



# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

## DEVELOPMENT CHARGE INFORMATION

The following pamphlet summarizes the Development Charge Policy of the Regional Municipality of Durham. The information provided is intended only as a guide. Applicants should review the approved by-laws and consult with the Regional Works Department to determine the charges that may apply to specific development proposals.

### **PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

New development generates capital costs which should be financed from this new development. Development charges are a viable capital funding source to recover the net cost of these capital expenditures. In arriving at the net cost, allowance is made for provincial and/or federal grants, where applicable, and other sources of funding as well as the other deductions required by the *Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA)*.

### **BY-LAW No. 42-2023 and 39-2022 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

On June 14, 2023, in accordance with the DCA, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham passed By-law No. 42-2023, effective July 1, 2023 for the imposition of uniform DCs against all lands within the boundaries of the Region that are developed for residential and non-residential uses (with the exception of the Seaton community for the water and sewer components).

On June 26, 2024, By-law No. 42-2023 was amended (By-law No. 2024-037) to remove the mandatory 5-year phase in of new DC rates in accordance with Bill 185, 2024.

On January 31, 2025, By-law 42-2023 was amended by the Ontario Land Tribunal to amend the rates (OLT-23-000888).

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham passed By-law No. 39-2022 on June 29, 2022, effective July 1, 2022, amended on June 14, 2023 (By-law No. 44-2023) which imposes a Regional Transit residential and non-residential use DC against all lands within the boundaries of the Region.

The Region's development charges are set out in the following schedules and are current as of July 1, 2026. The Region's residential development charges will apply to most new residential buildings and certain expansions. The Region's commercial, industrial and institutional development charges will apply for Water Supply, Sanitary Sewerage, Regional Roads and Regional Transit and applies to most types of new non-residential buildings and certain expansions.

All Regional development charges will be indexed annually in accordance with the annual change in the Statistics Canada Building Construction Price Index (BCPI).

## **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES** <sup>(1)</sup>

Current as of July 1, 2026  
\$ PER DWELLING TYPE

SERVICE CATEGORY	Single and Semi Detached \$	Medium Density Multiples \$	Apartment Two Bedrooms and Larger \$	Apartment One Bedroom and Smaller \$
<b><u>Region-Wide Charges</u></b>				
Regional Roads	27,609	21,989	16,074	9,873
Regional Transit	2,639	2,079	1,476	907
Regional Police Services	1,052	838	612	376
Long Term Care	590	469	344	211
Paramedic Services	474	378	277	170
Waste Diversion	101	80	60	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,465</b>	<b>25,833</b>	<b>18,843</b>	<b>11,574</b>
<b><u>Regional Water Supply &amp; Sanitary Sewer Charges</u></b>				
Water Supply <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	22,453	17,881	13,071	8,029
Sanitary Sewerage <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	21,309	16,970	12,406	7,621
<b>Total of All Charges</b>	<b>\$76,227</b>	<b>\$60,684</b>	<b>\$44,320</b>	<b>\$27,224</b>

(1) GO Transit services charges were removed as of January 1, 2026.

(2) These charges are only payable in areas where the services are, or will be, available, or the lands to be developed are in an area designated for the particular service in the Region's Official Plan.

(3) The water and sewer component of the residential development charge is not applicable to lands developed within the Seaton Community.

## **COMMERCIAL USE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

Current as of July 1, 2026 \$ PER SQUARE FOOT OF  
GROSS FLOOR AREA

SERVICE	\$ per square foot
Water Supply <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	6.96
Sanitary Sewerage <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	11.10
Regional Roads	22.40
Regional Transit	1.19
Total	\$41.65

## **INSTITUTIONAL USE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

Current as of July 1, 2026 \$ PER SQUARE FOOT OF  
GROSS FLOOR AREA

SERVICE	\$ per square foot
Water Supply <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	1.93
Sanitary Sewerage <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	2.72
Regional Roads	17.06
Regional Transit	1.19
Total	\$22.90

## **INDUSTRIAL USE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

Current as of July 1, 2026 \$ PER SQUARE FOOT OF  
GROSS FLOOR AREA

SERVICE	\$ per square foot
Water Supply <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	4.48
Sanitary Sewerage <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	6.36
Regional Roads	7.77
Regional Transit	1.19
Total	\$19.80

Notes:

(1) These charges are only payable in areas, where the services are, or will be, available or the lands to be developed are in an area designated for the particular service in the Region's Official Plan.

(2) Not applicable to lands developed within the Seaton Community

## **OVERVIEW**

- By-law No. 86-2001 expired on December 31, 2025
- OLT-23-000888 became effective on January 31, 2025
- By-law No. 2024-037 became effective on July 1, 2024
- By-law No. 42-2023 became effective on July 1, 2023
- By-law No. 28-2018 expired on July 1, 2023
- By-law No. 39-2022 became effective on July 1, 2022
- By-law No. 81-2017 expired on July 1, 2022
- By-law No. 44-2023 became effective on July 1, 2023
- the residential charge varies by type of dwelling and Regional services available
- the commercial, industrial and institutional charge varies by building floor area and Regional services available

## **COLLECTION POLICY**

Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (Bill 17) requires development charges for non-rental residential development to be collected at the earlier of the issuance of an occupancy permit or the building's first occupancy. This includes residential DCs that are a part of a plan of subdivision.

While payment at execution of the subdivision agreement for water, sewer, and roads is no longer required, developers may choose to prepay for all services at that time to lock in rates, or defer payment until occupancy, with rates set at building permit issuance.

Rental housing, for-profit retirement homes and hospices developments will continue to pay development charges in six equal instalments over five years commencing at occupancy. On May 27, 2026, Regional Council approved a motion to introduce an extended development charge deferral program for purpose-built rental developments, beyond the statutory five-year requirement. Interest charges will apply after the first five years of deferral. The program will be in place until May 26, 2028.

DCs for non-residential development continue to be collected at building permit issuance. Regional Council has approved time-limited development charge deferral programs: industrial projects may pay charges over five years (available until March 31, 2027); eligible hotel projects (60+ rooms) can defer charges from building permit issuance to occupancy (until July 1, 2027); and eligible medical clinic developments may defer payment until the earlier of 24 months after permit issuance or occupancy (until July 1, 2027).

All Regional development charges payable are collected by the area municipality and forwarded to the Region except early payments made at time of execution of the subdivision agreement, which are paid directly to the Region.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Bill 17 (effective June 5, 2025) introduced legislation that exempts long-term care homes from paying DCs. Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (effective November 28, 2022) provides additional DC exemptions (i.e. non-profit housing, affordable residential units and secondary units) and discounts for rental housing development. Further, the Region will provide a redevelopment credit for certain demolitions. Please contact Development Approvals at 905-668-7711 if you have any questions regarding the payment timing, exemptions and/or demolition credits.

## **SERVICES INCLUDED**

- Regional Roads, Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage
- Regional Transit
- Regional Police Services
- Paramedic Services
- Long Term Care
- Waste Diversion

## **STATEMENT OF TREASURER**

Each year the Regional Treasurer will document the continuity of each Development Charge Reserve Fund, inclusive of services covered, draws, interest earnings, development charge collections, borrowings and landowner credit transactions.

The annual statement by the Treasurer of the Region regarding the Development Charge Reserve Funds will be available by June 30th of the subsequent year and is available upon request from the offices of the Regional Clerk at 905-668-7711.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

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The Development Charge By-law No. 42-2023, the Regional Transit Development Charge By-law No. 39-2022, and subsequent amendment by-laws, the DC Reports No. 2024-F-10 and No. 2022-F-15, and the Regional DC Background Studies are available upon request from the offices of the Regional Clerk at 905-668-7711 and are also posted on the Regional website at [durham.ca](http://durham.ca).