



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2020-INFO-56  
Date: June 12, 2020

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**Subject:**

Pre-Tender Assessment and Impact Mitigation for Active and Near-term Regional Capital Projects – Roads, Watermains and Sanitary Sewers

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of the Region's currently active and near-term road, watermain and sanitary sewer construction projects, and the measures that will continue to be deployed to mitigate any traffic and parking related impacts of the construction to the local area.

**2. Background**

2.1 Regional staff continually plan, prioritize, design, tender and construct essential municipal infrastructure in order to advance the capital projects necessary to meet the growing needs of the Region and maintain all essential services. During the pre-construction phases, one of the main priorities for staff is to focus on design elements, alignment options and staging of the work to minimize potential impacts on the traveling public, residents and businesses within and near the project limits. Staff acknowledge that diligent and proactive measures to mitigate potential impacts are especially crucial during the current COVID-19 situation.

### 3. Active Projects

- 3.1 As of this report date, the Region is managing 34 road, watermain and sanitary sewer projects that are actively in construction or in the process of being tendered and awarded for construction (Attachment #1). A breakdown of these projects is summarized below:

Project Type	Urban Roadway	Rural Roadway	TOTAL
Road widening/reconstruction	8	6	14
Road rehabilitation	3	5	8
Watermain and sanitary sewer	12	0	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>

*Note: Plants/development/municipal/signals or smaller quote projects not included in this report.*

- 3.2 Once the projects are tendered and awarded to the successful contractor, on-site and supervisory staff routinely review and monitor day-to-day construction activities to minimize impacts. The following range of mitigation measures is considered for deployment throughout the pre-construction and construction phases of these projects to proactively minimize inconvenience and address any emerging concerns, including:

#### Pre-Construction

- Acknowledgement and incorporation of comments received during the Environmental Assessment (EA) and design stages into construction plans
- Public Information Centres held prior to start of construction to further understand stakeholder concerns and addressing them during construction
- Engagement of local Business Improvement Associations (BIAs) during design and construction phases to gather and address concerns
- Devising effective strategies to minimize overall project schedule, and minimize/avoid road closures and lane restrictions
- Undertaking extensive underground investigations including geotechnical work and utility locating to assist and optimize the overall design and schedule
- Completion of advance works where feasible in order to achieve maximum possible certainty on the project schedule, such as: temporary signals, street lighting, temporary walkways, and storm/sanitary/watermain road crossings

- Optimally staging the planned work in order to maintain access to all properties and business entrances as much as feasible
- Communication with all businesses prior to construction start that provides an overview of what the businesses can expect during construction and offers tips on how to minimize inconvenience and mitigate impacts to their business

### **During Construction**

- Contact information provided for the full-time on-site inspector and project supervisor to residents and businesses for any questions or concerns
- Regular updates and advance notices of project activities on the Region's website and other communication channels (e.g. social media, Durham Traffic Watch, Waze, public notices, service announcements), thereby allowing businesses and residents to stay informed, plan their commute and shopping trips efficiently, and coordinate loading/unloading of their shipments
- Project newsletters delivered specifically to all residents and businesses within and near the project limits to provide advance notice of critical work activities
- Signage including PVMS (portable variable message signs) and static signs that clearly identify the construction limits, timing of work, lane restrictions and confirm that all local businesses are open and accessible
- The REMS (Roadway Event Management System) software used to receive and track all resident and business complaints for timely responses
- Dust and mud tracking control
- CCTV use to monitor site activities and address concerns in a timely manner
- Use of barriers to protect pedestrians and cyclists
- Traffic protection and controls prescribing the timing and limits of all road closures and lane restrictions, noting that in many cases lane restrictions and road closures are not permitted during peak periods
- Enforcement of strict contract milestones as well as timely restoration of disturbed areas and all deficiencies
- Temporary walkways provided to support active transportation and pedestrian safety during the project
- Critical activities scheduled for evening and weekend work to reduce impacts to business access and traffic, such as asphalt paving, and sanitary sewer and watermain installation at road crossings and other deep excavations

3.3 Staff will continue to further adapt/expand these measures as necessary in response to the emerging changes in the COVID-19 situation.

#### 4. Near-Term Projects

- 4.1 Looking forward, a total of eight projects are anticipated to be ready for tendering over the remainder of 2020 (refer to map in Attachment #2). A breakdown of these projects is summarized below:

Project Type	Urban Roadway	Rural Roadway	TOTAL
Road widening/reconstruction	2	1	3
Road rehabilitation	1	1	2
Watermain and sanitary sewer	1	2	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>

- 4.2 Each of the above projects were reviewed by design and construction staff to assess the impacts of these projects along the corridor. Specifically, the traffic control measures that will be required (e.g. lane restrictions/closures, road closures, etc.) on the project road segments were reviewed. Results from this review are summarized in Attachment #3.
- 4.3 Based on the review, staff concluded that all eight projects anticipated at this time to be ready for contract awards in the near-term can continue to be advanced and construction commenced. As described in Attachment #3, any project impacts will continue to be minimized through the wide range of mitigation measures noted within this report.
- 4.4 On a go-forward basis, staff will continue to diligently assess, mitigate and minimize any impacts of Regional construction projects in this emerging COVID-19 situation.

#### 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Based on the review, staff have concluded that the eight projects anticipated to be tendered in the near-term can continue to be advanced and construction commenced. As described in this report, any on-site impacts of construction will continue to be minimized through a wide range of mitigation measures.
- 5.2 For additional information, contact Ramesh Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services at 905-668-7711, extension 2183.

**6. Attachments**

Attachment #1: List of Active Projects

Attachment #2: Map showing Near-Term Projects

Attachment #3: Review of Near-Term Projects

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Commissioner of Works

## ATTACHMENT #1: ACTIVE PROJECTS

No.	Target Construction Period	Contract No.	Description
<b>ROAD WIDENING/RECONSTRUCTION</b>			
1	Feb 19 to Spring 20	D2018-54	Simcoe St and Winchester Rd Intersection Modifications Elirpa Started April 27/20 for Surface Asphalt
2	April 29/19 to Spring 20	D2019-38	RR 23 - Lake Ridge Road Improvements South of Columbus Rd to Myrtle Rd Coco, Remob May 4/20 for Surface Asphalt
3	July 19 to End Aug 20	D2019-40	Brock St Widening North of Rossland to Taunton Kapp, Traffic on E/side, Completing W/side
4	Spring 19 to Summer 20	D2019-24	Consumers Drive Extension, Champlain Avenue Rehab incl Champlain / Thornton Intersection Mod., Thornton Widening Dagmar, Restarted April 20/20
5	July 8, 19 to Summer 20	D2019-39	Lake Ridge Rd (RR 23) and RR 12 Pefferlaw Rd (York RR 21) Roundabout Remob end May, Primrose
6	Oct 19 to Summer 20	D2019-05	Road Widening and Intersection Reconstruction RR 30 - RR 8 to Vivian Rd Elirpa, Working on signals, curbs, core, surface
7	Oct 19 to Summer 20	D2019-27	Reg. Rd. 13 / Reg. Rd. 23 Intersection Modifications, Working on RR13 E/RR23 Mar-King, Restart April 20/20
8	End Nov 19 to Spring 20	D2019-54	Westney Road Noise Wall Behind Shell at Hwy 2 to Miller Creek and North of HWY 2 Peninsula
9	May 20 to Summer 21	D2019-35	Simcoe Street Widening Conlin Rd to Winchester Rd Esposito Bros., Mobilized end of May 2020
10	Summer 20 to Summer 21	D2020-24	Harmony Road Widening Rossland Rd to south of Taunton Rd
11	Aug 20 to Oct 20	D2020-07	CPR Bridge Rehab Simcoe St south of Coates Rd
12	Aug 20 to Summer 21	D2020-29	Harmony Road Widening Coldstream Drive to south of Conlin Road
13	Fall 20 to Summer 21	D2020-30	Shisko Wetland Compensation for Victoria Street Widening - Halls to Seaboard
14	Summer 20 to Fall 20	D2020-41	Westney Road Widening - advanced Illumination and Temporary Signals, Rossland to Taunton
<b>ROAD REHABILITATION</b>			
1	April 19 to Spring 20	D2018-04	Road Rehabilitation and Reconstruction R.R. 57 (Con. 3 to Con. 4), Kapp Remobilized May 19, Restoration outstanding
2	July 19 to Spring 20	D2019-26	Road Rehabilitation and Intersection Reconstruction Simcoe St and Reach St Remobilized May 25. Blackstone
3	Sept 19 to Summer 20	D2019-46	Road Rehab - Grind & Overlay, 1. Ritson Rd 2.Consumers, 3.Thickson, 4.Brock Rd, 5.Anderson, 6.Olive Crupi,

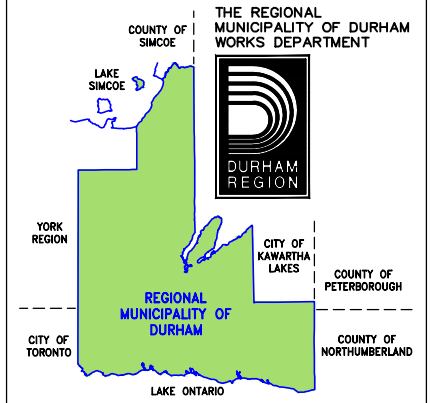


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No.	Target Construction Period	Contract No.	Description
4	Spring 20 to Summer 20	D2020-28	Road Rehabilitation - Pulverize and Pave Brock Rd - 3 km S/RR21 to RR21 Coco, Mobilized April 7/20
5	Spring 2020 to Summer 2020	D2020-19	Mara Road Whites Creek Bridge Rehabilitation GMP
6	June 20 to Fall 20	D2020-34	Road Rehabilitation - Pulverize and Pave RR5 (9th Conc Rd), 150m E/Sideline 12 to 400m W/Lake Ridge Brennan Paving & Const Ltd.
7	August 20 to Fall 20	D2020-12	Surface Asphalt - Enfield/Taunton-407, Taunton/Liberty-.8km E Depot Rehab - Taunton/Thickson, Westney/401, Finch/Whites 407 gaps, Winchester, Lakeridge, Thickson
8	Summer 20	D2020-14	Road Rehab, Shirley Rd Surface Treatment 5.8 km, 500 m east of Graham Rd to Scugog Rd
<b>WATERMAIN AND SANITARY SEWER</b>			
1	March 19 to Dec 20	D2018-063	San Trunk Sewer & Zone 1 Feeder Watermain Toronto St, N. to Rudell St, Tunnel, North Rock
2	June 19 to Oct 21	D2019-043	Adelaide St. Watermain Oshawa Blvd to Juliana and Mary to French Coco
3	Aug 19 to Summer 20	D2019-023	600 CPP Watermain Crossing 401 at South Blair St Earth Boring
4	Aug 19 to June 20	D2019-015	Rossland Rd. Feedermain Westney Rd to Church St D'Orazio Infrastructure Group
5	May 14/20 to Spring 21	D2019-028	Harwood Feedermain Kerrison to Rossland Kapp, mobilized May 25/20
6	Summer 20 to Fall 20	D2020-11	Cameron St., Windsor St., Sherwood and Linton Watermain Replacement Wyndale Paving Co. Ltd.
7	July 20 to Oct 20	D2020-46	Fielding Court Watermain Construction
8	Summer 20 to Fall 20	D2020-15	Lloyd Ave. and Highland Ave. Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Replacement
9	Summer 20 to Fall 20	D2020-45	Range Rd, Lake Ridge Road to Hoile Drive Watermain Construction
10	Spring 19 to Spring 20	D2018-21	Whitby 1 - Poly Service Replacement Remobilized early May 20 for final restoration 555 Services, Bry Ron
11	End Sept 19 to August 20	D2019-21	Oshawa 1 - Poly Service Replacement Mobilized end May 20 488 Services, Bry Ron
12	April 8/19 to Spring 20	D2018-23	Oshawa / Courtice - Poly Service Replacement Remobilized mid May 20 for deficiencies 375 Services, Calder Hill

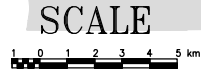
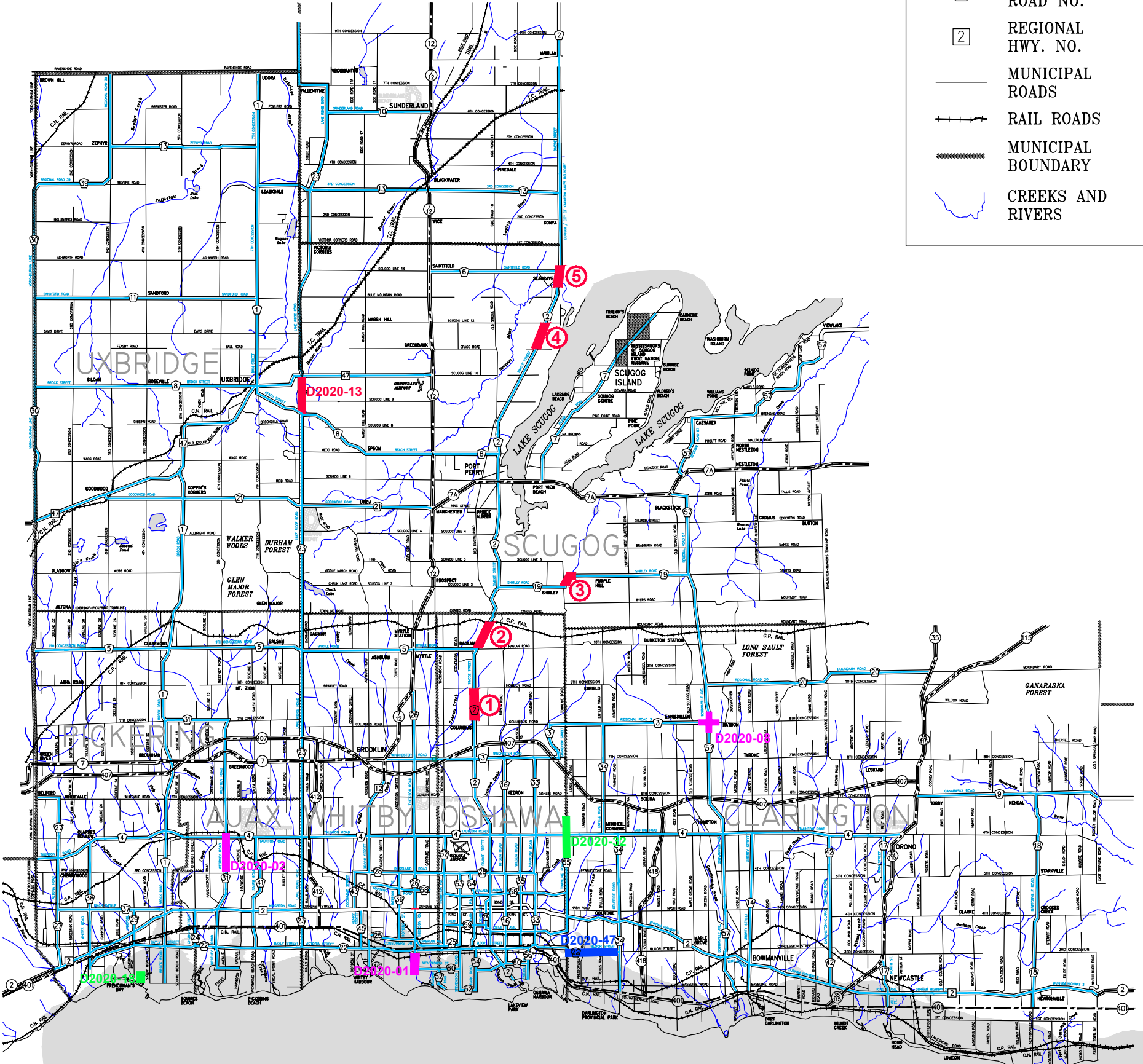
## NEAR-TERM PROJECTS

ROAD WIDENING / RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS		
CONTRACT NUMBER	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION LIMITS
D2020-01	THICKSON ROAD (REG. RD. 26) RECONSTRUCTION	
D2020-02	WESTNEY ROAD (REG. RD. 31) WIDENING	
D2020-08	REGIONAL ROAD 3 & BOWMANVILLE AVENUE (REG. RD. 57) ROUNDABOUT	
ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECTS		
CONTRACT NUMBER	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION LIMITS
D2020-13	LAKE RIDGE ROAD (REG. RD. 23) MILL & OVERLAY	
D2020-XX	ROUTING & SEALING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (1) → (5)	
WATERMAIN PROJECTS		
CONTRACT NUMBER	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION LIMITS
D2020-47	BLOOR STREET (REG. RD. 22) FEEDERMAIN	
SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS		
CONTRACT NUMBER	CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION LIMITS
D2020-18	LIVERPOOL FORCEMAIN TWINNING	
D2020-32	TOWNLINER ROAD (REG. RD. 34) SANITARY SEWER	



## LEGEND

- REGIONAL ROADS
- PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS
- PROVINCIAL HWY. NO.
- REGIONAL ROAD NO.
- REGIONAL HWY. NO.
- MUNICIPAL ROADS
- RAIL ROADS
- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY
- CREEKS AND RIVERS



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<b>Road Widening/Reconstruction D2020-01</b>			
<b>Town of Whitby – Thickson Road, Wentworth Street to CN Rail (0.8 km)</b>			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Widening from 2 to 4 lanes; multi-use path including a crossing under the CN tracks; new traffic signals; loop local watermain</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Road capacity, road condition and active transportation</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Urban built-up area (Industrial)</p> <p><i>Project Budget:</i> \$5.1M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Late Fall 2020 Award – Winter 2021 Start – Spring 2021 Finish – Fall 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One lane in each direction on Thickson will be maintained at all times unless impractical due to the nature of the work</li> <li>• Further lane restrictions on Thickson may occur if warranted, but will be scheduled during off peak hours</li> <li>• Road closures will occur at local connecting streets for a period of 3 days to safely complete work in the intersections and rolling 2-hour closures will also occur during placement of asphalt at these intersections</li> <li>• There are no existing pedestrian facilities on the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance off Thickson at Tricont to Atlantic Packaging to be maintained</li> <li>• No other existing commercial or retail entrances on corridor</li> <li>• Industrial/commercial businesses in south Whitby use Thickson as primary access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work done to advance main contract</li> <li>• Underground investigations</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special Provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through Communication Tools including Newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, Construction Brochure</li> <li>• Full time site inspector</li> <li>• REMS</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: increase road capacity, improve road condition, improve or install turning lanes at intersections, advance active transportation infrastructure as per the Regional Cycling Plan.</li> <li>• Impacts of construction can be mitigated through active engagement.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			

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<b>Road Widening/Reconstruction D2020-02</b>			
<b>Town of Ajax - Westney Road, north of Rossland Road to north of Taunton Road (2.0 km)</b>			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Widening from 2 to 4 lanes with turn lanes; multi-use path; sidewalk; new traffic signals; and full illumination</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Road capacity and active transportation</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Urban built-up area for the south part, semi-rural north part</p> <p><i>Project Budget:</i> \$14.5M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline*:</i> Tender – Early Fall 2020 Award – Late Fall 2020 Start – Spring 2021 Finish – Fall 2021</p> <p>* Advance illumination and traffic signals contract to be constructed in 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One lane in each direction and one auxiliary left turn lane on at each intersection on Westney will be maintained at all time unless impractical due to the nature of the work</li> <li>• Further lane restrictions on Westney if warranted, but will be scheduled during off peak hours</li> <li>• Road closures will occur at local connecting streets for a period of three days to safely complete work in the intersections and rolling 2-hour closures will also occur during asphalt placement at these intersections</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cyclist access through project limits to be maintained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance off Westney to plaza southwest of Westney and Taunton; alternate access to plaza available off Taunton</li> <li>• Plazas southeast and southwest of Westney and Williamson; access to plazas are off Williamson</li> <li>• No other existing commercial or retail entrance on corridor or in proximity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work done to advance main contract</li> <li>• Extensive underground investigations</li> <li>• Temporary signals and lighting</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through communication channels including newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, construction brochure</li> <li>• Full-time site inspector</li> <li>• CCTV monitoring, use of REMS</li> <li>• Minimize disruption to businesses and enhanced communications by engaging project ambassador for liaison with businesses during crucial stages of the project (e.g. paving operation)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: increase road capacity, advance active transportation infrastructure as per the Regional Cycling Plan.</li> <li>• Impacts of construction can be mitigated through active engagement.</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Road Widening/Reconstruction D2020-08</b> <b>Municipality of Clarington – Roundabout at Regional Road 3/Concession Road 8 and Bowmanville Avenue</b>			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Construction of a single-lane roundabout; illumination; and landscaping</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Intersection Safety</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Part semi-urban and part rural</p> <p><i>Project Budget:</i> \$4.5M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Late Fall 2020 Award – Winter 2021 Start – Spring 2021 Finish – Fall 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staged closure of intersection —one leg at a time, with traffic diverted on signed detours</li> <li>• Road closure for each leg will be required for a period of two months</li> <li>• A few short-term complete closures of the intersection will be required to facilitate continuous operations like paving around the roundabout</li> <li>• Presently very low pedestrian movements and moderate cyclist traffic in summer; cyclists will be accommodated through the project limits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No existing commercial or retail businesses on the corridor or in proximity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underground investigations</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special Provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through Communication Tools including Newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter</li> <li>• Full time site inspector</li> <li>• REMS</li> <li>• Advanced and active on-site engagement with the public, Clarington Fire Station located at the NE quadrant of the intersection and farming community during all stages of construction</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: improve intersection safety and advance Vision Zero.</li> <li>• Impacts of construction can be mitigated through advanced notice and active engagement.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			

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Road Rehabilitation D2020-13 Townships of Scugog/Uxbridge - Lake Ridge Road, 100 m north of Reach Street to 125 m south of Regional Highway 47 (1.3 km)			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Pave additional lift of surface asphalt, culvert replacements and ditching</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Upgrade pavement structure/strength to increase asset service life</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Rural</p> <p><i>Project Budget:</i> \$700,000</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Early Summer 2020 Award – Summer 2020 Start – Late Summer, Fall 2020 Finish – Fall 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One lane in one direction at a time with flagging for major operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A couple of home businesses and farms within limits and in close proximity</li> <li>• Foxbridge Golf Course on the south side of Reach Street, just west of Lake Ridge Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special Provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction, especially for major operations</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through Communication Tools including Newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, Construction Brochure</li> <li>• Full time site inspector</li> <li>• REMS</li> <li>• Vigilant dust and mud control</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: increase structural capacity and service life of road, part of the Region’s Strategic Good Movements Network.</li> <li>• Anticipated duration of construction is less than one month, impacts of construction are minimal.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			

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<b>Road Rehabilitation D2020-XX (contract yet to be numbered)</b>			
<b>Routing and Sealing of Roadway Asphalt Cracks – Locations 1 to 5</b>			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Routing and sealing of roadway asphalt cracks</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Necessary maintenance to minimize deterioration and increase expected service life of the pavement</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Rural</p> <p><i>Project Budget:</i> \$250K</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Summer 2020 Award – Late Summer 2020 Start – Fall 2020 Finish – Late Fall 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road closures are not permitted. All locations to be maintained open to traffic for the duration of the contract</li> <li>• Maintain at least two lanes, one in each direction at all time except when impractical due to the nature of the work</li> <li>• Paid duty officer required for work within or adjacent to an intersection if flow of traffic is to be impacted</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cyclist access through project limits to be maintained when necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No existing commercial or retail entrances on corridors or in proximity</li> <li>• Farms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• On-road signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through communication tools including newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter</li> <li>• Full-time site inspector</li> <li>• REMS</li> <li>• Vigilant dust control</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: prolong life of the pavement, eliminate cracks before they propagate into base pavement layers.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			

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<b>Watermain D2020-47</b> <b>Municipality of Clarington - Bloor Street, Townline Road to Prestonvale Road</b>			
Project Details	Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows	Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity	Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Construction of a 600mm feedermain</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Improvement/expansion of existing water system for existing and future development</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Urban /Rural Residential</p> <p><i>Approved Capital Budget:</i> \$7M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Summer 2020 Award – Summer 2020 Start – Summer 2020 Finish – Fall 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal impacts as watermain is proposed to be constructed in the south boulevard</li> <li>• Traffic control measures may be required and will be guided by contractor and other relevant stakeholder input</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance to Tim Hortons on southeast corner of Townline Road and Bloor Street</li> <li>• Shopping Plaza on southeast corner of Rosswell Drive and Bloor Street</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive underground investigations</li> <li>• Temporary walkways</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through communication tools including newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, Construction Brochure</li> <li>• Full-time site inspector</li> <li>• CCTV monitoring, use of REMS</li> <li>• Minimize disruption to businesses by engaging project ambassador for liaison with businesses during crucial stages of the project (e.g. paving operation)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: improvement/expansion of existing water supply system to provide municipal water to existing and future development.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			



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<b>Sanitary Sewer D2020-18</b>			
<b>City of Pickering – Twinning of the Liverpool Forcemain from Liverpool SSPS to Upstream of Duffin Creek WPCP</b>			
<b>Project Details</b>	<b>Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows</b>	<b>Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity</b>	<b>Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts</b>
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> New 900mm diameter forcemain</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Redundancy for existing 40-year old forcemain</p> <p><i>Environment:</i> Varies – parks, wetland, commercial/industrial, urban built-up area</p> <p><i>Approved Capital Budget:</i> \$16.1M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Fall 2020 Award – Fall 2020 Start – Winter 2021 Finish – Fall 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing of Brock Road and Sandy Beach Road will be undertaken with lane restrictions and flagging</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cyclist access through project limits to be maintained</li> <li>• Periodic exceptions to above may be necessary for specific work activities</li> <li>• Changes to above traffic control measures may be required and will be guided by contractor and other stakeholder input</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial plaza at southwest corner of Brock Road and Feldspar Court; access available off Feldspar Court (forcemain to be installed across existing easement in parking lot)</li> <li>• Industrial building at southeast corner of Brock Road and McPherson Court; access available off McPherson Court (forcemain to be installed across proposed easement in parking lot)</li> <li>• Industrial building on west side of McKay Road (north limit); access from McKay Road (forcemain to be installed across proposed easement in parking lot)</li> <li>• Industrial building on north side of McKay Road (west of rail corridor); access from McKay Road forcemain to be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive meetings during design with businesses located within the work zone</li> <li>• Work done to advance main contract</li> <li>• Extensive underground investigations</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• Regular updates through communication tools including newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, Construction Brochure</li> <li>• Full-time site inspector</li> <li>• REMS</li> <li>• On-road signage and communications confirming that businesses are open and accessible</li> <li>• Overnight and/or weekend work as appropriate to mitigate intersection impacts</li> </ul>

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		installed across new easement in parking lot) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are additional commercial/industrial businesses in the vicinity.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need for project: the new forcemain will add system security to the sanitary sewerage network for the majority of the City of Pickering.</li><li>• Impacts of construction are not expected to be significant to commuting traffic or businesses. Access to businesses will be maintained. All directly affected businesses were engaged throughout design to discuss impacts of construction and resolutions.</li><li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li></ul>			

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<b>Sanitary Sewer D2020-32</b>			
<b>City of Oshawa – Courtice Trunk Sanitary Sewer on Townline Road, Beatrice Street East to Coldstream Drive</b>			
<b>Project Details</b>	<b>Construction Impacts on Road Capacity and Traffic Flows</b>	<b>Commercial/Retail businesses on Project Corridor and Project Proximity</b>	<b>Potential Strategies to Minimize Impacts</b>
<p><i>Scope of Work:</i> Construction of a 1800mm trunk sanitary sewer on Townline Road from Beatrice Street to Coldstream Drive and a local 200mm sanitary sewer on Townline Road from Beatrice Street to Taunton Road</p> <p><i>Primary Project Drivers:</i> Sanitary sewer capacity for existing and future development</p> <p><i>Road Environment:</i> Urban/Rural Commercial and Residential area</p> <p><i>Approved Capital Budget:</i> \$15.4M</p> <p><i>Best Estimate Timeline:</i> Tender – Summer 2020 Award – Summer 2020 Start – Summer 2020 Finish – Fall 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Townline Road closure to occur in phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 1 Closure – Townline Road from Beatrice Street to Whitelaw Avenue. Closure will require access to local residence only</li> <li>- Phase 2 Closure – Townline Road from Whitelaw Avenue to Taunton Road. Closure will require access to local residence only. Veterinarian will have access from Townline Road closed for short period of time.</li> <li>- Phase 3 Closure – Intersection of Townline Road and Taunton Road. Full closure over weekend with lane restrictions to follow.</li> <li>- Phase 4 Closure – Townline from Taunton Road to Coldstream Drive. Closure will require access to local residence only.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance to Veterinarian will be impacted. Crossing of entrance will be timed in co-ordination with business owner to ensure minimal impact.</li> <li>• Entrance to Shell gas station off of Townline Road will be impacted. Crossing of entrance will be timed in co-ordination with business owner to ensure minimal impact.</li> <li>• Entrance to storage units on west side of Townline Road will be impacted. Crossing of entrance will be timed in co-ordination with business owner to ensure minimal impact.</li> <li>• Entrance to Durham Transmission Service will be impacted. Crossing of entrance will be timed in co-ordination with business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive underground investigations</li> <li>• Temporary walkways</li> <li>• Design strategies and staging to minimize schedule, maintain access and minimize lane restrictions and road closures</li> <li>• Special provisions addressing unique requirements</li> <li>• Active on-site engagement with businesses during all stages of construction</li> <li>• On-road PVMS and static signage and communications</li> <li>• Regular updates through communication tools including newsletters, PSAs, public notices, website, social media, twitter, Construction Brochure</li> <li>• Full-time site inspector</li> <li>• CCTV monitoring, use of REMS</li> <li>• Overnight scheduling for any work requiring extensive engagement</li> <li>• Minimize disruption to businesses by engaging project ambassador for liaison with businesses during crucial stages of the project (pipe installation and paving)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to above traffic control measures may be required and will be guided by contractor and other stakeholder input</li> </ul>	<p>owner to ensure minimal impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance off Townline Road to the Taunton Tire store and chip truck site will be impacted; alternate primary access available off Taunton Road.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for project: trunk sanitary sewer required for existing and future development.</li> <li>• <b>Proceed with tendering and contract award.</b></li> </ul>			

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-INFO-57  
Date: June 12, 2020

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the May 25, 2020 meeting and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report summarizes the decisions on consent applications made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meeting on May 25, 2020 (see Attachment #1). The attached chart also summarizes the decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to delegation of approval authority By-law No. 19-2020. Under this By-law, the Commissioner is authorized as a COVID-19 emergency measure to approve consent applications where no concerns or objects have been provided. The approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. No appeals are recommended. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

**2. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart from the May 25, 2020 Meeting and Decisions Delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
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## Monitoring of Decisions of Land Division Committee for the Meeting Date of Monday, May 25, 2020 and Decisions Delegated to the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 012/2020	Eden, Kimberly Eden, Kyle	Part lot 32, Conc. 6 Twp. of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a 625 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 951 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 013/2020	McCullough, Sean W. McGibney, Pamela A.	Part lot 23, Conc. 6 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 786 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 4,172 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 017/2020	Lalani, Mustaque	Part lot 6, Conc. 2 Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a 1,765 m <sup>2</sup> access easement in favour of the property to the south, retaining a 21,671 m <sup>2</sup> commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 018/2020	Bell, Peter	Part lot 26, Conc. 1 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 806.54 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 627.78 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 019/2020	Bouma, Richard	Part lot 12, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 348.3 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 348.1 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner

<b>LD File Number</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature of Application</b>	<b>Regional Official Plan</b>	<b>LDC Decision</b>
LD 020/2020	Prins, Donald Prins, Florence	Part lot 18, Conc. 7 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to add a vacant 16.39 ha agricultural parcel of land to the east, retaining a 5.01 ha agricultural parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 021/2020	Vanhaverbeke, Edmond	Part lot 28, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to grant a 348.2 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the north, retaining a 6,720.3 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 022/2020	Clark, William David	Part lot 8 & 9, Conc. 9 Twp. of Scugog	Consent to add a vacant 861 m2 agricultural parcel of land to the east, retaining a 6.97 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 024/2020	Vannettan, Eric Vannettan, Rachel	Part lot 13, Conc. 4 Twp. of Scugog (former Cartwright)	Consent to add a vacant 1.19 ha agricultural parcel of land to the north, retaining a 97.37 ha agricultural parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 025/2020	Kea, Alyson Kea, Jerry Kea, Annette	Part lot 1, Conc. 1 Twp. of Brock	Consent to sever a 0.42 ha agricultural parcel of land with a farm house, retaining an 82.58 ha agricultural parcel of land with a dwelling and accessory farm buildings. Application is for a surplus farm dwelling.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 027/2020	Lalani, Mustaque	Part lot 6, Conc. 2 Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a 408.7 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the North, retaining a 26,829 m2 commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 028/2020	Esufali, Abbas Millares, Sandra	Part lot 7, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to add a vacant 75 m2 residential parcel of land to the south, retaining a 2,007 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain	Conforms	Approved by Committee unanimously



<b>LD File Number</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature of Application</b>	<b>Regional Official Plan</b>	<b>LDC Decision</b>
LD 029/2020	Esufali, Abbas Millares, Sandra	Part lot 7, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 548 m2 residential parcel of land retaining a 1,459 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling.	Conforms	Approved by Committee unanimously
LD 036/2020	Rekker, Richard Prins, Gerard	Part lot 18, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 1.31 ha agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 12.4 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing structure to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee unanimously



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2020-INFO-58  
Date: June 12, 2020

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Updated Risks and Uncertainty as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing on a daily basis. The following summarizes the changes that have occurred over the period of June 3 – June 10, 2020.

**2. Federal Government**

2.1 On June 5, the federal government announced that it will provide \$14 billion to provincial and territorial governments as part of a safe restart agreement related to COVID-19. Funds could be used to provide protective equipment to healthcare workers, provide paid sick leave, improve the state of long-term care, and help municipalities continue to provide core public services. Details of how funding will be deployed have not yet been provided.

2.2 On June 6, the federal government announced additional support to help Canadians with disabilities deal with extra expenses incurred during the pandemic. The support measures include:

- A special one-time, tax-free payment of \$600 to individuals who are certificate holders of the Disability Tax Credit as of June 1, 2020. This payment is reduced to cap total support at \$600 where the recipients also receive the Old Age Security (OAS) pension and/or the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

- \$15 million to create a National Workplace Accessibility Stream within the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities. This will provide community organizations with resources to improve workplace accessibility and access to jobs in response to COVID-19.

- 2.3 The federal government also announced that, as of June 9, limited exemptions to border closure restrictions would be imposed to allow immediate family members of Canadian permanent residents and citizens to enter Canada. The exemptions would only apply to individuals who do not have, nor are showing any signs or symptoms of, COVID-19. Anyone who enters the country will have to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- 2.4 On June 9, the federal government launched The Supply Hub, a new web hub to bring together available resources, such as buyer lists and consumer guidance, for organizations buying and selling personal protective equipment.
- 2.5 Also on June 9, the federal government announced \$500,000 in support for five National Voluntary Organizations to develop pilot projects that will help reintegrate offenders under supervision at community-based residential facilities (halfway houses). These organizations will identify and support innovative practices that have been successful at reducing the spread of COVID-19, while maintaining essential services for their clients.

### **3. Ontario Government**

- 3.1 On June 8, the provincial government announced further measures to ease lockdown restrictions by allowing most communities within the province to enter Phase 2 of the provincial reopening plan. The measures, which take effect on June 12, allow more businesses to gradually reopen, such as personal care services, outdoor restaurant patios, shopping malls, swimming pools, and recreation centres. These measures do not extend to any communities within the Greater Golden Horseshow, such as Durham Region, as the required public health indicators have not yet been met.
- 3.2 Despite the exclusion of certain communities from entering Phase 2 of the provincial reopening plan, all communities throughout the province will be permitted to allow gatherings of up to 10 people as long as physical distancing measures are observed. This measure takes effect on June 12.
- 3.3 Also effective June 12, the provincial government will permit the reopening of all daycare centres throughout the province. Daycare centres will be required to follow several precautionary measures, such as limiting children and staff to groups of 10, screening staff and children before entry, and following enhanced cleaning standards. Additionally, all emergency childcare provisions will wind down effective June 26.
- 3.4 Although certain lockdown restrictions are being relaxed, the provincial government announced a further extension of all emergency orders, under the

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*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, to June 19. The orders were set to expire on June 9. The Declaration of Emergency that allows the province to enforce current emergency orders remains in place until June 30.

- 3.5 In support of small businesses, the provincial government, on June 8, announced proposed amendments to the *Commercial Tenancies Act*. The amendments will temporarily halt evictions for small businesses eligible for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program. The halt would be retroactive to June 3 and will continue until August 31.
- 3.6 On June 3, the provincial government announced the launch of the \$150 million broadband and cellular infrastructure program, Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON). The program allows applicants, including municipal governments, to submit proposals for which the province will fund a portion of each approved project.
- 3.7 On June 4, the Ontario government announced the Premier's Council on Equality of Opportunity. This new advisory group will provide advice on how young people can overcome social and economic barriers and achieve success. As an immediate priority, the council will identify strategies to support vulnerable and marginalized youth to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

#### **4. Canadian Economy and Financial Markets**

- 4.1 As many countries remained in lockdown with strict economic restrictions throughout the month of April, Statistics Canada released data on the related impact to Canadian international trade. The dollar value of Canadian merchandise exports declined 29.7 per cent in April, while the dollar value of merchandise imports declined 25.1 per cent. This caused Canada's trade deficit with the rest of the world to more than double from \$1.5 billion in March to \$3.3 billion in April. This implies that the value of Canadian imports was \$3.3 billion greater than the value of Canadian exports.
- 4.2 The decline in international merchandise trade was particularly impacted by reduced activity with the United States, Canada's largest trading partner. The dollar value of Canadian merchandise exports to the United States fell 35.7 per cent in April, while the dollar value of merchandise imports from the U.S were down 35.3 per cent. This decline in activity accounted for approximately 90 per cent of Canada's reduced trade activity.
- 4.3 Canadian merchandise trade with China began to recover in April as the Chinese economy continued to expand after pandemic lockdowns were lifted. The dollar value of Canadian merchandise exports to China increased 15.2 per cent while the dollar value of Chinese imports increased 30.8 per cent.
- 4.4 International trade in services was also impacted in April with the dollar value of Canadian service exports declining 20.5 per cent and the dollar value of service imports falling 30.7 per cent. Trade in travel services continued to experience

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weakened demand in April as imports of travel services fell 87.7 per cent, while exports declined 54 per cent.

- 4.5 The easing of economic restrictions in May led to a rebound in the Greater Toronto Area real estate market. According to the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB), existing home sales in May were up 53.2 per cent from April on a seasonally adjusted basis. The number of new listings was also up 47.5 per cent from April and the average selling price increased 4.6 per cent to \$863,599.
- 4.6 According to TRREB, existing home sales in Durham Region rose 50 per cent from April to May. New listings in Durham Region increased 28.9 per cent from April to May, while the average selling price in May rose to \$651,590, a 6.4 per cent increase from April.
- 4.7 Financial markets continued to rise last week as equities markets in the U.S and Canada had strong gains for the week ending June 5. In the U.S, the S&P 500 index gained 4.9 per cent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite gained 6.8 per cent and 3.4 per cent respectively. The Nasdaq Composite also closed the week above its pre-COVID high from February 20, meaning the Nasdaq had gained back all the losses experienced during the pandemic.
- 4.8 The Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) gained another 4.4 per cent for the week ending June 5. The TSX is now up over 41 per cent from the March lows and is only down approximately 6 per cent year to date.
- 4.9 The price of oil also continues to rise with the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) briefly rising above US\$40 per barrel on June 8. The rising price is largely due to the agreement between the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies to extend the approximately 10 million barrel per day production cut through the end of July.
- 4.10 Although the large production cut by OPEC and its allies has been extended, Saudi Arabia decided against extending its own additional cut of 1 million barrels per day beyond June. Although this caused a pullback in the price of WTI oil, the price remains above US\$38 per barrel as of the market close on June 9.

## **5. Labour Market**

- 5.1 The Canadian labour market is beginning to show signs of recovery as Canadian provinces continue to ease lockdown restrictions and slowly resume economic activity. According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for May 2020, the number of employed persons in May increased by approximately 290,000, or 1.8 per cent, from April. This follows the 5.3 per cent decline in employment experienced in March and the 11 per cent employment decline in April. Combining the employment gains with the 8.6 per cent drop in the number of people working less than half their usual hours means that Canada has recovered approximately 10.6 per cent of the COVID-19 employment losses from March and April.

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- 5.2 Employment gains were more concentrated in the goods producing sector, which saw a 5.0 per cent increase in employment, as opposed to the service producing sector, which saw a 1.0 per cent gain in employment. Many service sector industries continued to experience a decline in employment, however the accommodation and food service industry saw a 6.8 per cent increase in May. This follows a 50 per cent decline in accommodation and food services employment from February to April.
- 5.3 Despite the increase in employment, the number of unemployed persons also increased by 8.3 per cent in May. The rise in the number of unemployed persons caused the unemployment rate to increase to 13.7 per cent, which marks the highest unemployment rate since comparable data became available in 1976.
- 5.4 The rise in unemployment is largely attributed to the number of people re-entering the labour force as economies reopen and job prospects become more optimistic. In order to be considered in the unemployment figures, an individual must not be employed for pay and must be either actively looking for work or expecting to be recalled from layoff. The number of individuals who wanted to work, but did not actively look for employment, declined by over 10 per cent in May after rising 95.2 per cent in April and 97.8 per cent in March. This suggests that these individuals are now actively looking for work and would now be considered unemployed.
- 5.5 The increase in the number of individuals actively participating in the labour force pushed the labour force participation rate up to 61.4 per cent in May from 59.8 per cent in April. The employment rate also increased from 52.1 per cent in April to 52.9 per cent in May.
- 5.6 As more businesses began to reopen across the country, the total hours worked across all industries increased 6.3 per cent in May. This follows a cumulative decrease in total hours worked of 27.7 per cent from February to April. The average hours worked in Canada also rose slightly to 29.5 hours in May, compared with 28.2 in April.
- 5.7 Although the Canadian labour market begins to show signs of recovery, the situation varies across the country as individual provinces are in different stages of their recovery plans. In Quebec, employment increased by 231,000 in May, representing approximately 80 per cent of all employment gains across Canada.
- 5.8 Ontario continued to see a decline in employment as the number of employed persons fell 1.0 per cent in May. Ontario was the only province to experience employment declines in May as the province marked its fourth consecutive month of employment losses. It is important to note that the reference week for the May 2020 Labour Force Survey was the week of May 10 – 16, which was prior to the Ontario government allowing the partial reopening of non-essential businesses.
- 5.9 The service producing sector accounted for all job losses in Ontario as the goods producing sector experienced a 1.2 per cent increase in employment. The unemployment rate in Ontario increased from 11.3 per cent in April to 13.6 per

cent in May. The labour force participation rate also rose slightly from 59.2 per cent in April to 60.1 per cent in May, while the employment rate declined from 52.6 to 52.0 per cent.

- 5.10 In the Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), the three-month moving average unemployment rate increased from 8.5 per cent in April to 10.1 per cent in May. The three-month moving average labour force participation rate declined from 66 per cent in April to 64 per cent in May, while the three-month moving average employment rate declined from 60.4 per cent to 57.5 per cent.

## **6. United States Economy**

- 6.1 The labour market in the United States also began to show signs of recovery in May. According to the May 2020 Non-Farm Payroll Report, employment in the U.S rose by 2.5 million in May despite many analysts expecting an employment decline of 8.3 million. The unemployment rate in the U.S declined from 14.7 per cent in April to 13.3 per cent in May.
- 6.2 The optimistic employment report follows another week of declines in initial unemployment insurance claims. Initial claims for unemployment insurance totaled 1.88 million for the week ending May 30, which is a decline of 249,000 from the previous week. This is the first time in 10 weeks that the number of weekly initial claims was below 2 million. However, this also brings the total number of initial claims since the start of the pandemic to 42.6 million.
- 6.3 Although Americans are slowly starting to return to work, overall demand for consumer goods remains weak as consumer prices fell for the third straight month in May. Prices of consumer goods, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell 0.1 per cent from April to May. The decline was mainly due to a fall in the price of energy products as the price of gasoline fell 3.5 per cent and fuel oil prices dipped 6.3 per cent.

## **7. Global Economy**

- 7.1 Although the Chinese economy continues to recover from the pandemic lockdowns, many countries around the world continue to impose restrictions limiting international trade. The dollar value of Chinese exports declined 3.3 per cent year-over-year in May while the dollar value of imports into China plunged 16.7 per cent. This discrepancy widened China's trade surplus to US\$62.93 billion.
- 7.2 European countries are also feeling the effects of reduced global trade. Germany saw year-over-year exports decline 31.1 per cent in April, which marks the steepest drop in exports since 1950. German imports also declined 21.6 per cent year-over-year in April, shrinking the country's trade surplus from €12.8 billion in March to €3.2 billion in April.
- 7.3 In France, year-over-year exports declined 32.4 per cent in April while imports

declined 25 per cent. This reduction in international trade activity widened the trade deficit from €3.2 billion in March to €5.0 billion in April.

- 7.4 The German government also approved an additional €130 billion stimulus package on June 3. The package includes reducing the value added tax from 19 to 16 per cent, effective July 1 to December 31, at an approximate cost of €20 billion. The package also includes providing a direct payment of €300 per child to families.
- 7.5 At its most recent monetary policy meeting on June 4, the European Central Bank (ECB) decided to increase its bond buying Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP) from €750 billion to €1.35 trillion. The ECB is also extending the length of the program until June 2021 or until the bank believes the crisis is over. The ECB expects the euro zone economy to contract by 8.7 per cent in 2020, with expected inflation at 0.3 per cent for the year.
- 7.6 According to the World Bank Global Economic Prospects report released on June 8, the World Bank projects global GDP to contract by 5.2% in 2020, the worst global contraction since 1945-46. This is a significant revision from the 2.5 per cent expansion predicted in January.
- 7.7 The World Bank also expects 90 per cent of countries to see a contraction in per-capita output. According to the World Bank, this decline in output could push anywhere between 70 and 100 million people into extreme poverty across the globe.

## **8. Conclusions**

- 8.1 The economy is experiencing increasing volatility with uncertainty around the spread of COVID-19. Economic conditions are changing on a daily basis as policy makers continue to navigate this uncharted territory.
- 8.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Nancy Taylor

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer





June 3, 2020

RE:

B1. Centre Hastings motion for support for the role of Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)

B2. City of Sault Ste. Marie motion for Support for Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)

B3. Town of Ajax motion for supporting Conservation Authorities (resolution attached)

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 22, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2020-104:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

**That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence Motions for Support items B1, B2, and B3 be received; and**

**WHEREAS, the Township of Puslinch is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;**

**AND WHEREAS Township of Puslinch is a member of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) , Conservation Halton (CH), and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA)and has representatives on each Board of Directors;**

**AND WHEREAS the GRCA, CH, and HCA provide the Township of Puslinch with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Township of Puslinch does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;**

**AND WHEREAS the GRCA, CH, and HCA**

**(a) provide programs to the residents of Township of Puslinch that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk,**



**(b) complete restoration projections as well as protect life and property through a variety of measures, all of which the Township of Puslinch does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;**

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Township of Puslinch supports continuation of the programs of the GRCA, CH, and HCA both mandatory and non-mandatory;**

**AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ted Arnott, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, GRCA, CH, HCA, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Courtenay Hoytfox  
Deputy Clerk



March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Resolution to Support the Role of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Centre Hastings at its regular meeting held on March 18th, 2020 passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Lower Trent Conservation Authority and the Quinte Conservation Authority along with other Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years, and

**WHEREAS** municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and healthy watersheds for residents, and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address the climate change,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Municipality of Centre Hastings supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs.

**AND THAT** the Municipality of Centre Hastings circulate that support to municipalities, conservation authorities and the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in Ontario.

Jennifer Nielsen  
Deputy Clerk

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

March 13, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Yurek and Minister Yakabuski:

**RE: Support for Conservation Authorities**

You will find attached hereto a resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council on March 9, 2020 regarding support for conservation authorities in Ontario.

We trust that this matter will receive the appropriate time and attention from your respective offices.

Yours truly,

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Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Conservation Ontario



**CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Agenda Number:** 8.1  
**Title:** Conservation Authorities  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2020

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**Moved by:** Councillor M. Bruni  
**Seconded by:** Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been well served by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie values the efforts of the Conservation Authority to monitor floods, to manage source water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality and conserve our natural environment; and

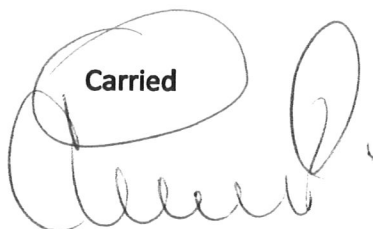
Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Conservation Authorities; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie encourages the Province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities while preventing any downloading of costs to municipalities;

Further that the Province of Ontario be requested to maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**  


**Tied, Defeated**

**Defeated**

**Officially Read and Not  
Dealt With / Postponed**



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

March 5, 2020

Re: **Supporting Conservation Authorities**

Please be advised that the following resolution was endorsed by Ajax Town Council at its Meeting held February 24, 2020:

WHEREAS, the Town of Ajax is committed to planning for a sustainable future, protecting human life and property from natural hazards, and promoting environmental education and stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is located within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) jurisdiction and has representatives on both Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS each respective Board of Directors determine the policies, priorities and budget of the TRCA and CLOCA;

AND WHEREAS the TRCA and CLOCA provide valuable non-mandatory programs and services including expert advice on the environmental impacts associated with land use planning and source water protection, environmental restoration services, educational and recreational opportunities, and community engagement programs, in an efficient manner delivered at a watershed scale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ajax supports the continuation of both mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services provided by the TRCA and CLOCA, and that no programs or services of the TRCA or CLOCA, or the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time;

AND THAT the Province engage in early consultations with the TRCA, CLOCA, and other Conservation Authorities, and member municipalities including the Region of Durham, to fully understand the funding structure and local benefits of programs delivered by the Conservation Authorities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Rod Philips, MPP Ajax; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority; Conservation Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Sean McCullough, Senior Planner, at 905-619-2529 ext. 3234 or [sean.mccullough@ajax.ca](mailto:sean.mccullough@ajax.ca)

Sincerely

Sarah Moore  
Acting Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Rod Philips, MPP Ajax  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority  
Conservation Ontario; and  
S. McCullough, Senior Planner,  
all Ontario Municipalities

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Moore". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.



June 5, 2020

RE: Mapleton Resolution 2020-04-14 to request the Province review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme, dated May 27, 2020.

- a) Correspondence from Wellington Federation of Agriculture regarding Mapleton Resolution 2020-04-14, dated May 28, 2020.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 3, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2020-151:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That the Intergovernmental Affairs correspondence items listed on the Council Agenda for JUNE 3, 2020 Council meeting be received; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch received correspondence from the Township of Mapleton with respect to requesting the Province of Ontario to review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme in light of economic competitiveness concerns between rural and urban municipalities;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Puslinch hereby supports their Resolution 2020-04-14 passed on March 10, 2020; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Hon. Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

**CARRIED**





As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Courtenay Hoytfox  
Deputy Clerk



## Community Services

### Legislative Services

June 9, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: [Tdaniels@brantford.ca](mailto:Tdaniels@brantford.ca)

Tanya Daniels, City Clerk  
City of Brantford  
100 Wellington Square,  
P.O. Box 818  
Brantford, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Daniels:

**Re: Request Proclamation of March 17 as Essential Workers Day**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 8, 2020 received your correspondence dated May 28, 2020 and supported the resolution passed by the Council of the City of Brantford to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada be invited to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk  
[cschofield@forterie.ca](mailto:cschofield@forterie.ca)

c.c.

Sent via email

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Tony Baldinelli, MP- Niagara Falls [Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca)

Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant [will.bouma@pc.ola.org](mailto:will.bouma@pc.ola.org)

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca);

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Mayor Cam Guthrie, Chair of LUMCO [mayor@quelph.ca](mailto:mayor@quelph.ca)

Brock Carlton, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities [ceo@fcm.ca](mailto:ceo@fcm.ca)

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie