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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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August 2, 2019

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Early Release Reports

[2019-P-**](#) Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – re: Public Meeting Report, Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2019-003

Early release reports will be considered at the September 3, 2019 Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting

Staff Correspondence

There is no Staff Correspondence

Durham Municipalities Correspondence

There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions

1. [Municipality of McDougall](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on June 17, 2019, supporting the resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms
2. [Municipality of South Huron](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on July 15, 2019, supporting the Township of Warwick resolution regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms
3. [Township of McKellar](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on July 15, 2019, regarding Municipal Amalgamation

Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. [Metrolinx](#) – re: Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario released the Initial Business Case for the Ontario Line, a new subway line that will better connect people to where they want to go, and reduce travel times across Toronto.

Advisory Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2019-INFO-53
Date: August 2, 2019

Subject:

Program Reports

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) programs and services.

2. Highlights

2.1 DRHD reports for April – June 2019 include the following key highlights:

- a. Health Analytics, Research & Policy – Health Analytics Information Products;
- b. Health Protection – Emergency Management, Food Safety, Healthy Environments and Safe Water updates;
- c. Healthy Families – Durham Health Connection Line and Healthy Families updates;
- d. Healthy Living – Healthy Living (including Chronic Disease Prevention, Injury Prevention, Mental Health and School Health) and *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* updates;
- e. Infectious Diseases – Immunization, Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control updates; and
- f. Paramedic Services – Administration, Logistics, Operations and Quality Development updates.

2.2 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 program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups (including performance reports), business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABBREVIATIONS

- ACC – Aboriginal Cultural Coordinator
- ACP – Advanced Care Paramedic
- AGCO – Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
- APECDC – Ajax Pickering Early Childhood Development Coalition
- BACC – Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle
- BBI – Blood-Borne Infection
- BGA – Blue-Green Algae
- BHV – Blended Home Visiting
- BOH – Board of Health
- BSW – Bike to School Week
- CA – *Cannabis Act*
- CAO – Chief Administrative Officer
- CCC – Child Care Centre
- CDA – Canadian Dermatology Association
- CELHIN – Central East Local Health Integration Network
- CWIS – Cold Warning and Information System
- DBCFS – Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiyag Child & Family Services
- DCAS – Durham Children's Aid Society
- DCDSB – Durham Catholic District School Board
- DDSB – Durham District School Board
- DEMO – Durham Emergency Management Office
- DHCL – Durham Health Connection Line
- DHF – Durham Healthy Families
- DNGS – Darlington Nuclear Generating Station
- DPHS – Diseases of Public Health Significance

- DRAAC – Durham Region Aboriginal Advisory Circle
- DRHD – Durham Region Health Department
- DROIS – Durham Region Opioid Information System
- DROTF – Durham Region Opioid Task Force
- DRPS – Durham Regional Police Service
- DRT – Durham Region Transit
- DVZ – Durham Vision Zero
- DVZSR SAP – Durham Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan
- FHT – Food Handler Training
- FV – Family Visitor
- HBHC – Healthy Babies Healthy Children
- HCP – Healthcare Provider
- HDEMP – Health Department Emergency Master Plan
- HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HOC – Health Operations Centre
- HPD – Health Protection Division
- HPV – Human Papillomavirus
- HQ – Headquarters
- IPAC – Infection Prevention and Control
- ISPA – *Immunization of School Pupils Act*
- KBYG – Know Before You Go
- KI – Potassium Iodide
- KPRDSB – Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- LD – Lyme Disease
- LH – Lakeridge Health
- LTCH – Long-Term Care Home
- MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

- MNO – Metis Nation of Ontario
- MOECP – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- MOH – Ministry of Health
- MSIFN – Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- NEPW – National Emergency Preparedness Week
- NIPD – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- NSAW – National Sun Awareness Week
- OMAFRA – Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- OPHS – *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability*
- OSDUHS – Ontario Student Drug Use and Mental Health Survey
- PCP – Primary Care Paramedic
- PHAC – Public Health Agency of Canada
- PHI – Public Health Inspector
- PHN – Public Health Nurse
- PHU – Public Health Unit
- PNGS – Pickering Nuclear Generating Station
- PSS – Personal Services Settings
- PVNCCDSB – Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
- RAM – Rabies Awareness Month
- RDPS – Region of Durham Paramedic Services
- REOC – Regional Emergency Operations Centre
- RRFSS – Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System
- SFOA – *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*
- SHC – Sexual Health Clinic
- SK – Senior Kindergarten

- STI – Sexually Transmitted Infection
- SVS – Specialty Vape Stores
- TAMI – Talking About Mental Illness
- TEO – Tobacco Enforcement Officer
- THC – delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol
- UV – Ultraviolet
- VBD – Vector-Borne Diseases
- WHO – World Health Organization
- WNV – West Nile Virus
- WOTR – Weed Out the Risk
- WWD – Winter Walk Day



Health Analytics, Research & Policy

Report for April – June 2019

Health Analytics Information Products

[Durham Region Opioid Information System](#)

DROIS went live on June 3, 2019. The information system provides up-to-date data on suspected opioid overdose calls attended by RDPS, emergency department visits and deaths related to opioid poisonings in Durham Region residents.

The surveillance data show that opioid poisonings from all three sources are increasing. DROIS can be accessed by going to durham.ca/opioidstats. Local partners and members of the public can subscribe for the latest updates by selecting “receive email updates” at the bottom of DROIS.

DROIS is part of a larger initiative to keep local stakeholders and members of the public informed about the opioid crisis and is featured on DRHD’s new webpage on Opioid and Overdose Prevention at: <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/drugs.aspx>.

[Infographic: Immunization Rates in Children](#)

This infographic provides updated immunization coverage rates for school-aged children. Immunization rates in children aged 7 or 8 for school-required vaccines increased significantly between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, from 75 per cent to 91 per cent, due to enforcement of school suspensions carried out by the Health Department.

Immunization rates remain high at about 90 per cent for school-required immunizations for ages 7 to 8 and 16 to 17, and for meningococcal disease in Grade 7 students. Immunization rates were lower for hepatitis B at 76 per cent, and HPV at 68 per cent.

Children living in the seven Priority Neighbourhoods had lower immunization rates for school-required vaccines in 2016/17 but had rates similar to Durham Region one year later. For the 2017/18 school year, immunization rates for hepatitis B and HPV were lower in the Priority Neighbourhoods compared to Durham Region.

Trends in Tobacco Use

In 2018, 14 per cent of Durham Region adults were smokers, representing over 74,300 adult smokers in the region. This was a significant decline from 21 per cent in 2009. Adults aged 25 to 44 years had the highest smoking rate at 21 per cent. The smoking rate for males continues to remain higher (19 per cent) compared to females (11 per cent). Smoking rates decreased in all Durham Region municipalities since 2009, with Oshawa having the highest smoking rate at 19 per cent.

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Health Protection

Report for April – June 2019

Emergency Management

Regional Emergency Exercise

Emergency management is identified as a foundational standard in the OPHS requiring BOHs to have the capacity and be ready to respond to and recover from emergencies with public health impacts.

On May 22, DRHD participated in the regional emergency exercise “Terrible Turbulence” and activated the HOC to support the Region’s response to a large-scale disaster. The exercise was planned in coordination with DEMO, DRPS, Works Department, and other Regional departments. The exercise simulated serious health, safety and infrastructure impacts caused by a plane crash to a local water depot.

The objective of the exercise was to test the capabilities of HOC using the HDEMP, test various communication tools including new laptops and offer an opportunity to coordinate response activities in partnership with other regional departments. In addition to setting up and operating the HOC, DRHD was also present at the REOC. The exercise provided both teams with an opportunity to practice their roles and responsibilities in an emergency by responding to injects from the simulated scenario.

Debriefing sessions were held at both the REOC and the HOC following the exercise to capture feedback including lessons learned and recommendations for improvement to ensure all agencies are prepared to deal with emergency situations, including mass-scale disasters. The feedback will be captured in an “After Action Report” and will be used to identify training needs and areas for improvement.

Potassium Iodide Tablets

This year's, NEPW ran from May 5 to 11 with the aim to ensure people are ready for an emergency. DRHD launched its second communication campaign of the year to raise awareness of the availability of KI tablets to anyone living or working within 50 km of either DNGS or PNGS. The awareness campaign included a news release, social media posts, advertisements at the GO train station, newspapers and on DRT buses.

In addition, a new KI YouTube video was created to promote awareness that KI is safe for vulnerable populations such as infants, pregnant and breastfeeding women. The video was filmed at the Port Perry waterfront to highlight that KI is available to residents with the 50 km Ingestion Planning Zone (formerly known as the Secondary Zone) surrounding both DNGS and PNGS.

The video can be viewed on the Durham Health YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/2XxIFpY>.

Food Safety

In the second quarter of 2019, staff delivered **21** FHT courses and conducted **five** proctoring sessions. One of the classes was conducted in French by a bilingual PHI, as were **two** of the proctoring sessions. **Nine** of these courses were taught in Priority Neighbourhoods, and **two** new instructors joined the FHT team.

A vlog on "Food Safety at Special Events" was filmed in June 2019 and had **940** views in the first **48** hours after being released. Two days of content on the DHF Facebook page resulted in over **6,500** impressions. The vlog highlights some issues that PHIs may identify at special events as part of efforts to prevent foodborne illness. The vlog can be viewed using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDzUiPuDiTM>.

Providing information on the safe diversion of surplus food (for donation) and the safe preparation and handling of food at home is a mandatory requirement in the Food Safety Protocol of the OPHS. A vlog was released ahead of Earth Day with corresponding Facebook content which highlighted food safety in the home; it also targeted food waste reduction, safe practices, and best before dates. The vlog resulted in **2,200** views, and the Facebook content resulted in over **5,900** impressions. The vlog can be viewed using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDzUiPuDiTM>. In addition, DRHD staff is currently collaborating with the Works Department to develop and create

resources targeting youth ranging from secondary school to college/university to better understand how to reduce food waste safely and prevent foodborne illness.

DRHD's newly implemented special events process continues to improve efficiencies, with positive feedback from vendors and staff. This has allowed DRHD to better allocate resources to events with higher risk to the public. The process will be evaluated throughout 2019.

Healthy Environments

Cold Warning and Information System

This past winter CWIS was piloted with community partners including front line agencies that provide services to Durham Region's most vulnerable populations. A total of **21** alerts were issued. Extreme cold alerts were issued when weather was forecasted to reach the criteria of -15°C or -20°C with wind chill or colder. Alerts were also issued for extreme winter weather events such as blizzards and ice storms.

In May, a survey was provided to community partners to evaluate the effectiveness and usefulness of the CWIS. This valuable information will be used to inform program decisions and create enhancements to the cold warning program prior to the public launch in December 2019.

Survey results were very positive with **75 per cent** of respondents stating that the CWIS email notification was valuable to their organization and many agencies implementing cold response measures upon receipt of the cold warning notification.

Durham's heat and cold warning notification systems meet the requirements of the OPHS.

Recreational Camp Inspections

Recreational camp inspections and complaints are now posted online on Check&Go!, as required under the OPHS. Facilities are also required to post the Check&Go! notice of inspection sign to advise the public where the most recent inspection or re-inspection results can be viewed.

Safe Water

As in past years, HPD staff began collecting bacteriological water samples on June 3, in accordance with the *Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guideline* from public beaches in the region to determine if they are safe for swimming.

This season, **14** public beaches will be routinely monitored for water quality. Activities carried out at each beach include obtaining water samples to be analysed for elevated levels of bacteria to advise area residents and visitors of the beaches that are safe for swimming. Beaches with elevated levels of bacteria are posted as unsafe for swimming with appropriate signage. To date, **13** public beaches have been sampled routinely; one beach on Lake Ontario has not been sampled due to high water levels. Seventy-four samples have been taken which have resulted in **seven** beach postings.

Each week test results are posted on the regional website, distributed via social media and sent to the members of the media to assist with public notification of beach postings.

In addition, HPD staff responds to and investigates reports of BGA and other adverse events reported at public beaches. This year signage has been posted at all local public beaches to provide precautionary information regarding BGA. Where the visual presence of BGA is confirmed by HPD staff a referral for follow-up testing is made to the MOECP and water quality advisory signage will be posted advising the public of precautions. Information on BGA has been distributed to the media and posted on durham.ca. To date, DRHD has not received any reports of BGA at any local public beaches.

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Healthy Families

Report for April – June 2019

Durham Health Connection Line

DHCL is a confidential telephone help line available to people living, working and visiting Durham Region. PHNs provide assessment, health information, counselling, and referrals to community services. The community can access information and resources that promote and protect health on a variety of topics. From April to June 2019, DHCL responded to **3,130** inquiries from the community.

Healthy Families

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

The HBHC Program is a voluntary program administered by PHUs across Ontario and consists of universal screening with targeted assessments and interventions for families and children from the prenatal period until their transition to school. As part of the HBHC Program, PHNs and lay FVs provide supportive intervention to families identified with risk through a BHV model.

Between January 1 and May 31, **2,017** clients were screened and **1,140 (56 per cent)** scored with risk for compromised child development and/or parenting capacity. PHNs were able to reach **692 (61 per cent)** clients on the phone to offer a home visit and in-depth assessment. **Three hundred and five (44 per cent)** clients that were reached on the phone agreed to the home visit. **Two hundred and fifty-nine (85 per cent)** in depth assessments were completed between January 1 and May 31. Clients who were

identified “with risk” on the in-depth assessment were offered referral to the BHV program.

PHNs and FVs work in partnership with identified families in the BHV program to address goals related to healthy child development and effective parenting. As of May 6, there were **313** active clients in the program. Between January 1 and May 31, PHNs and/or FVs made **2,872** home visits to clients. **One hundred and ninety-eight** clients have completed one or more of their service plan goals since January and of those goals, **96 per cent** were achieved or partially achieved.

HBHC clients participate in assessments and activities to foster parent-child interaction and attachment. Between January 1 and May 31, **201** assessments were completed. Following assessment, PHNs and FVs provide education and hands on activities aimed at strengthening the parent-child interaction in areas where they did not score well. During this time clients participated in **256** activities facilitated by FVs. Clients who participated in a repeat assessment between January 1 and May 31 showed a **5 to 6 per cent** score improvement over time.

Indigenous Engagement

Building meaningful engagement with the Indigenous population is a provincial priority. The Indigenous population is the fastest growing population in Canada and experiences significant health inequities, resulting in several negative health outcomes.

At a provincial level, Ontario is home to the largest population of Indigenous Peoples with a population of nearly 400,000, 85.5 per cent of which live in urban settings. The Canadian census reports that approximately 13,000 self-identified Indigenous people currently reside in Durham Region; however, these statistics are thought to grossly underestimate the true size of the Indigenous population.

Recognizing the need to support public health practitioners with knowledge of the Indigenous population, DRHD implemented **six** Indigenous cultural training sessions, in which **250** DRHD employees participated. Of those who completed an evaluation, **97 per cent** reported increased awareness of Indigenous history and indicated they would recommend the training to others. In development of the Indigenous-led training sessions, a local non-profit Indigenous organization, BACC, reviewed the content for cultural appropriateness and relevancy.

Currently, DRHD engages with local Indigenous organizations in the following manner:

- BACC is a local non-profit Indigenous-led agency that advocates and strives to respond to the needs of the urban Indigenous population in Durham Region. A DRHD representative sits on the board of directors and attends the monthly meetings for knowledge sharing and engagement purposes. Through this engagement, three Indigenous community members are now participating on the DROTF. As well, DRHD partnered with the BACC President to develop a vlog that increased awareness of the residential school system and Orange Shirt Day. Through social media platforms, the vlog reached approximately **5,100** DHF followers.
- CELHIN Indigenous Advisory Circle: The role of the advisory circle is to provide guidance to the LHIN and other external agencies on mechanisms to engage Indigenous communities and strategies to identify and meet their needs. A DRHD representative sits on the circle and attends quarterly meetings for knowledge sharing and engagement purposes.
- DBCFS provides wholistic services to honour and support Indigenous children, families, communities and Nations to sustain a strong, healthy and balanced foundation for life. DRHD has engaged with DBCFS through the development of a service agreement with the HBHC program, as well as a face-to-face meeting with the senior leadership to identify needs and discuss opportunities for collaboration.
- DRAAC is comprised of Indigenous and non-Indigenous community partners who work together to enhance knowledge of Indigenous supports available throughout Durham Region. Through DRAAC events, DRHD has participated in **two** community events in 2019, reaching approximately **900** Durham Region residents with health messaging.
- EarlyON ACC: DRHD collaborated with EarlyON ACC on a social media post and vlog to increase awareness of Indigenous activities within EarlyON centres. Through social media platforms, the NIPD post reached approximately **6,800** DHF followers.
- MNO delivers programs and services for Metis people in Ontario to support their socio-economic needs. The Health Department has engaged MNO through a face-to-face meeting to share knowledge and explore opportunities for collaboration.
- MSIFN: DRHD continues to engage MSIFN through face-to-face meetings to discuss health needs. Over the past year, DRHD participated in **six** community events, reaching approximately **75** community members with health messaging. DRHD also supported the MSIFN health centre through training on the distribution and

administration of Naloxone, which included the development of a memorandum of understanding with Chief and Council.

Prenatal and Newborn

From April 23 to May 16, DRHD encouraged families to enter the “Be You. You Belong!” contest. This social media contest is part of an initiative developed by the APECDC. The APECDC formed in 2015 as a collaborative community planning table to address vulnerabilities in early child development in Ajax and Pickering. Through community consultations, the coalition learned that parents and caregivers do not feel a sense of belonging or inclusivity when attending community programs for their children. As a result, the “Be You. You Belong!” campaign was conceived.

Artwork from a grade 10 student in Ajax inspired the image affiliated with the “Be You. You Belong!” campaign. The goal of the campaign is to promote a sense of belonging and inclusivity while increasing attendance at community programs and services for families with children 0 to 6 years of age. Connecting with local services is an important part of community engagement and membership which in turn supports healthy child development. The “Be You. You Belong!” contest used multiple social media and news outlet platforms to disseminate the message locally. Over **57,000** people were reached through this contest. An interview with Global News Durham also took place.

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Healthy Living

Report for April – June 2019

Healthy Living

Chronic Disease Prevention

Cannabis

In January, the Province provided municipalities with the opportunity to opt-in or opt-out of having private retail cannabis stores. Within Durham Region, **six** out of **eight** municipalities opted-in (Town of Ajax, Brock Township, Clarington, City of Oshawa, Scugog Township and Uxbridge).

Subsequently, the AGCO utilized a lottery system to identify 25 cannabis retail locations across Ontario. Within Durham Region; **two** municipalities were identified as future cannabis retail sites (City of Oshawa and Town of Ajax).

On June 14, the Government of Canada released regulations for the production and sale of edible cannabis, cannabis extracts and cannabis topicals. As required by the CA, the amended regulations will come into effect on October 17, 2019 and it is anticipated that edible cannabis products will be sold at cannabis retail stores and online effective December 2019 (Health Canada, 2019).

The federal regulations for edible cannabis products will place limits on the amount of THC per package and will require child-resistant packaging to lower risk of accidental consumption. The regulations also require plain packaging to make products less appealing to youth. Edible cannabis products will need to display the standardized

cannabis symbol and a health warning message. Manufacturers will be prohibited to make any claims regarding health benefits or nutrition on the label.

A multidisciplinary Regional workgroup, chaired by DRHD, meets as needed, to coordinate information at a Regional level and support local municipalities. This workgroup has met twice in 2019 and includes representation from CAO's Office, Finance, Legal Services, Planning, Police Service and Social Services.

DRHD continues to provide consultation and information regarding cannabis to local stakeholders including staff from area municipalities, school boards, community agencies, health care providers and community residents. From January to June, DRHD worked with **13** representatives from community organizations and local municipalities. Additionally, a PHN participated as a panel presenter at a public information session in Uxbridge Township.

DRHD also works to increase awareness of harmful health effects of cannabis and to prevent and/or delay cannabis use among youth. In the spring, PHNs promoted information about the risks associated with youth cannabis use as well as unintentional cannabis poisoning among children using the DHF social media platforms. Social media metrics for these posts include **1,557** reactions, comments, shares and post clicks, as well as **168** likes on Instagram. Additionally, in April, PHNs conducted a media interview with DurhamRegion.com.

PHNs also support school educators and school communities. In April, staff facilitated **two** education sessions with educators during the school boards' professional development days. Topics included cannabis health effects, harm reduction, curriculum supports and community resources. In April, PHNs presented cannabis information at **three** different events hosted by local school boards with approximately **200** educators and parents in attendance. In May, PHNs presented cannabis information at a panel discussion for parents hosted by a local school board. Approximately **100** parents were in attendance and received information on the health effects, statistics about local use by students and adults as well as practical tips about how parents can talk to their teens about cannabis. A PHN also supported a wellness event at the DCAS in May and provided information on cannabis and mental health to **75** staff members. Lastly, PHNs responded to over **193** individual school requests for consultation, resources and support related to substance use during the 2018-2019 school year.

Ultraviolet Radiation

According to the CDA, skin cancer continues to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada with 80 to 90 per cent of skin cancers caused by exposure to UV radiation. In Durham Region, 37.6 per cent of residents reported having a sunburn in the past 12 months (RRFSS, 2016). Additionally, 35 per cent of young adults 18 to 24 years old reported having a sunburn in the past 12 months.

NSAW was celebrated across the region from May 13 to 19. The purpose of the week was to raise awareness about the dangers of overexposure to UV radiation and to promote healthy sun safe behaviours among residents. The week's communication strategies included: a media release which generated an interview with Durham radio; an online newspaper ad; a corporate e-newsletter submission; the creation of a website page; development of a poster to share with community stakeholders and schools; a display at HQ; **three** community displays in three municipalities (Ajax, Clarington and Oshawa); and social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter,) on DRHD and DHF platforms. DRHD also collaborated with Social Services Department to provide sun safety information to CCC supervisors at a supervisors network meeting.

Injury Prevention

Concussions/Rowan's Law

According to PHAC, concussions continue to be a serious public health issue because of the frequency with which they occur and the potential for serious short and long-term consequences to brain health. Between 2016 and 2017, more than 17,000 sport-related brain injuries were seen in Ontario and Alberta emergency departments. Of these sport-related brain injuries, 94 per cent were concussion related.

Rowan's Law for concussion awareness and prevention was passed on March 7, 2018, and was named in honour of Rowan Stringer, a secondary school rugby player who tragically passed away after sustaining multiple concussions over six days. Rowan's Law establishes several requirements that Ontario sports organizations must follow to protect athletes. There are 65 amateur sports included in this legislation for athletes up to the age of 26. The following three components are mandatory for all sports organizations:

- i. Ensure that athletes, parents of athletes under 18, coaches and officials confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario's concussion awareness resources (effective July 1, 2019).

- ii. Establish a removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocol (to be in place July 1, 2020).
- iii. Establish a concussion code of conduct that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention (effective July 1, 2019)

DRHD provided **two** community workshops for sports organizations to support them in implementing Rowan's Law. Administrators from **45** sports organizations attended **two** DRHD workshops on June 25 and June 26. A post-workshop evaluation demonstrated an increase in confidence and knowledge about implementing the requirements of Rowan's Law. A media release resulted in an article in the Oshawa Express newspaper on June 11. The DRHD Concussion Prevention website was updated to reflect the new regulations and support the community. Social media posts to promote the workshops and Rowan's Law generated **3,404** reactions, likes and shares. A news report style vlog was posted to DRHD social media channels to promote the concussion workshops and generated **456** views.

Road Safety and Vision Zero

Durham Region is creating safer roads for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists through the DVZSRSAP. The guiding principle of DVZ is that no loss of life on our roads is acceptable. Young drivers aged 16 to 25 years had the largest number of collisions from 2012 to 2016. One quarter of all fatal and injury collisions in Durham are due to distracted driving. As a member of the DVZ Task Force, a PHN contributed to the DVZSRSAP and participated in the Regional launch of DVZ on May 29 engaging attendees at an information display focusing on young drivers and distracted driving.

PHNs supported the DVZSRSAP by working with schools and community partners. PHNs made **33** visits to schools between January and June to support road safety awareness, planning and strategies.

Secondary students in **two** schools engaged with a PHN in collaboration with DRPS officers and community partners to implement a youth led distracted driving initiative. Participants, including **300** students, attended an information session and were invited to participate in a distracted driving social media campaign. Road safety curriculum support resources were provided to support ongoing teaching and learning following the event.

PHNs collaborated with MADD Canada by supporting school strategies with the WOTR road safety program focused on cannabis and driving. WOTR was booked at **17** schools between January and June. A PHN facilitated a WOTR session on June 18 at a

community site with **seven** at-risk youth aged 16 to 19. PHNs also hosted an interactive road safety station on May 7 at the Whitby Youth Fair with approximately **996** youth in attendance.

Mental Health

Mental health promotion continues to be an important priority in schools and is supported by PHNs. In Durham Region, **26 per cent** of secondary school students reported fair to poor mental health and **13 per cent** of elementary students reported fair to poor mental health (OSDUHS, 2016-2017).

PHNs are assigned to work with all publicly funded schools in Durham Region. One of the goals is to promote positive mental health within school communities in partnership with school boards. This includes assessment, provision of support for educators, supporting school and classroom leadership, student and parent engagement, and helping schools to build on their existing supportive environments.

PHNs worked with and recognized **111** school communities with a healthy school award for mental health promotion. Schools, parents and administrators were supported by PHNs through **720** significant interactions throughout local schools to promote mental health. The healthy school approach prompted **256** PHN visits supporting school and classroom leadership and **403** school visits focused on building student engagement. Curriculum support for stress management and parent engagement supports were also provided. Support was provided to **four** school boards with Mental Health Strategic plans.

DRHD also participates as a steering committee member of the TAMI Coalition. TAMI sessions were held for **10** school communities. A mental health/TAMI parent information night was supported by a PHN on May 7 at Notre Dame C.S. **One hundred and twenty-nine** parents and caregivers attended.

Additional activities included: a DDSB secondary students' Mental Health Symposium was supported on May 8; translation of a parent resource supporting mentally healthy transitions was completed for French schools; an article for a Metroland Durham parent magazine was written to support parents with their adolescent child's transition through puberty.

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Talking About Mental Illness (2016). <https://tamidurham.ca/our-program>

School Health

Schools are important settings for comprehensive health promotion among children and youth. Education and health are closely linked. Good health supports successful learning and successful learning supports health. A healthy school refers to any school that is using multiple strategies to influence students to choose healthy living options and establish lifelong healthy behaviors.

Utilizing the healthy school approach benefits the entire school community (students, staff and parents). Benefits include: improved academic success; better physical, psychological and social health; better school attendance; improved relationships with teachers and peers; more parent involvement in school activities; and the development of skills that support healthy choices. Additionally, developing lifelong healthy behaviors may reduce future heart disease, cancer, obesity, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, stroke and depression, bike and traffic injuries, and injuries related to substance misuse.

PHNs work closely with local school communities to promote the health and well-being of children and youth by supporting them to adopt a healthy school approach. Schools are encouraged to identify health topics of relevance to their school communities. They are supported by PHNs to develop and implement a comprehensive plan using strategies and activities in five broad areas that contribute to a healthy school which includes: curriculum teaching and learning; school and classroom leadership; student engagement; social and physical environments; home, school and community partnerships.

Through collaboration with school communities, PHNs supported schools on a variety of health topics. Most prevalent topics include mental health promotion, healthy eating, substance free living and physical activity. All five components of the comprehensive school health approach were used in addressing these health topics. In addition, PHNs utilized multiple strategies including building capacity of educators, building capacity of students and student leaders, collaboration with community partners, meetings with administrators and educators, parent engagement activities, school team meetings and policy review and development. For the 2018-2019 school year, **1,955** PHN/school interactions occurred representing significant and meaningful collaboration between PHNs and members of the school communities. A total of **221** of **226** publicly funded schools in Durham Region utilized PHN services this year, including all **186** elementary

schools, **28** of the **31** secondary schools and **seven** of the **nine** alternative schools. PHNs completed school assessments with all **226** schools at the beginning of the school year. Assessments provided relevant data to support the planning and implementation of healthy school strategies. Assessments also assisted with collaboration with **1,064** school health team members, including **175** school administrators, **92** community partners, **247** educators, **71** parents, and **479** students.

PHNs completed a total of **143** health action plans during the 2018-2019 school year. The health action plans served as a road map to guide each school team throughout the year. Topics most frequently identified with comprehensive plans were mental health promotion, substance free living, healthy eating, physical activity and violence/bullying.

The healthy school award is a strategy used by PHNs to promote the healthy school approach and provide schools with an opportunity to be recognized for their commitment to the prevention of chronic diseases, injuries and substance misuse. This year a total of **134** schools were nominated for the award: **85** schools from DDSB, **30** schools from DCDSB, **eight** schools from KPRDSB, **five** schools from PVNCCDSB, **four** from French school boards and **two** private schools. All school boards were presented with a certificate of recognition including a list of the award recipients within their respective board. Individual schools also received recognition certificates, with recognition on the Durham Region website and social media platforms.

Kindergarten readiness was supported by PHNs through planning and implementing a total of **179** welcome to kindergarten events. The focus was to enhance parent engagement and support transition to school for young children. PHNs provided information and interactive educational activities for families to learn about relevant health topics.

In 2017, youth hubs were established by DDSB in six secondary schools as a place for students aged 12 to 18 to socialize and access services offered by community agencies. PHNs worked in collaboration with these schools and agencies to plan and implement programs and services to support the **six** locations.

PHNs participated in **seven** school board workshops and conferences to create awareness and educate participants about the comprehensive school health approach and new and emerging health topics such as cannabis and vaping. Participants at these events included educators, parents, principals and superintendents. PHNs reached approximately **350** participants at these events.

Ongoing collaboration occurred with school board partners this year. **Two** advisory committee meetings occurred with each DDSB and DCDSB and **two** teleconferences occurred with KPRDSB and PVNCCDSB. A face to face meeting occurred with Conseil Scolaire Viamonde to foster the positive working relationship and celebrate the healthy school approach.

Active and Sustainable School Travel

It is important to establish higher levels of active and sustainable school travel in children and youth, including greater levels of walking and cycling to and from school. An increase in active and sustainable school travel can contribute to improving the health and well-being of the children and youth of the Region. Reducing traffic volumes creates safer school zones, improves walking and cycling routes to school and enhances the safety, connectivity and quality of life for the community.

Durham Region has a population of over 140,000 children and youth under the age of 18 (Statistics Canada, 2016). In 2017, 30 per cent of local students walked or cycled to school, representing approximately 15,500 students. Half (49 per cent) of local secondary school students travelled to school by car, either as a driver or passenger and one-quarter (26 per cent) walked to school. Durham Region secondary school students were significantly more likely to travel to school by car than by walking compared to Ontario's rates.

To trigger a parental 're-think' about school traffic congestion, strong and emotionally driven messaging needs to be targeted at parents. Qualitative research has shown that messaging needs to 'disrupt' the current parental mindset and motivate them to take 'ownership' of the issue.

PHNs work with their schools to support initiatives that promote active travel. This includes WWD, which is celebrated by schools across the province on the first Wednesday in February each year. Staff, students and parents are encouraged to walk and wheel to and from school every day throughout the month of February.

In addition, BSW in May inspires initiatives among local schools, school boards and community partners to encourage students to "walk and roll" to school. In 2018, with the support of the Ontario Active School Travel program, BSW expanded to schools across Ontario. To date this year, 53 school communities have collaborated with DRHD in promoting WWD 2019, BSW 2019, and the Town of Ajax active and sustainable school pilot project.

Vision Screening

Approximately 1 in 4 school age children have potential vision problems which, if left untreated, may interfere with proper visual development and may be misdiagnosed as learning and/or behavioral problems. In many cases there are no obvious signs or symptoms indicating a child has vision problems. Early identification and treatment of vision problems enhances learning potential and therefore it is critical to start early to ensure children have healthy eyes. Ontario data show that 3 to 5 per cent of children lose the use of one eye because they may have an eye problem that is not treated in time and 15,000 children have trouble learning to read because they may not realize they need glasses.

In 2018, the MOH mandated that BOHs shall provide or ensure the provision of vision screening by trained individual(s), as specified by the ministry, for SK students in all schools annually. In January 2019, DRHD began implementation of annual vision screening by school PHNs in all publicly funded local school boards for the 2018-2019 school year.

PHNs completed screening of **6,820** SK students in **186** public elementary schools. Of these, **2,296** students were referred to an optometrist. Additionally, parents of **20** students were supported by PHNs to urgently seek visual health care by an optometrist. Visual health screening was also extended to include students in private elementary schools. PHNs provided vision screening in **eight** local private elementary schools.

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017

TEOs have been conducting youth test shopper surveillance in the region since the beginning of the year. All tobacco vendors are test shopped twice during the year by a young student who attempts to purchase cigarettes. If the vendor proceeds to sell the cigarettes to the youth, the operator and owner of the store are subsequently charged with selling or supplying tobacco to a person who is less than 19 years old. To date, **372** test shopper inspections have been completed with results indicating a **95.3 per cent** compliance rate. In addition, the TEOs have conducted **296** tobacco and e-cigarette display and promotion compliance inspections.

The new [Smoking and Vaping By-law](#) was approved and in effect as of June 2019. The new by-law expands the number of areas and workplaces where smoking or vaping of any substance, including cannabis is prohibited in the region. Prohibited places include,

hookah and vape lounges, any public park and 20 m beyond the park, post-secondary campuses, and any municipal building and the property around it. A communication plan will be rolled out to provide awareness and information on the requirements in the new by-law to the public and local stakeholders. Information on the by-law will also be posted on durham.ca.

TEOs have also been responding to a significant number of complaints and concerns regarding cannabis and vaping by students within schools and on school property. To date, TEOs have issued **115** warnings and **18** charges to students vaping on school property. They have investigated **54** complaints regarding cannabis places of use which have resulted in **five** warnings and **two** charges.

Two licensed cannabis retailers have opened in Ajax and Oshawa. The retailers are licensed and inspected by the AGCO. TEOs have been directed by the MOH to only attend these premises in response to a complaint and to work in collaboration with AGCO compliance officers during the complaint investigation.

There are also currently **15** SVS registered with DRHD. The SVS, once registered with the local health unit is provided with certain exemptions under the SFOA, which allow the store to display, promote and test/sample vapour products. To qualify for the registration the SVS must meet specific criteria including the restriction of any minors (younger than 19 years) from entering their establishment and no displays and promotions of vapour products in front of the store.

Respectfully submitted,

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Infectious Diseases

Report for April – June 2019

Immunization

Immunization of School Pupils Act

The purpose of ISPA is to increase protection of students attending public and private schools in Ontario against the diseases: diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis, polio, tetanus and varicella. Parents/guardians of students are required to complete the prescribed program of immunization for each of the above diseases or alternatively file a statement of conscience or religious belief or submit a medical exemption with DRHD. DRHD is required to enforce ISPA and assess the immunization status of children attending schools in Durham Region.

ISPA enforcement started in September 2018 with a general notice being sent to all **254** schools in the region to distribute to every student (over **113,251** students). General notices explain ISPA requirements and parents' responsibilities to comply with the Act. First notices were sent to parents/guardians of **15,914** students overdue for required immunizations in the fall and winter of 2018 which was a decrease of **5,272** from the previous year. Four weeks after the deadline for return of information from parents, the final notices were printed, assessed and sent to **3,336** secondary students and **4,778** elementary students who remained overdue.

The continued use of immunization as a health indicator on Durham Region's Health Neighbourhood maps this past year has provided information about specific communities that may need additional immunization support to increase vaccine uptake. Leading up to suspension, PHNs utilized various strategies to support each parent/guardian of students in all schools, including those in the neighborhoods with lower vaccination rates.

Strategies included collaborating with existing HCPs to ensure vaccine availability, forming new partnerships with other HCPs such as walk-in clinics to offer ISPA vaccines to increase access, connecting families to HCPs in their neighborhood, assessing student records at schools, collaborating with school staff to provide additional support to families experiencing barriers to receiving vaccines, and providing immunization in schools for those unable to access HCPs.

From February to May, suspensions were enforced for **517** elementary and secondary students who remained non-compliant with immunization requirements under ISPA; **255** suspensions were for secondary students and **262** for elementary students. This represents **0.5 per cent** of the total student population. After three school days, **72 per cent** of the suspensions were resolved. After six school days, **82 per cent** of the suspensions were resolved. At 20 days **91 per cent** of the suspensions were resolved. Only **47** students remained on the full 20-day suspension period due to non-compliance.

Parents/guardians pursuing conscience exemptions were required to complete a MOH mandated in-person education session at HQ in addition to completing the exemption form. A total of **335** conscience/religious belief affidavits were filed which is a **32 per cent** decrease compared to the previous year. **Eighty-nine** medical exemptions were filed, which is a **54 per cent** decrease from the previous year. Reasons for medical exemptions include clinical decisions related to the health status of the student, record of disease, and documented immunity.

Vaccine Hesitancy

Vaccine hesitancy refers to delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services. It is a complex issue, which varies depending on time, place and vaccines. It is a growing concern internationally and has been identified as a top ten threat to global health by the WHO.

Social media and the internet play a significant role in spreading misinformation about vaccines and have contributed greatly to vaccine hesitancy. DRHD is currently examining the use of social media to effectively promote vaccine messages. PHNs address concerns with parents/guardians on an individual basis and work to explore their understanding of vaccine safety. PHNs use motivational interviewing to assess parents' knowledge and to provide them with information in a caring and non-threatening manner. Evidence-based key educational messages during client interactions include vaccine safety, vaccine ingredients and debunking myths of the relationship between vaccines and autism.

Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control

Child Care Centres

DRHD is considering amalgamating the “Wee Care Newsletter” with the “Child Health Newsletter” to create a more stream-lined product for CCC operators. A recent survey was completed by CCC operators in which they indicated support for one document for all their resources.

The Wee Care Manual is currently being revised. The manual provides owners/operators of CCCs with health and safety information.

Diseases of Public Health Significance

After-Hours Response

DRHD is required to respond 24/7 to reports of infectious DPHS, calls from designated officers about suspected exposures among emergency service workers, and vaccine storage and handling alarms within DRHD. Calls are managed after hours in accordance with the OPHS and associated protocols. In 2018, PHNs on standby managed **23** calls after hours. Calls included: **18** immediately reportable infectious diseases; **four** vaccine fridge alarms; and **one** designated officer call.

Health Protection Division

Between April and June, **172** DPHS were reported to HPD. During this period, **80** cases of influenza were reported which is a significant increase compared to the 21 cases reported last year during the same period. The high sporadic number of influenza cases circulating in the community mirrors the higher number of institutional respiratory outbreaks. The three most common enteric diseases in this period are salmonellosis (32), campylobacter enteritis (20) and giardiasis (8).

A new [Enteric Diseases in Durham Region](#) infographic was created to highlight the common enteric diseases reported to HPD from 2014 to 2018, including salmonellosis and campylobacter enteritis being the most common. The most prevalent symptoms and best practices to avoid getting an enteric disease are also highlighted. This infographic is timely in that most of the enteric diseases occur during the spring and summer months. The HPD staff will use this creative resource to enhance infection prevention and control education to food handlers and the public.

Population Health Division

DRHD responds to all DPHS. This includes sporadic infectious diseases such as hepatitis C, meningitis, streptococcal infections and includes those disease that are vaccine preventable such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio and *Haemophilus influenzae*, and hepatitis B. From January to June 2019 PHNs investigated **211** sporadic infectious disease cases and followed up with **66** contacts.

With the recent increase in measles activity in Ontario DRHD has prioritized its preparedness for measles in the region. Staff communicated with local HCPs, reminding them about the testing requirements for measles. In 2019 PHNs have followed up with **20** contacts of confirmed measles cases from neighbouring health units.

Infection Prevention and Control Lapses

Dental lapses continue to be investigated, with a denture clinic recently inspected. Fortunately, no IPAC lapse was identified. DRHD is currently investigating a complaint related to a RN providing footcare. The complaint was referred by another PHU as the company operates in many areas. PSS are still the most routinely investigated settings.

Outbreak Summary

The weekly institutional outbreak status summary is now online at durham.ca/outbreakreport and will be updated every Friday afternoon. This summary lists the ongoing outbreaks occurring in local institutions (i.e., hospitals, LTCHs and retirement homes). This replaces the weekly email that was sent to stakeholders on Fridays to ensure weekend staff were updated. Stakeholders that need this information are encouraged to sign up for the notifications when this page is updated.

A continuous improvement project is in progress to create a system that will allow all institutional outbreak updates to be posted online in almost real-time, similar to current inspection results for DineSafe and PSS. The anticipated launch of this system will be late 2019 or early 2020.

Between April and June, **25** outbreak investigations were launched. Of those, **17** were respiratory and **eight** enteric. Influenza A and norovirus continue to be the most commonly identified causative agents. The senior population was affected most during this period with **16** outbreaks occurring in LTCHs and retirement homes. The increase can be explained by the higher number of sporadic influenza cases circulating within the region.

Personal Services Settings

A PHI completing his graduate studies conducted a qualitative study to understand PSS operators' perspectives on the KBYG disclosure system. The aim of the study was to determine if KBYG resulted in behaviour changes in PSS operators with respect to IPAC practices and to identify opportunities for improvement to the KBYG disclosure system. The PHI concluded that regulators should consider further research in this area and investigate potential changes to current practices and policies to enhance PSS operator IPAC practices. Increasing awareness and knowledge sharing about KBYG guidelines may potentially enhance operators' IPAC practices. The results of this research will be incorporated in the evaluation of the KBYG program.

The first vlog for PSS owners/operators has been shared to increase community engagement with this group and response has been positive.

Rabies Prevention and Control

May was RAM in Ontario. A news release was issued to highlight the event and to remind the public of the importance to have their pets vaccinated against rabies, avoid wild animals, and to also report animal bites to DRHD. Communication was also sent to HCPs to remind them of the mandatory requirement to report animal bites to DRHD.

On May 16, DRHD hosted the annual rabies prevention and control inter-agency stakeholders meeting at HQ. The meeting was very well attended by agencies involved in rabies prevention and control including representatives from local animal services, MOH, OMAFRA, Sanofi Pasteur and neighbouring PHUs.

Information was presented to the attendees on the status of rabies activity in Ontario and the roles and responsibilities of key agencies involved in rabies response. Many of the presentations highlighted the importance of pet vaccination against rabies. A list of local low-cost rabies vaccination clinics is posted on durham.ca. Another presentation provided by the MOH detailed the ongoing risk of animals being imported into Ontario from other countries that may not have current vaccination against rabies and could pose an increased risk for transmission of the rabies virus. Sanofi Pasteur provided a presentation on anti-rabies treatment for individuals exposed to a potentially rabid animal and for whom post-exposure prophylaxis is recommended.

To date, DRHD has investigated **766** reported animal bite exposure incidents compared to only **591** reports at this time last year. A total of **53** individuals have received anti-

rabies post-exposure prophylaxis treatment administered by local HCPs which is a slight increase from the **45** treatments provided during the same period in 2018. The **18** animals submitted for rabies testing all tested negative for the virus. Last year a total of **39** animals were submitted for testing resulting in only **one** bat testing positive for the rabies virus.

Sexual Health Clinics

From April 1 to June 30, SHCs in Oshawa and Pickering provided services to **709** new clients. This resulted in a total of **2,971** client interactions of which **382** occurred with individuals residing in priority neighbourhoods.

Testing for STIs included **1,221** urine tests, **27** rectal swabs and **67** throat swabs for chlamydia and gonorrhea. This resulted in **131** cases of chlamydia and **20** cases of gonorrhea being identified. PHNs performed **313** blood tests to screen for hepatitis C, HIV and syphilis.

To prevent the spread of STIs and associated health risks, the SHC provides clients with treatment at no cost. In 2019, to date, **212** chlamydia, **38** gonorrhea, **10** trichomoniasis, and **seven** syphilis treatments have been administered. Additionally, **61** bacterial vaginosis, **137** genital wart, **seven** herpes and **76** molluscum treatments were provided.

SHCs provide clients with the opportunity to receive vaccines that prevent STIs and BBIs including hepatitis A and B, and HPV. In the past three months **100** immunizations were provided.

Vector-Borne Diseases

This season's WNV prevention and control program activities are well underway and will be running through until the end of September. This season, to date, over **850** standing surface water sites have been assessed resulting in **70** larvicide treatments. The first of three rounds of regional catch basin larviciding have been completed. HPD has received **36** standing water complaints from the community. Surveillance activities involving the weekly trapping of adult mosquitoes at **14** sites started the week of June 6. A total of **124** batches of mosquitoes have been tested with no WNV positive mosquito pools identified to date. There have been no reports of human cases of WNV this season.

LD prevention and control activities have also begun. As part of the passive surveillance for LD, members of the public can submit ticks found on their bodies to DRHD. The ticks

are sent to provincial and federal laboratories for identification and testing for the bacteria that causes LD. To date, **158** ticks have been submitted for testing with **71** of those ticks identified as black-legged ticks that can carry the LD causing bacteria. Results are still pending on many of the black-legged ticks sent to the laboratory in Winnipeg for LD bacteria testing but **five** of the ticks have tested positive for the LD bacteria. HPD staff also investigate reports of human cases of LD which also assists in identifying potential sources of exposure. There has been a total of **nine** human cases of LD reported locally this season. Staff has also conducted active tick surveillance in **two** identified areas. In areas where blacklegged ticks are found, metal signs are posted to advise the public of tick activity in the area and precautions to protect themselves from ticks. A total of **eight** black-legged ticks were identified from the two sites and no ticks tested positive for the LD bacteria.

Results of surveillance activities are posted on durham.ca and a weekly summary of VBD activities is distributed to stakeholders throughout the season. A VBD communication plan is being implemented using social media, print media and public displays. Pamphlets and other information are also sent to local HCPs. A new infographic on WNV will be developed and distributed to stakeholders in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paramedic Services

Report for April – June 2019

Administration

RDPS is pleased to announce the appointment of Marcel Rasile to the position of Superintendent. Marcel has 21 years of experience in the pre-hospital field, most recently as an Acting Superintendent. As part of ongoing succession planning, RDPS is also pleased to announce the appointment of Natasha Scanlon to the position of Acting Superintendent. Natasha has been with RDPS as a paramedic for 14 years.

Logistics

The logistics team has now deployed seven of nine replacement ambulances to RDPS' front-line fleet.

Operations

RDPS has had several discussions with leadership from LH related to ongoing challenges with off-load delays. Proposed changes to RDPS' Patient Priority System may assist in proactively re-directing ambulances to hospitals experiencing less volumes thereby potentially reducing ambulance off-load delays.

Quality Development

Twenty-three part-time PCPs and one full-time ACP have been hired and have completed three weeks of divisional and corporate orientation.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Troy Cheseboro
Chief/ Director



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2019-INFO-54](#)
Date: August 2, 2019

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the July 15, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarizes decisions made by the Land Division Committee¹ at its meeting of July 15, 2019 (see Attachment 1). The approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. No appeals are recommended.

2. Distribution

2.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

3. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart for the July 15, 2019 Meeting

¹ The Regional Land Division Committee (LDC) was created by Regional Council on December 19, 1973 to make independent decisions on the disposition of consent applications (e.g. severance, right-of-way, lot line adjustment) that have been submitted to the Region for approval under the Planning Act. The Committee consists of eight lay-citizen members (one representing each area municipality), that are appointed by council for a four year term. The current Chair is Gerri Lynn O'Connor, the Township of Uxbridge's representative. The LDC meets monthly and considers approximately 150 consent applications per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, July 15, 2019

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, August 13, 2019

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 088/2017	McWalters, Travis	Part lot 28, Conc. 2 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a 512.9 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished, retaining a 512.9 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved
LD 093/2018	Marsden, James Raymond Marsden, Michael	Part lot 6, Conc. BFC 3 Town of Ajax	Consent to sever a vacant 454.9 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 465 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 004/2019	Batty, Cindy Louise Batty, Frederick	Part lot 23, Conc. 7 Town of Whitby	Consent to add a vacant 0.181 ha residential parcel of land to the east, retaining a 37.706 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 005/2019	Batty, Cindy Louise Batty, Frederick	Part lot 23, Conc. 7 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 11.1 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 26.5 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 042/2019	Liang, Rongna	Part lot 35, Conc. 4 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 4,026.5 m2 rural residential parcel of land, retaining a 33,656.5 m2 agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barn.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 043/2019	Liang, Rongna	Part lot 35, Conc. 4 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 4,026.5 m2 rural residential parcel of land, retaining a 29,630 m2 agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barn.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 060/2019	Miller, Sharon	Part lot 21, Conc. 5 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 18,327.1 m2 industrial parcel of land, retaining a vacant 18,669.8 m2 industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 061/2019	Ross, Cameron Noor, Elizabeth June	Part lot 12, Conc. 6 Township of Brock	Consent to sever a vacant 640.1 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 38.749 ha residential/ agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling, barn and outbuildings.	Conforms	Approved
LD 062/2019	Ross, Cameron Noor, Elizabeth June	Part lot 12, Conc. 6 Township. of Brock	Consent to sever a vacant 640.1 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 38.685 ha residential/ agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling, barn and outbuildings.	Conforms	Approved
LD 064/2019	Manulife Ontario Property Portfolio Inc.	Lot 10, Conc.3. Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a lease for over 21 years over a 993.9 m2 commercial parcel of land, retaining a 23,710 m2 commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 065/2019	Yee, Christine	Part lot 26, Conc. 3 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 461.7 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 1,119.6 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 066/2019	Yee, Christine	Part lot 26, Conc. 3 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 461.5 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 658.1 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 067/2019	Yee, Christine	Part lot 26, Conc. 3 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 463.6 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 194.5 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 068/2019	Grant Aggregate and Industrial Supply Inc.	Part lot 10, Conc. Blk. 2 Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a 58 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the north, retaining a 5,272,200 m2 commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved
LD 069/2019	Colangelo, John	Part lot Pt Lt 32, Conc. 2 Town of Whitby	Consent to add a vacant 13.5 m2 residential parcel of land to the west, retaining a 2,729 m2 vacant residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 070/2019	Thorndyke, Wendell Eliot	Part lot 8, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to add a vacant 54.2 m2 residential parcel of land to the east, retaining a 2,145 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 071/2019	Estate of Margaret Lenore McGuirk	Part lot Pt Lot 22, Conc. 3 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 4,297.8 m2 residential cluster parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished, retaining a 4,167.6 m2 residential cluster parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 076/2019	Abbott, Jamie	Part lot 10, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to add a vacant 56 m2 residential parcel of land to the north, retaining a 1,715 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 077/2019	Abbott Jr., Raymond James	Part lot 10, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to grant a 180 m2 access & servicing easement in favour of the property to the south, retaining a 614 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 078/2019	Abbott Jr., Raymond James	Part lot 10, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 407 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 387 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 079/2019	Camposeo, Anthony	Part lot 11, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 325.79 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 325.79 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 081/2019	Casteels, Willy	Part lot 5 & 6, Conc. 10 Township. of Scugog (former Cartwright)	Consent to sever a 74.6 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling, retaining a 40.6 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 082/2019	Bertucci, Enzo	Part lot 16, Conc. 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to add a vacant 0.064 ha residential parcel of land to the west, retaining a vacant 0.364 ha residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 083/2019	Sherk, Gerald Kenneth Cahill-Pendrigh, Deborah	Part lot 33, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 896.7 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 921.6 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT



The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2019-P-**
Date: September 3, 2019

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Werrcroft Farms Ltd., to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2019-003.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2019-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On July 10, 2019, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Werrcroft Farms Ltd., submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Municipality of Clarington.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The subject site is located on the south side of Regional Road 20, west of Middle Road, just northeast of the Hamlet of Haydon. The parcel is municipally known as 8800 Middle Road, Part of Lot 13, Concession 8, in the Municipality of Clarington (refer to Attachment #1).
- 2.2 The agricultural parcel is primarily flat and rectangular in shape and contains an existing dwelling. A woodlot and hydro corridor are located on the proposed retained property, as well as a stream and woodlot located just west of the proposed severance.
- 2.3 Werrcroft Farms Ltd. is a private corporation owned by Diane and Kevin Werry. The farm was purchased on May 23, 2017 as part of an expansion to their farming operation. The applicant presently owns a total of approximately 230 ha (569 acres) of agricultural land, and actively farms approximately 246 ha (607 acres).
- 2.4 The surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject land include:
 - a. North – Regional Road 20, woodlands, wetlands and agricultural lands;
 - b. East – Middle Road, agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands;
 - c. South – agricultural lands; and
 - d. West – agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of approximately 0.39 ha (0.98 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 22 ha (55 acre) agricultural parcel. The dwelling is not utilized by a farm employee and is currently being rented. The retained farm will continue to be used for corn and feed grain crops that support the owners' dairy operation.

3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the Regional Official Plan.
- 3.2 A Farm Holdings Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd., indicates that Werrcroft Farms Ltd. presently owns a total of eight farms in the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Oshawa (refer to Attachment 2). Five of the properties contain six existing dwellings. The owners live in one house, three of

the houses are occupied by family or tenants and two are vacant.

- 3.3 A Phase One Environmental Site Assessment completed by GHD indicated that there are no significant environmental site contamination concerns on the subject property.

4. Provincial Plans and Policies

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan and the “Countryside Areas” designation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP). In addition, the southwestern portion of the proposed retained lands is designated ORMCP “Natural Linkage Area”.
- 4.2 The Provincial Policy Statement, as well as the Greenbelt Plan and the “Countryside Areas” designation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consultation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context

- 5.1 The subject site is located within the limits of the Oak Ridges Moraine and is designated as “Countryside Area” and “Prime Agriculture” on Schedule ‘B’ – Map ‘B3’ of the Regional Official Plan. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 5.2 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
- a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
 - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farm operations;
 - c. For sites within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004; and
 - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances or the establishment of any residential dwelling.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Municipality of Clarington; the

Regional Health Department; the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

7. Public Consultation

- 7.1 Anyone who attends the public meeting may present an oral submission, and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 7.2 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Local Area Planning Tribunal (LPAT) (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
 - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 7.3 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

8. Future Regional Council Decision

- 8.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider the proposed ROP Amendment at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.
- 8.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

9. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Werrcroft Farms Ltd. Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

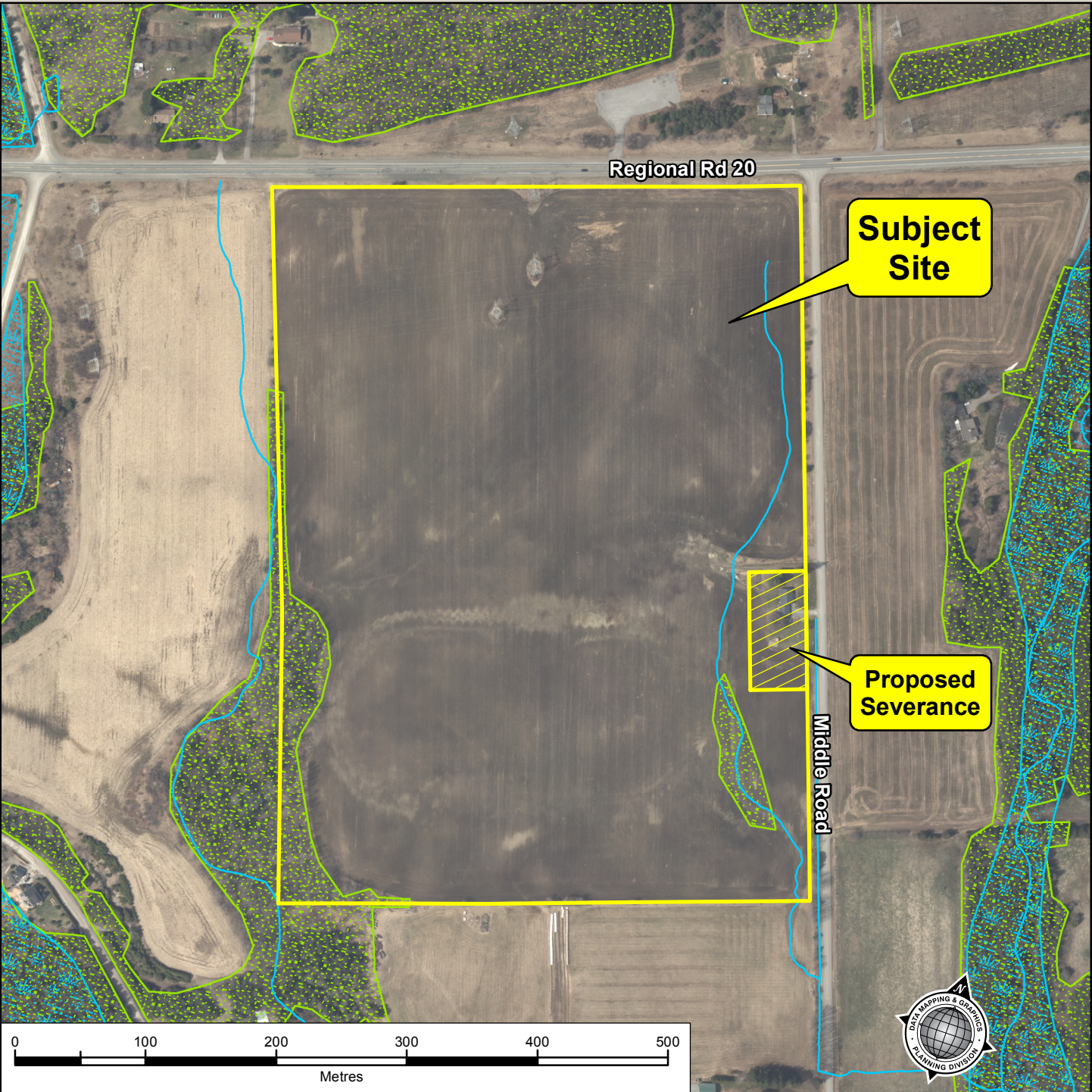
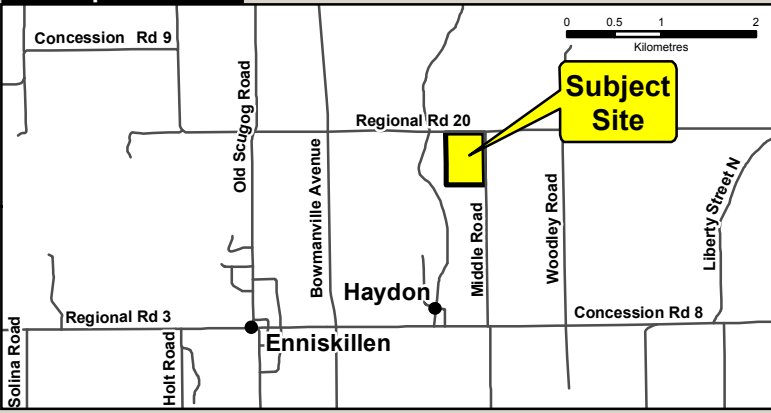
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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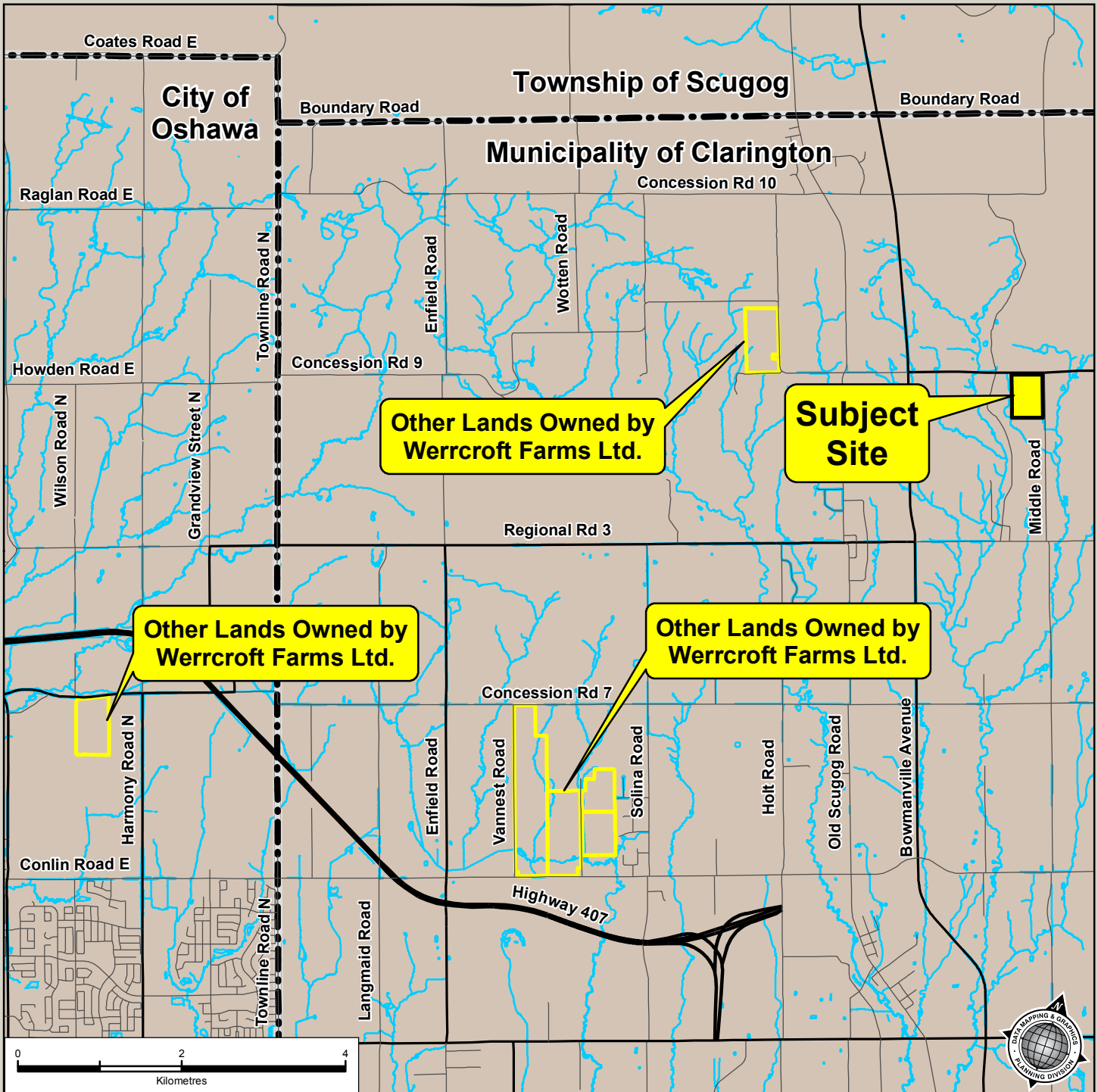
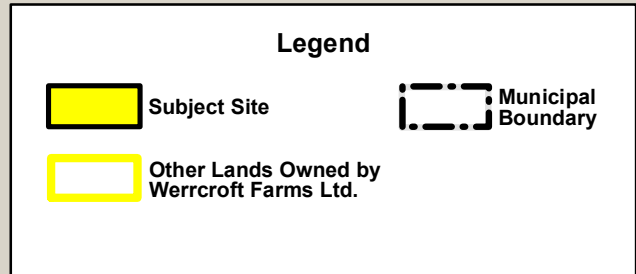
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DATE: July 17, 2019

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DIVISION LIST

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Constable

Councillor Dixon

Councillor Gregory

Councillor Ryman

Mayor Robinson

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall supports the attached resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms.

C.S. - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Take Appr. Action

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MAYOR



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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;


AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,



Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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July 25, 2019

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C.S. - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Dear Honourable Sir:

The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron at the Regular Council meeting on July 15, 2019;

Motion: 382-2019

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council support the Township of Warwick resolution regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms as follows:

Whereas agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world; and

Whereas in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals; and

Whereas the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media; and

Where maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations; and

Whereas the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation- to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals; and

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO and ROMA.

Disposition: Carried

Yours truly,



Rebekah Msuya-Collison
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of South Huron

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- CC. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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C.S. - LEGISLATIVE

July 16, 2019

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION

Original
To: CIP
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To: Elaine Taylor Trotter
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Take Appr. Action

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday July 15, 2019 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

- 19-355 **WHEREAS** there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;
- AND WHEREAS** in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;
- AND WHEREAS** there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;
- AND WHEREAS** forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;
- AND WHEREAS** there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;
- AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;
- AND WHEREAS** recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";
- AND WHEREAS** this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

Sincerely,


Tammy Wylie, AMCT
Clerk Administrator

Cc:

Deputy Premier of Ontario;

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

Leader of the New Democratic Party;

All Ontario MPP's;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA);

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);

District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA);

all Ontario municipalities

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From: Jackie Czajka <Jackie.Czajka@metrolinx.com>
Sent: July-25-19 12:22 PM
To: Jackie Czajka
Subject: Ontario Line - Initial Business Case (IBC)

Good Afternoon,

Today, Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario released the Initial Business Case for the Ontario Line, a new subway line that will better connect people to where they want to go, and reduce travel times across Toronto.

The Ontario Line is an approximately 16km free-standing subway, connecting Ontario Place/Exhibition through downtown Toronto to the Ontario Science Centre.

Some of the other benefits of the Ontario Line include:

- Up to 40 trains per hour, 90 seconds apart vs. every two minutes, providing shorter wait times
- 15 potential stations, including six interchange stations adding 17 new connections to GO Transit, existing subways, and to the King, Queen and Gerrard streetcar:
 - Connections to three GO lines – Lakeshore East, Lakeshore West, Stouffville
 - Four connections to existing subways – Line 1, 2 and Line 5 (Eglinton Crosstown)
 - 10 connections to King, Queen and Gerrard streetcars
- Fully automated, driverless trains with modern signalling that enables high frequency service which is similar technology being used in Vancouver, Paris, London and Singapore

The Initial Business Case follows the announcement earlier this spring by the Province of Ontario of a historic \$28.5 billion transportation vision that will better connect people and reduce travel times across the city. This new line is part of the Province’s directive that Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario lead the way in building more subways for the region. The Ontario Line will use a Public Private Partnership (P3) contractual structure and will also include many transit oriented development (TOD) opportunities.

The Metrolinx-Infrastructure Ontario team has also been sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with the City of Toronto and TTC, learning from the work done on the Relief Line, and helping us move forward together at the pace required.

The Initial Business Case is the first stage of the evidence-based decision-making process. Our team will continue to refine their work to the next stage through the Business Case life cycle.

To find out more about the Initial Business Case for the Ontario Line and to read the Business Case please [click here](#).

Best,
Jackie

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