

**Office of the Regional Chair and CEO
The Regional Municipality of Durham**



Statement from the Regional Chair

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Tell Us What Makes You “Hometown Proud”

Whitby, Ontario – The Region of Durham is Hometown Proud!

As the Regional Chair of the Region of Durham, I know that you care about our communities and everything they have to offer. Our pride is expressed in different ways throughout the year. I hear about community issues directly from you, and about the services that work well and help you and your family. I also hear suggestions about how our communities can be even better, even stronger. These calls and suggestions are proof to me that you care about what happens in Durham Region. You are asking me to take action because you want our community to be vibrant and economically sound for the future.

More than ever before, Canadians understand that our well-being depends on the capacity of our hometowns to be hubs for innovation and economic development. That is why the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched the #HOMETOWNPROUD Campaign.

This initiative invites all Canadians to share in words and photos why they value their hometowns. From local hockey teams, to festivals, to parks and recreation, Canadians are showing that their hometowns matter. Each of us has a story to tell about how our hometown has made our life a little bit better. I decided to share the Region’s 40th Anniversary celebrations, as well as the recent Durham Art of Transition Creative Awards to show my pride. How will you show yours?

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Join with me in sharing our pride at hometownproud.fcm.ca. Entries posted by January 13, 2015 may be eligible to win a flight from Air Canada to bring someone home! See the website for full contest details.

This is just the start of the conversation. Strong hometowns make for a strong Canada! I hope you will take the opportunity to share your stories and photos to tell all of Canada just how much Durham Region means to us.

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