



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioners of Finance and Social Services
Report: #2018-INFO-121
Date: August 24, 2018

Subject:

2017 Rent-Geared-to-Income Reviews of Social Housing Providers

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the 2017 Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) review findings, and provide a comparison to those for 2016.

2. Background

2.1 Under the *Housing Services Act* (HSA), the Service Manager is responsible for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) eligibility assessment and calculation of the housing charge paid by eligible households. The majority of Service Managers in Ontario, including the Region of Durham, have opted to enter into service agreements with social housing providers, delegating the responsibility for the RGI assessments and calculations to the housing provider as a convenience to both tenants and housing providers and because it is the responsibility of the landlord to both charge and collect monthly and ongoing housing charges. The service agreement between the Region and housing providers contains an expectation that housing providers have the expertise to do RGI assessments.

2.2 Annually, staff from the Finance Department (Financial Housing Services) and the Social Service Department (Housing Services) review a minimum of 20 per cent of the RGI files for each housing provider, with a minimum of 10 files, regardless of project size. The review helps identify issues such as incorrect completion of calculations, additional documentation to be collected from a tenant/member to support the assessment, or areas where additional training might be beneficial. The review findings are discussed with the housing provider upon completion of the review.

3. 2017 RGI Review Results

- 3.1 Regional staff completed on-site reviews at 38 housing providers representing 4,417 RGI units in 2017.
- 3.2 Based on these reviews, staff determined that the majority of housing providers are in compliance with the legislation. While the overall error rate for 2017 was 13.6% (up from 8.8% from 2016) there were no significant errors that materially impacted the tenant housing charge or that affected the total amount of subsidy provided by the Region. The value of errors represented less than 0.1 per cent of the 2017 budget for RGI subsidy.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF REGIONAL RGI REVIEWS

	Number in 2017	Percentage in 2017	Number in 2016	Percentage in 2016
Total RGI Provider Files	4,417	100%	4,389	100%
RGI Files Reviewed	924	20.9%	930	21.2%
RGI Files with Housing Charge Issues	126	13.6%	82	8.8%
Number of Providers Reviewed	38		40	

Note: Total RGI Provider Files will vary as the count is at a point in time as of the date of visit. The total RGI units are 4,481. Vacancies are not included in the count.

- 3.3 All housing providers are given a final report which includes a chart detailing the deficiencies found during the review. As part of the established process, the property manager must respond by noting the action taken to remedy each file. Files with deficiencies are always subject to re-check on the next on-site review. This re-check minimizes the risk of any material error going undetected for a prolonged period of time while ensuring that calculations are done properly by the housing provider.
- 3.4 The error rate tends to trend higher for housing providers where there has been turnover of property management, as it takes time for new staff to familiarize themselves with the tenant population and their specific circumstances as well as the complexity associated with RGI calculations.
- 3.5 To address such situations, Regional staff continue to offer individual training as well as semi-annual in-house RGI training to housing provider staff and property management. On average the in-house RGI training has thirty attendees per session.
- 3.6 Housing providers are also encouraged to register for the RGI on-line course offered through the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), which provides detailed instruction in the rent calculation process.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The findings of the RGI reviews performed by Regional staff over the past year indicate that the vast majority of social housing providers are, for the most part, correctly completing RGI calculations, thus reducing potential subsidy overpayment by the Region while ensuring tenants contribute an appropriate amount for their housing charges. Staff will continue to follow up on those providers and files where errors were identified to address any outstanding concerns.

Original Signed By

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Acting Commissioner of Finance

Original Signed By

Dr. H. Drouin
Commissioner of Social Services



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Acting Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2018-INFO-122
Date: August 24, 2018

Subject:

The Consolidated Budget Status Report to July 31, 2018 and Full Year Forecast

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

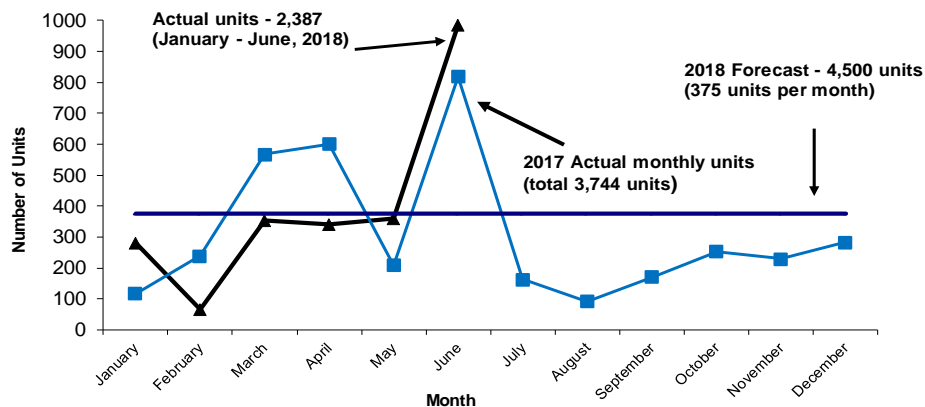
1. Purpose

1.1 The following summary on the status of the 2018 Consolidated Budget and Full Year Forecast for the General Tax, Durham Region Transit (DRT), Water Supply, and Sanitary Sewer Systems is based upon information supplied by the Regional Departments, a review of the financial statements to July 31, 2018 and preliminary information forecast to the end of the year.

2. Development Charge Receipts Status

2.1 The development charge receipts for 2018 (for January to June) total 2,387 units which equates to 53 per cent of the total 2018 forecast of 4,500 units.

Actual and Forecasted Development Charge Receipts (2018)



3. Budget Status Summary - General Tax Operations

- 3.1 A small surplus is forecast for the General Tax Operations and a deficit is forecast for Durham Region Transit for 2018, as indicated in the following table.

	<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>
	\$
General Tax Operations	
Social Services Department:	
Long-Term Care & Services for Seniors	(275,000)
Family Services	150,000
Income and Employment Support	<u>375,000</u>
Total Social Services Department	<u>250,000</u>
Health Department:	
Public Health Programs	1,500,000
Region of Durham Paramedic Services	<u>(750,000)</u>
Total Health Department	<u>750,000</u>
Works Department:	
Solid Waste Management	(1,500,000)
Planning and Economic Development Department	200,000
Corporate Services	150,000
Finance Department	400,000
Provincial Download	(250,000)
Other Initiatives	<u>250,000</u>
General Tax Operations - Surplus	250,000
Durham Region Transit - Deficit	<u>(150,000)</u>
Overall General Tax	<u>100,000</u>

4. General Tax Operations

4.1 Social Services Department

- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division advises that as of the end of July a deficit position of approximately \$275,000 is expected for the year. Factors contributing to this position are:
 - While the provincial increase in the Nursing and Personal Care and Physiotherapy per diem results in a favourable variance, this is partially offset by the Case Mix Index assigned by the Province, resulting in a net

favourable variance of \$360,000 from per diem revenue across all four homes. Increases in other per diem categories are anticipated later this year which should increase this surplus; however, the impact is not known at this time.

- A surplus position of approximately \$90,000 is anticipated for preferred accommodation revenue from all four homes.
- Due to higher than anticipated rebates and lower usage, utility costs are expected to be lower than budget, resulting in a savings of approximately \$75,000 across the division.
- Unfavourable variances are anticipated in personnel expenses, specifically for overtime and temporary staffing required to ensure standards for resident care and strict service levels are maintained when full time staff is absent due to staff vacancies, training, illness or injury. A deficit of approximately \$750,000 is projected for the year.
- A deficit of \$50,000 is expected for the Adult Day Program, due primarily to client fees being lower than anticipated and higher than expected WSIB costs.
- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division continues to review all discretionary expenditures, as well as prioritization of capital expenditures, to mitigate the anticipated deficit position and expects to achieve savings.
- The Family Services Division reports that due to continuing staff vacancies in the Core Community Services program savings of approximately \$150,000 are anticipated for the year.
- In the Income and Employment Support Division, an overall surplus of \$375,000 is projected for the year based on the following items:
 - Though the provincial upload of the eligible municipal share of costs for Ontario Works Financial Assistance has been completed effective January 2018, the cap on the maximum cost shareable amount of discretionary benefits remains. Based on the expenditures to date and anticipated caseloads, a deficit of approximately \$400,000 in the discretionary program is currently projected for the year. Caseloads and costs will continue to be monitored closely over the remainder of the year.
 - The Ontario Works (OW) Program Delivery budget is projected to have a \$625,000 net surplus for the year. While client-related expenditures in the OW Employment Support accounts are trending above budget, there are personnel savings in the Administration section of the program that more than offset this over expenditure.
 - The 2018 subsidy approved by the province for OW administration is greater than the budget estimate by \$150,000.

- The Children's Services Division is reporting an overall break even position for the year. On May 8th, the provincial government released details of additional funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$5.1 million for Fee Stabilization, Child Care Expansion Plan, as well as a new funding stream - Operating Funding for Base Funding for Licensed Home Child Care (LHCC). It is not anticipated that net Regional costs will change as a result of the increase in provincial funding.
- The Housing Services Division reports that they are tracking near budgeted expectations. Expenditures on the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative are proceeding as planned with the provision of services that address the selected outcomes of At Home in Durham, the Durham Housing Plan 2014 – 2024. A break even position is projected for the year.
- Overall, a net surplus of approximately \$250,000 is projected for the Social Services Department for the year.

4.2 Health Department

- The Health Department is reporting a savings of approximately \$1.5 million in the mandatory program budgets, primarily due to savings resulting from staff vacancies and the time lag associated with the hiring of replacement staff.
- The Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) division is projecting a shortfall related to increasing staff costs of approximately \$795,000. This increase is in part due to changes resulting from Bill 148, with the most significant impact due to the legislative change to include post-traumatic stress disorder claims within WSIB coverage. Additionally, enhancements were legislated for part time employees' statutory holiday and vacation pay.
- The 2018 provincial subsidies for RDPS have now been confirmed. While subsidy for the Designated Offload Nursing program was confirmed equal to budget, the subsidy for the rest of the program exceeds the amount budgeted by \$45,000.
- Overall, a deficit position of \$750,000 is forecast for RDPS at this time.
- The net result for the Health Department is a projected surplus of \$750,000.

4.3 Works Department

- A break even position is forecast for the Roads and General Operations programs.
- The Works Department has indicated that year to date expenditures in the winter maintenance program are \$8,351,000 compared to the annual budget of \$10,015,000 or 83% of budgeted expenditures. With year to date expenditures running over expectations, and should the winter control spending for the remainder of the year reflect that of prior years, a deficit in the range of \$1 - \$1.5 million could materialize. As the final status of the winter maintenance

budget will be dependent upon storm events in the latter part of the year, a break even position is presented for this reporting period. An updated forecast will be provided as the remainder of the year progresses.

- In the Solid Waste Management Operations, the extension of the garbage and blue box collection contracts as approved by Regional Council are expected to result in an over expenditure of about \$1 million for 2018. Savings from staff vacancies and other miscellaneous costs are expected to reduce this expenditure deficit by approximately \$200,000.
- As previously reported by the Works Department, the China National Sword Campaign is having a significant impact on the market prices for recyclable products. As the Region markets plastics, aluminum, steel and glass to North American markets, newsprint and mixed paper are the only commodities being impacted by China's National Sword Campaign at this time, although further actions are expected.
- Although difficult to predict, and given the present market conditions, it is highly unlikely that revenue from fibres will rebound in 2018. It is possible that the significant price decreases experienced so far will continue and potentially expand to other commodities. Consequently, a deficit of approximately \$700,000 is being forecast for blue box revenues at this time.
- Overall, a deficit position of \$1.5 million is forecast for Solid Waste Management Operations for the year.

4.4 Planning and Economic Development Department

- As previously reported, program revenues of the Planning division are trending higher than budget (\$50,000) and there are realized staff savings from vacancies in the Department (\$150,000). At this time a surplus of approximately \$200,000 is projected.
- A break even position is projected for the Economic Development and Tourism division for 2018 at this point in the year.

4.5 Corporate Services Department

- The Information Technology division is reporting anticipated savings of \$300,000 at year end. Wide Area Network operations are currently tracking below budgeted expectations due to longer than anticipated time required for newly constructed connections to come on line. Due to the timing gap in filling staff vacancies, savings in the personnel category are also anticipated for the year.
- Based on a review of financial results to the end of July, Provincial Offences Administration has savings of about \$200,000. The surplus comes from savings in Administration due to reduced adjudication charges from the Ministry of the Attorney General. While it is still too early to project fine revenue for the

year, receipts to date are running under budget and consequently, a break even position is forecast at this time for Provincial Offences Administration.

- A deficit of about \$300,000 is expected for the Legal Service division primarily due to external legal fees associated with the claim for unfunded transit liabilities settled earlier this year.
- Staff vacancies in the Corporate Privacy Office and Records & Information Management sections of the Legislative Services division are expected to result in savings of \$150,000 in 2018.
- Overall, a surplus of \$150,000 is expected for the Corporate Services Department for 2018.

4.6 Finance Department

- The Finance Department is projecting a surplus of approximately \$400,000 for the year at this point in time primarily as a result of staff vacancies.

4.7 Police Services Board

- As of July 31, 2018, the Police Service is forecasting year end results to be close to budgeted levels. For the seven months ending July 31st, net spending of \$106.54 million represents about 54 per cent of the annual operating budget of \$198.92 million. While there are salary savings from position vacancies, these are expected to be offset by higher benefits, including member retirement costs, and legal and consulting services.

4.8 Provincial Download Programs

- Payments to external social housing providers, a portion of the Provincial Download budget, are presently tracking under budget due to lower than anticipated Rent Geared to Income subsidies. Benchmarked operating costs, and property taxes for housing providers are tracking to budget.
- The Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) is projecting overages for the year, primarily from the costs of winter grounds maintenance and building maintenance and repair. These year to date operating costs are trending higher than budget and are close to the prior year actuals, which also resulted in a deficit.
- Overall, it is anticipated that the surplus in payments to external social housing providers and projected deficit in the DRLHC budget will result in a \$250,000 deficit position in the Provincial Download Program for 2018.

4.9 Other Initiatives

- A Primary Care Outreach Pilot project to provide primary care outreach services to at-risk and hard to reach populations with targeted implementation was approved in June at an upset cost of \$290,000 for the 8 months ending

February 28, 2019. Approximately \$220,000 was allocated for 2018, with the balance to be considered as part of the 2019 budgets for the Health and Social Services Departments. At the time of approval it was anticipated that the program costs could be covered from surpluses within the budgets of the participating departments.

- Unallocated revenues from interest earnings are expected to exceed budget by about \$470,000, resulting in an overall net surplus of approximately \$250,000 for the year for Other Initiatives.

5. Durham Region Transit

- 5.1 At this stage in the year, a \$150,000 deficit position, less than 0.5 per cent on a net budget of \$55.8 million, is expected in 2018 for transit. At the same time, there are certain financial risks that will not be known until later in the year. For example, the current fuel price is resulting in a small savings, but prices can be volatile. In addition, weather events at the end of the year will impact route maintenance costs, which are already above levels predicted for the first seven months of 2018.
- 5.2 Ridership statistics available to the end of July indicate that overall conventional ridership is approximately 2.5 per cent, or around 144,000 riders, higher than the budgeted ridership expectations, and 3.3 per cent higher than the same period in 2017.
- 5.3 Statistics available to July indicate that specialized services ridership is down approximately 2.7 per cent when compared to the 2018 budget, and is about one per cent lower than prior year levels.
- 5.4 Overall, a \$120,000 surplus position for conventional and specialized fare revenue is projected for 2018, based on ridership and revenues to the end of July.
- 5.5 The forecasted deficit for the Operations program is expected to be approximately \$100,000.
 - The GO One-Fare-Anywhere demand for service to July is approximately seventeen per cent lower than budgeted expectations. As a result, a surplus of \$150,000 is projected at this time.
 - Route maintenance services, including snow and ice removal, are required in order to keep approximately 2,700 bus stops and over 500 shelters safe for DRT riders. Currently, expenditures are close to 79 per cent of budget as weather conditions were unusually harsh well into the spring. At this point in time, a \$250,000 deficit position is forecast, but the overall position will be dependent on the severity of weather conditions in the latter part of the year.
- 5.6 The Maintenance program is expected to be in a \$70,000 deficit position.
 - To July, the volume of conventional fuel used is trending about 125,000 litres lower than budgeted expectations, leading to a surplus of \$130,000 compared to budget.

- Although fuel prices have risen, they remain in line with budgeted expectations so far, resulting in a break even position. The average price paid per litre is approximately \$1.05, equivalent to the budgeted price.
 - To July, major repairs and bus part expenditures are trending higher than the same period in 2017. The 2018 budget was increased by approximately 16 per cent to account for the anticipated increase in spending in this area. DRT Maintenance staff will be actively reviewing opportunities to manage expenditures within the approved budget. However, a \$200,000 deficit position for bus repairs and parts is forecasted at this time.
- 5.7 Overall, the Specialized Services program is expected to be in a \$100,000 surplus position in 2018 when compared to the approved budget.
- Contracted taxi services continue to be used to supplement the specialized bus services. Approximately 37 per cent of all Specialized Service riders are supported by contracted taxis in 2018 to July. This level of support from taxi services is in line with 2017 levels for the same period.
 - Ridership levels are lower than the budget for 2018, and as a result, taxi services are trending lower than the approved budget. A \$100,000 surplus position is forecasted at this time for Specialized Services.
- 5.8 Facility costs are expected to be in a \$200,000 deficit position as ground maintenance, mainly clearing of snow and ice at the main bus depots, is tracking much higher than anticipated.

6. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems

6.1 Water Supply

- The Works Department reports that while there are budget variances within various program expenditures and revenues to this date in the year, these variances are currently offsetting. At this point in the year a break even position for the Water Supply operations is projected.
- To the end of July, water supply user revenues are tracking slightly above budget and a surplus position of \$750,000 is projected at this time.
- Overall, a surplus position of \$750,000 in the water supply system is anticipated at this time.

6.2 Sanitary Sewer

- The Works Department projects that the current operational expenditures for Sanitary Sewer are anticipated to produce a surplus position of approximately \$600,000 by year end, largely as a result of continued improvements in energy efficiency measures in the plant operations.

- Similar to water supply, sewer user revenues are tracking above budget and a surplus position of \$1,200,000 is projected at this time.
- Overall a net surplus position of approximately \$1.8 million is anticipated for the sanitary sewer system.

7. Summary

- 7.1 Based on the available information to the end of July, a deficit position is forecast for Durham Region Transit and surplus positions are forecast for the General Tax Operations, Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems for the year.
- 7.2 Regional staff will continue to monitor costs and provide budget status updates in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by M.E. Simpson

M.E. Simpson, CPA, CMA, MA
Acting Commissioner of Finance



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2018-INFO-123
Date: August 24, 2018

Subject:

Agriculture and Rural Affairs E-Newsletter – August 2018

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter is a bi-monthly snapshot of the initiatives, activities and partnerships within the agricultural and rural areas across the Region of Durham. It serves as an environmentally-conscious, cost effective tool to relay information regarding the latest agricultural and rural economic development activities in Durham Region.

2. Background

2.1 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter was distributed to 409 subscribers in August 2018 with a 41% open rate. It is also on the Region's website and distributed via social media channels through the Corporate Communications office.

- View the [Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--The-unique-spaces--faces--and-places-of-North-Durham.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=Srcir69i2p4) online at <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--The-unique-spaces--faces--and-places-of-North-Durham.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=Srcir69i2p4>

2.2 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter is produced in cooperation with Corporate Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2018-INFO-124
Date: August 24, 2018

Subject:

Ambulance Coverage in the Town of Whitby

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Whitby Town Council through Committee of the Whole on ambulance coverage in the Town of Whitby and plans for future expansion.

2. Background

- 2.1 On June 7, 2018 Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) was notified of the attached Resolution adopted by the Whitby Town Council which requested information as to ambulance coverage in the Town of Whitby and plans for future expansion as growth occurs.
- 2.2 Currently, there is one paramedic response station located in Whitby which also serves as the RDPS headquarters. The station is located at Anderson and Taunton with direct access onto Anderson Street.
- 2.3 The Whitby paramedic response station is staffed with four ambulances at peak deployment and two ambulances between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. A Rapid Response Vehicle staffed with one paramedic between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. patrols the Whitby core to assist during peak call times.
- 2.4 Call volumes and response times for 2017 were analyzed to determine if there is a need for an additional paramedic response station in Whitby.

3. Data Analysis

- 3.1 A total of 18,011 calls were responded to by RDPS in the Town of Whitby in 2017. Of these, 23.1% (4,159) of calls originated from south Whitby, which was defined as south of Dundas Street, between Highway 412 and Garrard Street, for the purposes of the analysis.
- 3.2 In accordance with [Regulation 257/00](#) under the [Ambulance Act](#), RDPS monitors response time against targets based on the Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS). Targets are established by identifying the percentage of calls where paramedics meet identified response times (e.g. response time is 6 minutes or less 60% of the time).
- 3.3 The CTAS performance results for Whitby were compared with Durham Region results for 2017 to determine if there is a need for an additional station in Whitby:

CTAS Goal	Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) 60%	CTAS I 75%	CTAS II 75%	CTAS III 75%	CTAS IV 75%	CTAS V 75%
Whitby	57.1%	86.5%	89.5%	96.5%	98.8%	98.7%
Durham	65.3%	81.4%	89.3%	95.6%	98.7%	99.2%

- 3.4 The performance results indicate that response time in Whitby exceeds response time in Durham Region overall in most CTAS categories and targets are exceeded in Whitby in 5 of 6 categories.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 RDPS performance results do not indicate a need for an additional paramedic response station in Whitby at this time.
- 4.2 It is anticipated that most of the growth in Whitby will continue into Brooklin where the existing paramedic station can respond appropriately.
- 4.3 The need for an additional paramedic response station in Whitby to address population growth can be re-assessed in the future if required.
- 4.4 There are always opportunities to improve performance. RDPS identifies needs for additional resources to support existing paramedic response stations on an annual basis to ensure high quality services for Durham Region residents.

5. Attachment

Attachment #1: Whitby Town Council Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



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June 7, 2018

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Durham
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Re: Ambulance Station in Whitby

Please be advised that at a meeting held on June 4, 2018 the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution #209-18:

Whereas the Region of Durham has one ambulance station in the Town of Whitby at Taunton and Anderson; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham relies on ambulances stationed in neighbouring municipalities to provide coverage to Whitby when required.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Region of Durham be requested to provide Whitby Town Council with information as to ambulance coverage in the Town of Whitby and plans for future expansion as growth occurs; and,
2. That the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Region of Durham.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-430-4315.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ch H".

Christopher Harris
Town Clerk



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August 10, 2018

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The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 12, 2018
Re: Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on June 12, 2018, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Oakville has passed a similar resolution; and

Whereas the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning that complements the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

Whereas the Greenbelt has protected 1.8 million acres of farmland, local food supplies, the headwaters of our rivers and important forests and wildlife habitat for more than 12 years; and

Whereas a permanent Greenbelt is an important part of the planning for sustainable communities; and

Whereas there is a tremendous amount of land already planned and available in excess of the development needs of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) without weakening the protections provided by the Greenbelt; and

Whereas efforts to open the Greenbelt to create the opportunity for land speculators to build expansive homes, at immense profits, in remote areas; and

Whereas opening the Greenbelt would move the urban boundary thus creating more sprawl and increased traffic; and

Whereas the costs of sprawl result in increased taxes, because 25% of the costs of sprawl are downloaded to existing property tax payers; and

Whereas programs like the proposed inclusionary zoning regulations will assist municipalities in advancing the supply of affordable housing stock without the need to expand the built boundary;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora stands with its municipal neighbours to undertake continued action to maintain and grow the current Greenbelt, of which the Oak Ridges Moraine is a part; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Province be strongly urged to extend Greenbelt protection to include the appropriate white belt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, all Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine), Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, The Regional Municipality of York, and members of Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt, and leaders of the various Ontario political parties.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Re: Town of Aurora Motion (b) Greenbelt Protection

August 10, 2018

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Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Environmental Defence
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Municipal Leaders for the Greenbelt
STORM Coalition (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine)
Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
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Subject: Regulating the Display and Distribution of Objectionable Images

At its meeting on August 7, 2018, Oakville Town Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Oakville wishes to be a safe and welcoming community for all those who are residents or visitors to our town; and

WHEREAS messaging and graphic depictions felt by many to be upsetting and objectionable appear in public places, on our streets and at our doorsteps yearly; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards includes in its provisions, outlined under Unacceptable Depictions and Portrayals - Advertisements shall not: undermine human dignity; or display obvious indifference to, or encourage, gratuitously and without merit, conduct or attitudes that offend the standards of public decency prevailing among a significant segment of the population.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct the Director of Municipal Enforcement, in consultation with the Town Solicitor, to assess options to:

- a. *regulate the display of banners/signs in public places as well as the distribution of print materials to private residences that contain extremely graphic images intended to shock, alarm, or cause dismay, including the potential for the prohibiting of the public display and distribution of such print materials for the purposes of addressing the potential of such displays to cause harm to members of the public, especially children; and*
- b. *report back to Council in 2019.*

Be it further resolved that by way of a letter to the Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Attorney General, Mayor Burton, on behalf of Council, urge the Province of Ontario to limit and regulate the display and distribution of posters, signs and leaflets that contain disturbing images; and

THAT Mayor Burton, on behalf of Council, write the Minister of Justice of Canada urging the consideration of amendments to Section 163(8) of the Canadian Criminal Code - Obscene Publication; and

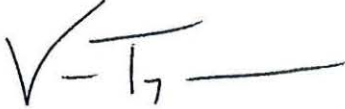
THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

August 13, 2018

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require any additional information, please contact me at 905-845-6601, extension 2003, or email vicki.tytaneck@oakville.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V-Tytaneck', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Vicki Tytaneck
Town Clerk

c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario – All Members

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Ms. Lynn Dollin
President
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
801 - 200 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C6

Dear Ms. Dollin:

I am writing to you in light of recent statements by Premier Doug Ford regarding the sale of cannabis and in anticipation of the plenary session on August 22 on cannabis implementation at your upcoming annual conference in Ottawa.

Many Ontario municipalities have expressed real concern about the impact on them of the Premier's announcement on cannabis sales. As you know, Mr. Ford had previously leaned towards maintaining the Ontario Cannabis Store model. Now he has decreed that cannabis distribution will be private - before consultations even begin.

The panel of provincial and municipal officials that you will hear at your conference will speak to a number of very important implications of the new retail model. I am

confident they will raise red flags that should make AMO completely rethink its support of private cannabis sales.

I am in close touch with public health experts. They agree that Mr. Ford's plan is bad policy from every point of view. A report commissioned by the previous government indicated most expert organizations, like MADD, "favoured a government-control board model, given its ability to promote public safety, control products and prices, and leverage existing best practices and lessons learned from similar models."

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police has reported on a York Regional Police study showing the "legalization of cannabis in other jurisdictions has resulted in increased rates of impaired driving, motor vehicle collisions, overall crime, as well as injuries/illnesses associated with cannabis use." One can only imagine the increased costs to municipalities - costs that will be significantly increased if a safe, responsible and public retail model is abandoned.

The Premier has given municipalities the option of not allowing private cannabis sales in their communities. But the offer is a one-time deal. Should private cannabis sales prove overwhelming in terms of health, policing and social costs, there will be no way out for municipalities: the province will impose its iron will on municipalities, leaving them to cope with the cannabis fallout.

Cannabis will soon be legal in Canada. Unfortunately, neither the federal nor the provincial government has given municipalities, law-enforcement agencies and government regulatory bodies enough time to prepare. So many unanswered questions remain.

We need to turn to the municipalities: tough, enlightened and principled community leaders who will stand up and speak clearly to the need to make the best of a situation fraught with unknowns and hidden costs. We need a strong, united voice for public sale of cannabis through the Ontario Cannabis Store, a subsidiary of the LCBO.

Full disclosure: the previously accepted model ensures that workers would be OPSEU members. But let me assure you my union will not rise or fall on the addition of a couple of hundred members. This is a matter of public safety and public policy. With so many unknowns, a steady-as-we-go-approach has already been endorsed by the experts in harm reduction and law enforcement. We hope you agree with them.

Ms. Dollin, during your annual conference, I trust that you and your members will take very seriously OPSEU's many concerns about a privatized model of cannabis distribution. It is bad, drive-by public policy that will have untold negative consequences for the province and its municipalities. United as once voice, we must stand up to the Premier and say no to private cannabis sales in our communities.

Sincerely,



Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President, Ontario Public Service Employees Union

c: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO
All Ontario mayors

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OPSEU's Thomas calls for public cannabis option

TORONTO - OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas appeared on a Financial Post panel discussion and called for publicly run cannabis outlets in municipalities that don't want sales in private hands. He said the government is putting many municipalities on the spot by giving them just one chance to opt out of allowing private, for-profit stores to sell cannabis.

"As the smoke clears on Doug Ford's flip-flop on cannabis sales," Thomas said, "we see a number of municipalities standing up and saying, 'We don't want the social, regulatory and policing costs of private stores dumped on us. But we don't want organized crime coming in to fill the void, either.'

"Of course, there'd be no problem if cannabis sales were kept in the experienced, responsible hands of LCBO staff. That's what health experts, law enforcement agencies and many others, including municipal

leaders, told the previous Liberal government was best during its extensive consultations.

"But it doesn't have to be either/or," Thomas continued. "We propose allowing Ontario Cannabis Stores to set up shop in municipalities that don't want private stores. That doesn't necessarily mean more bricks and mortar. The existing LCBO network can be retrofitted to allow for cannabis sales."

The President was questioned about the motives behind OPSEU's support for publicly run cannabis distribution, suggesting the union was only looking out for its own interests.

"We represent over 155,000 workers," Thomas replied. "A few hundred workers won't make or break OPSEU. But as a social justice union, we call for public policy that is in the best interests of all Ontarians. And putting cannabis sales in private, for-profit hands is bad policy, pure and simple.

"As far as I can see, the only people who will benefit are the owners of the private stores - mostly former political staffers who stand to make eye-popping profits. That's money that could have gone into health, education and infrastructure instead of profiteers' deep pockets.

"And if you want to talk about motives, let's look at medical cannabis growers. They talked a good game about how they were filling a vital medical niche. We agreed. But now some are indicating a shift to recreational cannabis. Why? Better profits. I ask again, how can we trust private cannabis retailers to be responsible when their one and only goal is profit? And what happens to patients in need when there's not enough medical cannabis?"

Thomas also dismissed the option of online sales. "We've seen it in other jurisdictions: people don't want a record of buying cannabis. They want to pay cash. If there's a credit card record, there's a way to hack into it. That could mean not crossing the border or not getting hired. Do consumers really trust that information with private retailers either? Honestly, the more I look at the Premier's cannabis policy, the more I think he belongs on the Bong Show."

For more information: Warren (Smokey) Thomas, 613-329-1931

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In a country as affluent as Canada, hunger is unacceptable. Yet, more than 850,000 Canadians will visit a food bank for assistance this month alone. Of those, 36% are children or youth. We are working to help raise awareness and fight hunger and change those statistics.

Here in Durham Region, the rise in need is represented by an increase of those turning to emergency food providers for support. As the Regional food distribution hub, Feed the Need in Durham distributes approximately 80,000 to 100,000 pounds of food each month to our 62 member agencies (food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other social service agencies) in Durham, supporting approximately 265,000 visits each year.

During Hunger Action Month, September, we encourage Canadians to *engage*. On Monday, September 17th, Feed the Need in Durham will hold their 3rd annual "Push Against Hunger" Awareness Walk commencing at Oshawa City Hall at 10:00 a.m. and proceeding east along Highway 2 to a final destination point at the Region of Durham Headquarters approximately 1:15/30 p.m.

The Hunger Awareness Walk will encompass two municipalities within the Durham Region being Feed the Need in Durham's home city of Oshawa and the neighboring Town of Whitby. The hope is that in the future the walk will slowly expand to include other municipalities in the Region.

We would like to invite all Durham Regional Mayors and Council members to consider attending the 10:00 a.m. launch at Oshawa City Hall or the afternoon event wrap up at the Regional Headquarters with a small non-perishable food donation to help support the walk. Additionally, members are invited to consider participating by walking a portion of the journey. This would involve possibly pushing the shopping cart on just walking on route to help raise awareness and food/fund donations to help fight hunger in our community. Please contact Robyn McKibbon at robyn@ftnd.ca or 905-571-3863 if you wish to participate in the walk.

We can work together to make a difference for the thousands of individuals in Durham Region who turn to emergency food providers for support each month. By learning about hunger, we can all change the way we think about hunger and activate the changes needed to reduce it.

We encourage everyone to take part. Visit www.oafb.ca/hunger-action-month for more information or www.feedtheneedindurham.ca

Thank you
Sincerely,

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