



Stories of the pandemic Terms of Use

Welcome,

Stories of the Pandemic is an initiative to promote and encourage the sharing of experiences from the pandemic through the voices of community members from across Durham. It is meant to normalize different experiences, support the community in healing, and strengthen a sense of community. It may also help guide future planning as we enter the recovery stage of the pandemic response and the After Action Review. Stories of the Pandemic is looking to collect your stories, photographs, video links, art or interviews via the Your Voice Durham website.

Terms of Use

Submissions will be reviewed by The Regional Municipality of Durham (the “Region”) to ensure that the content complies with the guidelines below. The Region reserves the right not to post any content it believes is in breach or could be harmful in any way to consumers of the content. Photographs and videos that include identifiable minor children will require the consent of their legal guardian prior to posting. The completed [multimedia consent form](#) can be emailed as an attachment to Linnea.Veloce@durham.ca.

1. Do not use language that may be considered harmful, profane, obscene, discriminatory, defamatory, hateful, abusive, threatening, or otherwise offensive to other participants.
2. Do not submit or link to any inappropriate, offensive or illegal material.
3. Do not submit content that reveals personal or sensitive information.
4. Do not submit content that:
 - may be inappropriate, indecent, offensive, libelous or defamatory, pornographic, sexually explicit, unlawful or plagiarized
 - may be harassing, abusive, threatening, harmful, vulgar, profane, obscene, violent, racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable or offensive in any way
 - may violate or encourage others to violate any applicable law, statute, ordinance or regulation
 - may defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person’s personal or property rights or any other third-party rights

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- may contain commercial advertising, including but not limited to logos, brand names, and slogans, subject to copyright laws
 - may include any viruses, worms, corrupt files, Trojan horses, or other forms of corruptive code or content that may harm or interfere with the website, and/or any third-party websites
5. If you are submitting a photo, video or artwork, it is prohibited to include content that:
- is pornographic or sexually explicit
 - contains nudity of any kind
 - features graphic violence
 - includes disturbing or disgusting video footage
 - violates copyright laws
 - contains hate speech, including verbal attacks based on gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, disability or nationality
 - contains the likeness of a minor of whom you are not the legal guardian
6. It is prohibited to submit comments that include:
- Unsolicited chain mail
 - Criticisms using insulting language
 - Unsolicited or irrelevant product and business promotion
 - Hateful or shaming remarks like comments about physical appearance

By making a submission to Stories from the Pandemic submitters warrant that any entry is original and does not infringe any third-party intellectual property and assign all intellectual property rights in any materials created to the Region , including, but not limited to, copyright and all economic rights, including a waiver of moral rights, with no compensation or further consent is required.

You understand and agree that submissions that do not pass the formal review will not be included on the website. Submissions that include threatening or illegal content may be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities for possible investigation. The Region and its designated agents have the right (but not the obligation) in their discretion to refuse or remove any content that is available via the website. This is not a platform to express political views. The Region also has the right to amend or edit any submission before posting.

Social media linked submissions that do not meet copyright or other submission requirements will be removed from the Stories of the Pandemic site.

To make a submission, you must be at least 18 years of age, or you must have a parent or guardian post it for you. By making a submission, users agree to accept all legal liabilities for their content and agree to hold harmless The Regional Municipality of Durham, its Councillors, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns and all others associated with the administration of Stories of the Pandemic.

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Notice of Public Records

Please note that all approved submissions will be considered records that are available to the general public under section 27 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Notice of Collection Statement

The Regional Municipality of Durham will be collecting, using and disclosing any personal information submitted with the upload of your story, picture, or artwork for the purposes of administering this community engagement project and will handle it in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, as amended.

Alternate Service Provider

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