantly achieve supply and demand balance within the housing market, especially in the Greater Toronto Area, a key destination for record immigration already struggling with a shortage of housing supply.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: [#2023-INFO-57](#)  
Date: June 23, 2023

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**Subject:**

Confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by S&P Global Ratings

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of S&P Global Ratings' confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 On January 30, 2023, Regional staff met with representatives of S&P Global Ratings (S&P) to review the credit fundamentals of the Regional Municipality of Durham and their impact on the Region's Triple "A" credit rating. The presentation included the approved 2023-2032 water supply and sanitary sewer capital and debt forecasts. After the presentation, Regional Finance staff provided the updated capital and debt forecasts from the 2023 Regional Property Tax Business Plans as approved by Regional Council.

2.2 The 2023 water and sewer and property tax budgets reflected an increase of \$1.57 billion in capital and \$400 million in debt over 2023 to 2032 based on the 2022 forecast. The Region is moving into a significant infrastructure construction phase (64 per cent of the forecast debt is related to water and sewer infrastructure and seven per cent is related to transit electrification).

2.3 Based upon their review, S&P affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook in a report released on April 27, 2023. Durham Region is one of fourteen municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by S&P.

- 2.4 The confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" credit rating by S&P complements an earlier announcement by Moody's Investors Service reaffirming the Region's Triple "A" rating.

### **3.0 Highlights of Durham's Major Credit Strengths as Identified by S&P**

- 3.1 S&P bases its ratings on local and regional governments according to six main rating factors. Durham continues to receive the highest score available on key rating factors, such as the economy, financial management, budgetary performance, liquidity and debt burden.

- 3.2 According to S&P, Durham's diversified local economy is strong and remains a key credit strength. Major sectors, such as energy, agriculture, tourism, innovative technology, and public administration continue to provide stability to the economy. Population growth is also strong, and the Region continues to experience more densification in urban areas.

*"Durham continues to enjoy a very strong and growing economy, which we expect will continue to draw investment in the medium term."*

- 3.3 According to S&P, Durham's prudent financial management also remains key to the Region's creditworthiness. Durham's strong financial management practices and policies and a commitment by Regional Council to multi-year planning allow the Region to manage service delivery challenges and accommodate future risks and uncertainties.

*"Financial management is a credit strength, in our view. The administration is experienced and works with the region's council to enact policies and undertakes long-term financial planning to achieve fiscal sustainability."*

*"Management has systems in place to monitor expenditures and has demonstrated a culture of controlling costs."*

*"Master plans for major programs and service areas underpin Durham's well-established long-term financial planning process. The region has a long-established asset management program."*

*"We also view Durham's debt and liquidity policies as prudent. The management team took adequate measures to mitigate revenue loss and higher expenditures at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we believe it will respond prudently to the expected reduction in development charges revenues for many types of buildings as a result of the provincial Bill 23 (The More Homes Built Faster Act)."*

- 3.4 The Triple “A” rating for Durham by S&P is supported by Durham’s strong budgetary performance and a track record of positive operating results. These results ensure the Region is able to meet expenditures and financial obligations, while keeping debt levels very manageable.

*“Durham’s operating performance will remain robust, in our view, despite the increasing service needs of an expanding municipality and inflation. We expect operating balances will modestly decline in the next two years compared with recent strong results but remain very strong overall, ...”*

*“The capital program includes a larger debt requirement and we expect the region’s debt burden, including debt on-lent to the lower-tier municipalities, will rise to 70% of operating revenues. Nevertheless, although this is notably above current levels, we believe the debt burden is manageable. Furthermore, even with the expected use of reserves to fund capital, we believe the region’s liquidity position will remain a credit strength.”*

*“The stable outlook reflects our expectation that management will use its flexibility to maintain strong operating results and that after-capital balances will remain in a surplus, on average, despite increasing capital requirements. It also reflects our view that the increased debt burden is manageable and liquidity will remain very high.”*

- 3.5 However, the agency also provided words of caution for Durham. S&P recognizes that Durham will undertake a large capital program to address growth-related needs and accommodate strong population growth, leading to an increased debt burden program over the forecast period.

*“Projected growth will also spur the increased need for service and capital in the next two years. Although the management team remains prudent and is taking steps to mitigate rising costs with property tax increases, after-capital results will weaken in the next two years despite continued strength in operating performance.”*

*“Although unlikely in the next two years, we could take a negative rating action if a quicker pace of development in the region and in related operating and capital needs caused expenditure growth to persistently exceed that of revenues.”*

**4.0 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" credit rating by S&P complements an earlier announcement by Moody's Investors Service reaffirming the Region's Triple "A" rating.
- 4.2 The Region's Business Planning and Budget process reflects the credit principles that are fundamental to the Region's Triple "A" credit rating. The rating is also a testament to Regional Council's long-standing commitment to supporting prudent financial policies and plans that maximize the up-front financing of capital infrastructure projects, ensure manageable debt levels and maintain adequate reserves and reserve funds to fund liabilities, contingencies and capital infrastructure.
- 4.3 Maintaining the Triple "A" credit rating is an important achievement for the Region. The Region's exemplary fiscal results and disciplined approach to long-term financial planning are guided by the principles of fiscal sustainability, financial flexibility and taxpayer affordability.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 23, 2023

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – June 18, 2023

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Health  
Department

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**June 18, 2023**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/2p9fxkem](https://tinyurl.com/2p9fxkem)**

- Durham Region Health Department begins weekly beach monitoring for 2023 (Jun 9)

**[tinyurl.com/3wv4hs7b](https://tinyurl.com/3wv4hs7b)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jun 15)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/yckzzp7d](https://tinyurl.com/yckzzp7d)**

- Statement from Minister Duclos on World Food Safety Day 2023 (Jun 7)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3bxp3v8b](https://tinyurl.com/3bxp3v8b)**

- Building a sustainable future: Canada's progress in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Jun 7)

**[tinyurl.com/bdtn9uuu](https://tinyurl.com/bdtn9uuu)**

- Canada is addressing current and emerging labour demands in health care (Jun 8)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yt7twu3k](https://tinyurl.com/yt7twu3k)**

- Stronger chemicals management and the right to healthy environment: Canada's cornerstone environmental law has been modernized (Jun 14)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/8d829ccs](https://tinyurl.com/8d829ccs)**

- Statement from the Minister of Health on drug and other health product shortages (Jun 5)

**[tinyurl.com/mtwucfkd](https://tinyurl.com/mtwucfkd)**

- Government of Canada takes action to disrupt the illegal importation and distribution of precursor chemical used to make illegal fentanyl (Jun 5)

**[tinyurl.com/2kjmtj9p](https://tinyurl.com/2kjmtj9p)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – Clean Air Day (Jun 7)

**[tinyurl.com/yjcsbwsz](https://tinyurl.com/yjcsbwsz)**

- Government of Canada Supports Research on COVID-19 Treatments for Transplant Recipients (Jun 9)

**Natural Resources Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mu2nkvas](https://tinyurl.com/mu2nkvas)**

- Government of Canada Tables the Canadian Sustainable Jobs Act to Enable the Creation of Good, Middle-Class Jobs Across Canada (Jun 15)

### **Prime Minister's Office**

[tinyurl.com/55szdtn](https://tinyurl.com/55szdtn)

- Statement by the Prime Minister of World Environment Day (Jun 5)

### **Public Health Agency and Canada**

[tinyurl.com/436v53xv](https://tinyurl.com/436v53xv)

- Government of Canada to help advance work on breast cancer screening (Jun 8)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Energy**

[tinyurl.com/276wm3am](https://tinyurl.com/276wm3am)

- Ontario Expands Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Jun 12)

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

[tinyurl.com/mrxfxu46](https://tinyurl.com/mrxfxu46)

- Annual Rabies Bait Drop Begins (Jun 16)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment**

[tinyurl.com/ye66xwcd](https://tinyurl.com/ye66xwcd)

- Clean Air Day: Doctors escalate pressure on federal government to ban fossil fuel advertising (Jun 7)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/a557t6cf](https://tinyurl.com/a557t6cf)

- Canada becomes first country to require a health warning directly on every cigarette (Jun 6)

[tinyurl.com/3w2jphzj](https://tinyurl.com/3w2jphzj)

- Canadian Cancer Society applauds Government of Canada investment to expedite review of breast screening guidelines (Jun 9)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/ytmb35cr](https://tinyurl.com/ytmb35cr)

- Canada's health care providers urge premiers to ensure health care remains a priority (Jun 5)

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

[tinyurl.com/yckk6rdb](https://tinyurl.com/yckk6rdb)

- FAO projects budget surplus of \$0.5 billion in 2022-23 followed by growing surpluses (Jun 13)

### **Lung Health Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/2x4a5mw3](https://tinyurl.com/2x4a5mw3)

- Clean air and the lung health of Canadians are a high priority (Jun 7)

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

**[tinyurl.com/54kexy38](https://tinyurl.com/54kexy38)**

- Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner urges government to put up guardrails around public sector use of AI technologies (Jun 7)

**Statistics Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/4t2265cn](https://tinyurl.com/4t2265cn)**

- Canada's population reaches 40 million (Jun 15)

**World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/3ajy4fh2](https://tinyurl.com/3ajy4fh2)**

- Countries set out way forward for continued negotiations on global agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (Jun 17)



## MATACHEWAN

PO Box 177 , Matachewan , Ontario , P0K 1M0  
Tel: 705-565-2274

April 19, 2023

## RESOLUTION

**Agenda Item # 12.1 Regular Council Meeting**

**Resolution # 2023-122**

**Moved By : Dianne Gilbert**

**Seconded By : Mike Young**

**THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support the Town of Essex regarding reinstatement of legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales, as per there letter dated March 22, 2023.

**Carried**

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
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Mark Stickel  
Mayor



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX**

33 Talbot Street South, Essex, Ontario, N8M 1A8

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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,

**Shelley Brown**

Acting Clerk  
[sbrown@essex.ca](mailto:sbrown@essex.ca)

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**c.c.** Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
[minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca)

Mary Birch, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
[mbirch@countyofessex.ca](mailto:mbirch@countyofessex.ca)

Anthony Leardi, MPP  
[anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org](mailto:anthony.leardi@pc.ola.org)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario ("AMO")  
[resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

All other municipalities in Ontario



**MATACHEWAN**

PO Box 177 , Matachewan , Ontario , P0K 1M0  
Tel: 705-565-2274

May 31, 2023

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution # 2023-163**

**Agenda Item # 7.1 Special Council Meeting**

**Moved By : Cheryl Drummond**

**Seconded By : Mike Young**

**THAT** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support Resolution #145-23 of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg.

**Carried**

Mark Stickel  
Mayor

Cheryl Swanson  
Clerk



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg  
Legislative Services Department  
Victoria Hall  
55 King Street West  
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2

**Brent Larmer**  
Municipal Clerk/  
Director of Legislative Services  
Telephone: (905) 372-4301 Ext. 4401  
Email: [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto:blarmer@cobourg.ca)  
Fax: (905) 372-7558

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

May 1, 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Premier Doug Ford  
MP Philip Lawrence  
MPP David Piccini  
All Ontario municipalities

## **Re: Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022**

Please see attached Resolution adopted at the Cobourg Municipal Council meeting held on May 1, 2023.

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 Adam Bureau</u>	<b>Resolution No.:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	BUREAU	145-23
<b>Seconded By</b>	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	<b>Council Date:</b>
<b>Last Name Printed</b>	MUTTON	May 1, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mulmar and Duffer for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Steven Blaze through a private member's bill on August 10 2022; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Coburg and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability for its Code of Conduct and workplace policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Council and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg endorses Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 which would require the code of conduct for municipal councillors and members of local boards to include or requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the integrity commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member seat if the commissioners inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

FURTHER THAT Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the Premier of Ontario the Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the local members of parliament MPs the local members of provincial department and MPPS and all Ontario municipalities.



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Fort Frances in response to the opioid crisis and in advocating the province for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

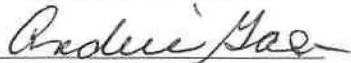
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 Narry Paquette \_\_\_\_\_

AGAINST  
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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 14 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

  
 Andrée Gagné  
 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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## RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Town of Lincoln affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the Province, and encouraging the government of the Province of Ontario to maintain the previous provisions of Section 27 of Ontario Heritage Act which promotes the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, keeping listed properties on the registry indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties and, if necessary, initiate the designation process, before they may be demolished; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Narry Paquette

### DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark \_\_\_\_\_  
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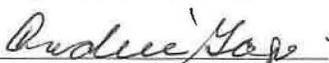
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### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 18 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

  
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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

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No. 17

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the City of Cambridge in requesting the Ontario Government to amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

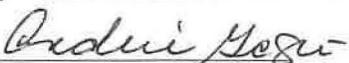
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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 17 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

  
 Andrée Gagné  
 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Ontario Big City Mayor's motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement; AND THAT federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account; AND THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR  
 Donna Clark \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jason Corbett \_\_\_\_\_  
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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 16 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

  
 Andrée Gagné  
 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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No. 15

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward in requesting 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; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 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, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

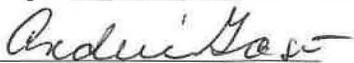
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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 15 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

  
Andrée Gagné  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

# SOUTH GLENGARRY

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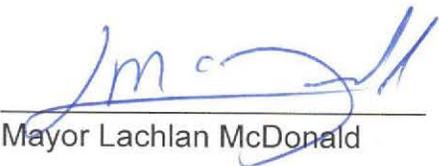
## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

<b>MOVED BY</b>	Stephanie Jaworski	<b>RESOLUTION NO.</b>	194-2023
<b>SECONDED BY</b>	Martin Lang Jm	<b>DATE</b>	June 19 2023

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry received a resolution from the Tay Valley Township for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a letter be sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, John Jordan, MPP, the 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     
  DEFEATED     
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 Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	—	—
Deputy Lang	—	—
Councillor Jaworski	—	—
Councillor McDonell	—	—
Councillor Bougie	—	—

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY**

<b>MOVED BY</b>	Trevor Bougie	<b>RESOLUTION NO.</b>	195-2023
<b>SECONDED BY</b>	Sam McDonnell Jr	<b>DATE</b>	June 19 2023

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry received a resolution from the Municipality of Tweed for Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township of South Glengarry calls upon the Province to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs.

AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Ric Bresee, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

CARRIED     
  DEFEATED     
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 Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	___	___
Deputy Lang	___	___
Councillor Jaworski	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___
Councillor Bougie	___	___

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June 21, 2023

Judy Smith, CMO  
 Director Municipal Governance/Clerk  
 315 King Street West  
 P.O. Box 640  
 Chatham, ON N7M 5K8  
 Sent via email: [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

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Dear Judy Smith:

**RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2023-06-15**

**“WHEREAS**, escalating insurance costs are one of Tay Valley Township’s top financial concerns;

**AND WHEREAS**, the costs of insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Tay Valley Township and around the Province;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s resolution regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

**AND THAT**, a letter of support be sent to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and all Ontario Municipalities.”

**ADOPTED**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or [cao@tayvalleytwop.ca](mailto:cao@tayvalleytwop.ca).

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
Corporate Services  
Municipal Governance  
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640  
Chatham ON N7M 5K8

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

C AMO

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 16, 2023

A meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Crawford, Chair  
A. Ali\*, Ajax  
A. Andrus\*, Community Group, Participation House  
M. Bonk, Brock  
R. Claxton-Oldfield, Member at Large  
P. Gunti, Clarington  
J. McEwen, AAC Representative  
A. Mujeeb, Pickering  
T. Ralph, Whitby  
T. Smale, Member of Large

**\*denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: W. Henshall, AAC Representative

#### Staff

Present: R. Adamsz, Deputy General Manager, Maintenance, Durham Region Transit  
C. Baker\*, Durham Region Transit Ambassador, Durham Region Transit  
F. Amin\*, Administrative Assistant, Durham Region Transit  
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
C. Norris, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit  
Z. Osime-Fakolade, Program Manager, Community Engagement & Change Management, Durham Region Transit  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*denotes staff participating electronically**

#### 2. Election of the Vice-Chair

K. Smith called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Transit Advisory Committee.

Moved by M. Bonk, Seconded by T. Smale,  
That Pranay Gunti be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Transit Advisory Committee.

K. Smith asked if there were any further nominations and if P. Gunti wished to stand. P. Gunti indicated he would stand.

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by M. Bonk,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

P. Gunti was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Transit Advisory Committee.

Chair Crawford invited members of the Transit Advisory Committee to introduce themselves and provide a brief overview of their background and their involvement with transit.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by P. Gunti, Seconded by R. Claxton-Oldfield,  
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Advisory  
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

### **5. Presentations**

#### **A) Review of Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Terms of Reference**

W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, provided a presentation with regards to the Review of the Transit Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Goal and Mandate
- Scope of Activities
- Administration

Staff responded to questions with regards to the number of sitting members; the number of members required to meet quorum; connectivity issues between Durham Region Transit and GO Transit; whether speaking with GO Transit is within the scope of the committee and/or staff; how to provide input to the Transit Executive Committee; whether fare cost discussion is within the scope of the committee; who can sit as a member of the student association; and whether meetings are rescheduled if quorum is not met.

#### **B) DRT Service and Financing Strategy (2023-2032)**

W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Report #2023-DRT-05 Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023-2032).

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Transit Service and Financing Strategy (2023-2032)
- Approved Recommendations
- Transit is Essential to Durham's Future
- Ridership Recovery and Outlook
- Service Enhancement
- Durham Transit Investment vs Peers
- 2023-2032 Service Investment
- 2032 Frequent and Available Transit Network
- 2032 Integrated Transit Network
- Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles
- Fare Moderation
- Fare Structure
- DRT Charter Service
- Cost Pressures and Financing Opportunities
- 10-Year DRT Forecast
- Risks and Considerations
- Conclusions

Staff responded to questions with regards to funding for Durham Region Transit; whether DRT partners with other transit agencies when purchasing new electric buses; the supplier providing buses to DRT; potential upgrades with the changes of technology; whether PRESTO fare card stations can be placed outdoors; whether the charter service bus offers services for weddings; and whether there is the opportunity for heated bus shelters.

C) Overview of Fleet Maintenance

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Robert Adamsz, Deputy General Manager, Maintenance, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Overview of Fleet Maintenance (DRT Maintenance Division).

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Region Transit Bus Maintenance
- Bus Maintenance Activities
- Regular Inspections Schedule
- DRT Maintenance
- DRT On-Route Facilities Maintenance
- Challenges Ahead

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether there is the opportunity for heated bus shelters; when the North Oshawa garage (2400 Thornton Road) will be open; whether the current garages can handle the increase in fleet prior to the North Oshawa garage opening; whether diesel buses will be kept for backup; training being provided to present DRT diesel mechanics on the electric buses;

whether Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One will have the capacity to keep up with the demand for electricity to charge buses; and the warranty and repair process associated with electric buses.

D) Principle of Service Planning

Christopher Norris, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit, advised that the presentation with regards to Principle of Service Planning will be provided at a future meeting.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Correspondence Items**

There were no communication items to be considered.

**8. Information Items**

There were no information items to be considered.

**9. Discussion Items**

A) Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Objectives for the Term of Council

This item was discussed during Presentation Item 5.A) Review of Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) Terms of Reference on page 2 of these minutes.

**10. Other Business**

A) Concerns with Metrolinx and Bowmanville GO Transit

Discussion ensued with regards to the station buildings at the new GO Transit facilities for the Lakeshore East extension to Bowmanville; the connectivity between Durham Region Transit and the new GO Transit stations; and the impact to persons with disabilities if the stations do not meet accessibility requirements.

B) Request for Feedback Regarding Issues or Concerns with DRT Services

B. Holmes asked the Committee for their feedback regarding what works well and issues or concerns the Committee may want to establish as objectives or priorities for this term of TAC. The following positive comments were put forward by members of the Committee:

- Cleanliness;
- Economical;
- Route 900 bus is convenient, clean, and smooth;
- On Demand service being available in the Township of Brock; and
- Friendliness of bus drivers.

The following issues were put forward by members of the Committee:

- Parents in the community being concerned with number of school bus cancellations by the school board transportation consortia and the opportunity to try a pilot project to offer busing through Durham Region Transit;
- Transit services being offered in Newcastle as the community continues to grow;
- Providing more frequent north-south connections;
- Unreliable timing and longer wait times;
- Consistency of the Durham Region Transit app for On Demand services;
- Marketing for providing accessible service;
- Consistency, frequency and affordability of services for youth;
- Increasing awareness of the public regarding route changes, how to pay for fares, and increases in fares; and
- Providing transit information to school boards for distribution to new members to the community.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by M. Bonk, Seconded by A. Mujeeb,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

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M. Crawford, Chair, Transit Advisory Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 8, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in Room 1A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair  
B. Astley, Oshawa  
M. Gibbons, Scugog  
A. Heywood, Pickering\*  
K. Mirani, Brock  
P. Smith, Uxbridge\*  
T. Van Helsdingen, Ajax\*

**\*denotes members participating electronically**

Absent: C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kerr

#### Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
P. Emelianov, Project Manager, Rapid Transit Office  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. McEleney, Transit Planner, Transportation Planning  
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by K. Mirani,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

A) Petr Emelianov, Project Manager, Durham Region, re: Durham Works Active Transportation Updates

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Petr Emelianov, Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Works active transportation updates.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Active Transportation Implementation
  - Cycling Infrastructure Implementation Approaches
  - Active Transportation (AT) Infrastructure Combined Projects (2022)
  - Standalone Infill Projects (2023)
- Vision Zero Projects
  - Leading Pedestrian Intervals
  - Crosswalk Enhancements
  - Crossride Installations
  - Radar Speed Signs Pedestrian and Cycling Collision Trends

P. Emelianov responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there is a way to document near misses on the collision trends chart, and what those near misses might look like before it becomes a collision; installing green cyclist signal lights at all intersections; whether handrails can be installed at the crossrides so that cyclists can remain in an upright position; placing more radar signs to target speeding more aggressively; whether the radar signs provide data back to the Region and if so, is it categorizing the increased speeds that are being detected; and whether a map could be created that shows the high frequency collision areas.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding enhancing paved shoulders, and how paved shoulders or buffered bike lanes are identified in the Regional Cycling Plan; the rules for a cyclist when they approach a crossrides intersection that does not have a dedicated cyclist signal; whether there has been consideration for Leading Bike Intervals (LBI) as opposed to just having Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI); and the effectiveness of rumble strips on the paved road shoulders.

Further discussion ensued regarding the importance of requiring that both on-road and in-boulevard multi-use-trails are signed and marked accordingly; and whether staff could complete an audit of the current cycling infrastructure to see where there are deficiencies and if there is sufficient space for the active transportation users, and report back to the Committee.

Moved by K. Mirani, Seconded by M. Gibbons,  
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

Whereas Durham Region has in place an approved Regional Cycling Plan;

And whereas the Province of Ontario has established cycling facilities guidelines referred to as Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 (OTM Book 18) which are consistent with the intent of the Highway Traffic Act with respect to municipal roads and infrastructure;

And whereas the Province of Ontario has established bicycle traffic signals guidelines referred to at Ontario Traffic Manual Book 12A (OTM Book 12A), which is recommended to be used in conjunction with OTM Book 18;

And whereas the paved shoulders and buffered bicycle lanes identified in the Active Transportation Combined Projects 2022 summary presented to the Durham Active Transportation Committee on June 08, 2023 are non compliant to the established guidelines and not cycling improvements; and

Now therefore it be resolved that the Durham Active Transportation Committee request all new and retrofit legacy Durham Region cycling infrastructure construction – as identified in the Regional Cycling Plan – comply with OTM Book 18 and OTM Book 12A design guidelines which includes both signage and applicable pavement markings for both on-road and in boulevard multi-use-trails for inclusion as completed cycling projects.

CARRIED

B) Sandra McEleney, Transit Planner, Durham Region, re: Active and Sustainable School Travel Update

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Sandra McEleney, Transit Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding active and sustainable travel updates.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Program Update – Active and Sustainable School Travel Program (ASST)
- The School Travel Planning Process
- Key Deliverable: School Travel Plan
  - Identifies School Zone Opportunities (Action Items)
  - Create a School Zone Site Plan
  - Documents Responsible Agency and Timelines to Improve School Community
- St. Anne Catholic Elementary School (CES) – Case Study
- Pedestrian Access Planning
- Looking Ahead

S. McEleney responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there has been any consideration at the schools for a program to encourage students/parents to use public transit instead of driving; whether all local area municipalities are participating in the ASST program this year; whether ASST staff coordinate with the individuals responsible for clearing the walkways

around schools, as this can create a barrier for students walking to school; the size of the roll/walk zones; and whether any data is collected to track the number of students that use active transportation to get to and from school.

Discussion ensued regarding other suggestions for the ASST program to consider that includes:

- Closing the roads around the schools for certain time periods to encourage other modes of active transportation;
- Ensuring there is safe and dependable bike parking at schools;
- Encouraging bike trains where a group of parents would pick students up on their bikes on the way to and from school; and
- Including cycling as a part of physical education (schools would have bikes for students to use if they didn't have their own).

**5. Delegations**

There were no delegations heard.

**6. Discussion Items**

**A) Bicycle Friendly Communities Award Program**

A. Caruso advised that the Bicycle Friendly Communities Award program has been in place for approximately 12 to 13 years with 55 communities who have achieved a level status of bronze, silver, gold, or platinum. He advised that the program is self-driven and is a way for communities to assess their bicycle infrastructure. He further advised that the next steps for the Region to get a certification would be to assess the facilities around Durham Region, complete the application form, and submit it to the Share the Road Committee. He added that the Share the Road Committee will be presenting to the DATC in October.

R. Lalonde advised that himself along with C. Houston and A. Caruso put together a quick summary sheet in order to start to review the bicycle infrastructure throughout the Region, and whether any of the municipalities have their own cycling plan, certifications, etc.

A. Caruso advised that he would provide a final review of the application and would then forward it to the Committee members to identify what else can be added for each respective local area municipality. He also advised that each area municipality does not have to be credited in order for the Region to apply for a level status.

**7. Information Items**

There were no information items discussed.

**8. Other Business**

A) Bike for Bones

M. Gibbons advised that the Bike for Bones event will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Ajax Downs where residents can register for the 25, 50, or 100 KM ride with proceeds being used to support the tools and technology used by the orthopedic surgery experts at the Ajax Pickering Hospital.

B) Port Perry Pedals

M. Gibbons advised that the Port Perry Pedals event will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 where residents can register for the 50, 100, or 160 KM road ride, or the 10 or 20 KM family/leisure ride with proceeds benefiting the Lakeridge Health Foundation.

C) Cancellation of the GO Bus Route 81

M. Gibbons advised that he was very disappointed that the GO bus route 81 which connects Beaverton to Whitby and through to Port Perry was discontinued after a ridership review by Metrolinx cited low ridership. He advised that Durham Region Transit (DRT) will be filling in the gaps with municipal bussing and expressed his concerns that it would not be sufficient.

D) Oshawa City Council, City Staff and Citizen Ride

B. Astley advised that the Oshawa City Council, city staff and citizen ride will be held on June 17, 2023, at 11:00 AM, which will begin at Oshawa City Hall and go down to the lake front, and then return to Oshawa City Hall with the route being mostly trails with some on-road portions.

E) Pedal for Patients

G. Pereira advised that the Pedal for Patients event was held on Sunday, May 28, 2023, with roughly 97 riders and two routes (27 KM and 80 KM) that raised roughly \$100,000 for cancer care.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on October 12, 2023 in Room 1A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by K. Mirani,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:12 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
B. Baszyk, Brock  
P. Cohen, Post-Secondary Student  
J. Cuthbertson, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
K. Lui, Member at Large  
K. Murray, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
M. Nasir, Ajax  
Councillor Shahid  
D. Stathopoulos, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:31 PM  
B. Widner, Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
L. Nguyen, Youth Member

Also

Present: Councillor McDougall

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. Luqman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by K. Murray,  
That the agenda for the June 15, 2023 Durham Environment and Climate  
Advisory Committee (DECAC) meeting, be approved.  
CARRIED

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by B. Baszyk,  
That the minutes of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory  
Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, be adopted.  
CARRIED

#### 5. Presentation

A) Wetland Key Performance Indicators, Yuestas David, Senior Research Scientist,  
Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

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Yuestas David, Senior Research Scientist, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Chevel Wetland key performance indicators.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Ecosystem and Climate Science at TRCA
- Research Questions
- Approach
- Site
- Characterization
  - Post-Restoration Wetland (2012)
  - Pre-Restoration Wetland (2010)
  - Drainage Area
- Annual Initial Model
- Annual Model Calibration – 2013
- Annual Model Validation – 2014
- Annual Key Performance Indicators (KPI) (2013 and 2014)
- Event-Based KPIs
- Water Quality
- Limitation
- Conclusions

Y. David responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether the water is being monitored for any volatile organic compounds or chemical pollutants; how the management of stormwater is determined if the wetland is being used for waterfowl habitat or containment trapping; the development of shorebird habitats during the migratory period; why some stormwater ponds are accessible to the public, but others are not and are behind chain link fences; and if there was consideration for whether the wetlands would be lined with a clay bedding like the stormwater ponds.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding pollinator planting and more perennial infrastructure being incorporated into Regional parks and other Regional spaces (such as park peripheries or larger boulevards), as well as the

benefits of initiatives such as “No Mow May” or planting drifts of pollinator friendly plants in some of the currently mowed spaces, Y. David advised that he could have those conversations with the ecologist or watershed planners and report back to the Committee.

**6. Items for Action/Discussion**

A) Appointment of Representative on Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee

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G. Carpentier advised that the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee is looking for a representative from DECAC.

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,  
That B. Foxton be appointed to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee as the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee representative.

CARRIED

B) Spring Bee Pollinator Distribution Project Update

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A. Luqman advised that the remainder of the events were completed with great success and positive feedback from the public, and wanted to thank all of the committee members that participated or volunteered with the project.

A. Luqman advised that pollinator week begins June 19, 2023 and is managed by The Pollinator Partnership. She advised that there are materials available online and that she will email the link to the Committee.

K. Murray advised that she started a pollinator garden at her school that initially received a lot of push back from the school board, but it being certified as a pollinator garden as well as putting up signage helped with that.

C) Environmental Achievement Awards Update

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A. Luqman advised that the Events Coordination Subcommittee met a couple of weeks ago to talk about how the awards would be approached this year and the possible opportunities for collaboration. She advised that timelines were discussed and whether the awards would be hosted in October or November, whether it would be an in-person, fully virtual or hybrid event, and the potential collaboration with Ontario Tech University (ONTechU). She further advised that the subcommittee will be re-visiting all of the award categories to ensure they are still relevant.

A. Luqman advised that a lot of discussion will occur over the summer, and that herself and M. Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator, will also be meeting in mid July with staff from ONTechU. She advised that nominations would open over the summer, with a review period at the end of the summer/early fall.

D) “No Mow May” Initiative

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J. Cuthbertson discussed the importance of promoting biodiversity and supporting pollinators such as bees and butterflies throughout the Region, and that the “No Mow May” initiative is an example of how homeowners can do just that.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding what efforts could be made to promote and support biodiversity on behalf of the Region that could include perennial/pollinator plots in verge or periphery areas.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by B. Widner,  
That we recommend to the Planning & Economic Development  
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional  
Council:

That staff be requested to investigate the possibility of a perennial/pollinator plots pilot on Regional lands and report back to the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (DECAC).

CARRIED

**7. For Information**

A) Information Report #2023-INFO-43: Blackstock Landfill Mining Naturalization Project

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A copy of Report #2023-INFO-43 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

B) Commissioner’s Report #2023-P-19: Durham Region’s Response to Provincial Consultation on Bill 97 – the Helping Homeowners, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, and Related ERO Postings #019-6821, #019-6822, #019-6813

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A copy of Report #2023-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

C) Information Report #2023-INFO-41: Quarterly Report – Commissioner’s Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the Fourth Quarter of 2022

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A copy of Report #2023-INFO-41 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

D) Information Report #2023-INFO-52: Quarterly Report – Commissioner’s Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the First Quarter of 2023

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A copy of Report #2023-INFO-52 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

E) Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting

A copy of the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting was received.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by K. Lui,  
That Information Items 7. A) to E) inclusive, be received for information.  
CARRIED

**8. Other Business**

A) Update from the Joint Trail Sustainability Advisory Committee

G. Carpentier advised that he sits on the Joint Trail Sustainability Advisory Committee (JTSAC) as the North Durham Nature representative. He advised that there are a number of organizations interested in this trail sustainability project, and that the purpose of the project is to raise money through parking fees to help the development and enhancement of trails and regional forests.

G. Carpentier expressed his concerns regarding discussions at the JTSAC meeting last week with respect to the one-year pilot that is set to expire in two weeks being extended into next year, and how it could be extended if it hadn't been approved yet; and that the Region did not appear to be present in this discussion when they should be. He advised that the next JTSAC meeting will be held in September.

Councillor Shahid requested that G. Carpentier forward her the information so that she could follow-up with the appropriate staff for more details.

B) Sharing DECAC Members' Contact Information

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee was interested in circulating a list of all of the members' contact information including emails and phone numbers. A. Luqman advised that she would email the Committee requesting consent to share this information, and if consent was received from everyone, then she would email the contact information to the Committee members.

C) June Bike Month

A. Luqman advised that June is Bike Month, which is a celebration of all things cycling, and that there are a number of events throughout the Region of Durham to participate in.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM in

the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environment  
and Climate Advisory Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk