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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health  
Report: #2022-INFO-7  
Date: February 4, 2022

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**Subject:**

**Durham Region Health Department COVID-19 Response and Restoration**

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**Recommendation:**

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) ongoing response to COVID-19, vaccination, and restoration activities.
- 1.2 As DRHD continues to be actively engaged in COVID-19 response activities, this report is provided in place of Program Reports for October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 It has been more than 21 months since the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that COVID-19 was a pandemic, with 118,319 cases globally on March 11, 2020. By December 26, 2021, confirmed cases reached over 278 million, with just under 5.4 million deaths globally.
- 2.2 Since early 2020, DRHD's main priority has been responding to COVID-19. Throughout the year, COVID-19 continued to be a public health priority with COVID-19 response activities and vaccine administration being the focus.
- 2.3 Ongoing response efforts include case and contact management, communications, inspections, investigations, monitoring and surveillance, testing support, implementation of modified programs, and plans that can be quickly adapted to mitigate risks.

2.4 Throughout the year, COVID-19 response efforts required significant resources and have resulted in the ongoing suspension of many regular public health programs and services. DRHD anticipates that several regular programs will continue to be suspended going into 2022 due to the spread of the Omicron variant, with program restoration occurring when possible.

### 3. Status of COVID-19 in Durham Region

3.1 The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) shows the number of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region by age, gender, municipality, and status (active cases , resolved, deceased). This tool also displays the number of new cases and cumulative cases by reported date and onset date, and the status of outbreaks in childcare centres, schools, institutions, workplaces, events, and in community settings. As of December 31, 2021, there were **2,056,425** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker from [durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](http://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus). From October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, there were **109,845** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker.

3.2 The Data Tracker also includes information on exposure source, time trends, a map of cases by Health Neighbourhood, COVID-19 vaccination coverage, and monitoring indicators that reflect how well Durham Region is doing in terms of virus spread and containment, health system capacity, public health capacity and laboratory testing.

3.3 As of December 31, 2021, Durham Region had a total of **35,701** confirmed COVID-19 cases, with **8,642** cases identified between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

3.4 Most (**85 per cent**) of Durham's overall COVID-19 cases were in Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, and Whitby. Clarington accounted for **11 per cent** of Durham's overall case count, and Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock each represented **two per cent** or less of Durham's cases.

3.5 We are currently in the fifth wave, which is driven by the Omicron variant, Ontario's current most predominant strain. The Omicron variant is more transmissible than previous strains.

- a. The first wave had three noticeable phases: growth, flattening and recovery.
- b. The second wave began in late September 2020, peaked in January 2021, and began flattening over the course of January into February.
- c. The third wave began in March 2021, peaked mid-April, and recovery started in May 2021.
- d. The fourth wave began in late August 2021 with daily case counts remaining steady throughout the fall.
- e. The fifth wave has been driven by the emergence of the Omicron variant, which was designated as a variant of concern by the World Health Organization on November 26, 2021. The fifth wave has resulted in the highest daily case counts of all waves in this pandemic.

- 3.6 Exposure sources for local cases have changed over time.
- a. In 2020, during the first wave, the most likely exposure sources were linked to institutional outbreaks. For the rest of 2020, household contacts and community spread accounted for **more than half** of the exposure sources.
  - b. In the first half of 2021, household contacts and community spread continued to account for most case exposures (i.e., **41 per cent** and **32 per cent** respectively).
  - c. In the third quarter of 2021, (i.e., July 1 to September 30, 2021), community spread, and household contacts accounted for most case exposures (i.e., **35 per cent** and **30 per cent** respectively). Notably, other close contacts accounted for **18 per cent** of case exposures.
  - d. In the final quarter of 2021 (i.e., October 1 to December 31, 2021), **just over half** of case exposure sources are ‘under investigation’ at the time this report was written (i.e., **56 per cent**), **24 per cent** of cases were linked to community exposure, **eight per cent** of cases were linked to household contacts, **eight per cent** were linked to other close contacts, and the remaining **four per cent** of case exposures were linked to outbreaks, workplace contacts, or travel.

#### 4. Status of COVID-19 Vaccines in Durham

- 4.1 As of December 31, 2021, **over 1.2 million** doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Durham Region.
- 4.2 DRHD surpassed its goal to fully vaccinate at least **75 per cent** of the eligible population by the end of 2021, with approximately **79 per cent** of Durham residents aged five and older being fully vaccinated by year-end.
- 4.3 As of November 19, 2021, Health Canada authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty (Pediatric) COVID-19 vaccine in children aged five to 11. DRHD started administering vaccines to this age group on November 23, 2021. As of December 31, 2021, DRHD administered **17,375** vaccines to children aged five to 11.
- 4.4 Vaccine coverage (i.e., individuals who have received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or individuals that have completed a vaccine series as defined by Ministry of Health guidance) by municipality (among those aged 18 and older) ranges from approximately **72 per cent** to approximately **80 per cent**, with the highest rates being in Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge, and the lowest rates being in Oshawa and Ajax.
- 4.5 As of December 20, 2021, individuals across Ontario became eligible for a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (if a minimum of 84 days passed since the client received a second dose). Evidence shows that a third dose provides greater protection against the Omicron variant.

## 5. COVID-19 Response

5.1 As one of DRHD's critical public health functions under the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability](#) (OPHS), the Health Department is required to prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts.

5.2 COVID-19 response activities include case management and contact tracing; communications; inspections and investigations; issuing instructions and orders; surveillance; and testing support. A snapshot of some of DRHD's response activities is provided in the [#PublicHealthProtects Infographic](#) which is updated bi-weekly and available on [durham.ca/novelcoronavirus](http://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus).

### a. Case and Contact Management

- Case and contact management is an ongoing COVID-19 response activity.
- Case management involves but is not limited to data entry and reporting; investigation of disease exposure; daily monitoring and counselling; and contact assessment.
- Contact management activities include making initial communication with contacts identified; assessing exposure risks; providing instructions and recommendations based on risks; and daily monitoring as appropriate.
- In December 2021, the Ontario government announced changes to case and contact management due to the high volume of COVID-19 cases across Ontario and the emergence of the Omicron variant. On December 30, 2021, the Ontario government released new [guidance](#) with strict COVID-19 testing eligibility criteria. In practice, this meant that the general population could only access public COVID-19 test centres if they met eligibility criteria. Instead, residents were directed to instructions and information through the Province's [self-assessment tool](#), or [durham.ca/covidinfohub](http://durham.ca/covidinfohub). This allowed case managers to focus their time on high-risk priority population groups. Changes in testing and case and contact management guidance has allowed DRHD to redirect its resources towards ramping up vaccine clinics to administer more COVID-19 boosters. As of December 31, 2021, public health nurses (PHNs) have managed **65,501** cases and contacts.
- The PHNs are supported by the Administrative Services Team which has received and disseminated **259,355** test results for follow-up as of December 31, 2021.

### b. Communications

- DRHD is responsible for communicating medical advice and guidance to local and Regional partners and the public. Staff must ensure that information is provided in a timely, accurate and accessible manner.

- Timely information helps local partners and the public understand requirements and actions they can take to prevent the spread of illness.
- Communications occur through numerous venues and platforms including phone interactions with residents and community partners; responses to media requests; public appearances through local media outlets; participation in community events; participation on local planning tables; social media; and a comprehensive webpage on [durham.ca](http://durham.ca).
- A dedicated COVID-19 webpage was established early in the pandemic to provide important and timely information to community partners and residents. The webpage is continually updated as DRHD receives new information. Staff has developed messages, guidance documents, and resources for local stakeholders such as FAQs, Facts About documents, Fax Abouts, and Infographics.
- The comprehensive COVID-19 webpage includes: information on case status in Durham Region; a page on [COVID-19 vaccines](#), [COVID-19 Case and Contact Information Hub](#), [COVID-19 Guidance and Advice for Businesses and Organizations](#); local [COVID-19 testing](#) information; facts and frequently asked questions; information for health care professionals; local outbreak information; resources, including mental health resources and information about masks; and travel advice.
- DRHD also manages an online vaccine booking portal, which is accessible by visiting [durhamvaccinebooking.ca](http://durhamvaccinebooking.ca). As of December 31, there have been **378,717** clicks on the booking portal.
- Durham Health Connection Line (DHCL) continues to respond to COVID-19 and vaccine inquiries from the public and local partners. As of December 31, 2021, there have been **219,592** COVID-19 phone interactions with residents and community partners.

c. **Inspections and Investigations**

- The Health Protection Division (HPD) is responsible for conducting inspections of local businesses to ensure compliance with guidelines, orders, and regulations. HPD inspects facilities experiencing outbreaks to address non-compliance and responds to inquiries or complaints.
- As of December 31, 2021, HPD conducted **5,314** investigations regarding priority population settings; conducted **2,325** investigations for confirmed positive cases and high-risk contacts not contacting DHCL for follow-up; conducted **180** investigations for people failing to self-isolate under the [Section 22 Class Order](#); initiated **23,281** investigations in facilities; and completed **50,100** follow-ups with facilities.
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021, Public Health Inspectors (PHIs), Tobacco Enforcement Officers, and Regional By-Law Officers conducted **1,225** COVID-19 inspections for all program areas including facilities not routinely inspected by DRHD. Inspection staff identified **331** COVID-19 related infractions that required follow-up.

d. **Instructions and Orders**

- The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health (C&MOH) and Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continue to provide medical advice, guidance, and oversight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have the responsibility of monitoring the spread of COVID-19 at the local level; assessing risks and impacts; and using their medical expertise to provide recommendations to mitigate risks within Durham Region. The C&MOH and AMOH are also the COVID-19 media spokespersons for DRHD.
- The C&MOH and AMOH have issued various instructions and class orders to address health risks presented by COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic.
- On November 17, 2021, the C&MOH issued a revised [class order](#) requiring owners and operators of agricultural farms in Durham who employ temporary foreign workers (TFW) or operate seasonal housing accommodations to comply with DRHD's direction. This may involve ensuring that:
  - (a) TFWs adhere to self-isolation orders issued;
  - (b) Public health measures are followed;
  - (c) Housing accommodations are inspected prior to worker arrival;
  - (d) TFWs receive culturally appropriate and nutritious food in self-isolation; and
  - (e) TFWs can access communication devices if they are participating in case and contact management.
- Other orders issued throughout 2021 are outlined in the Council Information Packages from July 30 ([#2021-INFO-81](#)), April 30 ([#2021-INFO-48](#)), and October 29 ([#2021-INFO-112](#)).

e. **Outbreak Management**

- DRHD has been coordinating outbreak management support to institutions, including childcare centres, schools, and post-secondary institutions. Staff also provides support to congregate living and workplace settings experiencing outbreaks. Staff has provided support to institutions to implement outbreak control measures including following Chief Medical Officer of Health directives, ensuring appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing environmental sanitation, cleaning, and disinfection, and emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene among residents and staff. Staff members also maintain daily contact with institutions experiencing outbreaks to provide support as required.
- As of December 31, 2021, PHIs managed **181** COVID-19 outbreaks in institutional settings, **249** in childcare and school settings, and **331** in congregate living settings, workplaces and at community events.



f. **Surveillance**

- The Health Analytics & Research Team (HART) is responsible for assessment and surveillance of COVID-19 from an epidemiological perspective. Responsibilities include development and adaptation of existing data systems to document information; production of data quality reports and identification of gaps or issues; communication and engagement with Public Health Ontario (PHO) and the MOH regarding surveillance; and analyzing and reporting data related to cases of COVID-19 in Durham Region.
- HART continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 across Durham Region and identify opportunities to enhance the information that is provided to community partners and residents.
- The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) provides details on the status of COVID-19 and vaccinations across Durham Region and is continually enhanced.
- DRHD launched a client experience survey on July 22, 2021 to learn about the client experience at vaccine clinics operated by DRHD and Lakeridge Health. The survey closed on October 31, 2021 and analysis occurred through November and December 2021. In early 2022, key findings and a summary of clients' suggestions were shared with program staff to help improve DRHD's vaccine campaign. HART is currently working on an evaluation report.

g. **Testing Support**

- In collaboration with provincial and local partners, DRHD supported the establishment of local testing sites and related policies and procedures. Provincial direction regarding testing has been changing. Testing guidance is updated, as needed on the [COVID-19 Testing](#) page on durham.ca. DRHD has collaborated with local partners to update procedures and resources as appropriate. Most importantly, on December 30, the Ontario government announced new [testing guidance](#), which limited public access to COVID-19 testing centres (i.e., only high-risk population groups were eligible for testing). This decision was made in response to the rapidly spreading and highly transmissible Omicron variant.
- Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) has provided essential support to testing activities by collecting nasal swabs in targeted populations. As of December 31, 2021, RDPS collected **22,453** nasal swabs from area residents, staff and students at schools and childcare centres, staff and residents in congregate living settings (LTCHs, RHs, shelters), housebound clients, and unsheltered clients.

## 6. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration

- 6.1 Currently, four COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in Canada: AstraZeneca/COVISHEILD (Vaxzevria), Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Moderna (Spikevax), and Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty).
- a. As of May 11, 2021, the Ontario government paused administration of first doses of the AstraZeneca/COVISHEILD. This decision was made due to an observed increase in the rare blood clotting condition, known as vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT).
  - b. As of September 16, 2021, Health Canada granted full approval under the [Food and Drug Regulations](#) for the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna products in individuals aged 12 and older, ending their temporary authorization under an Interim Order for COVID-19.
  - c. On September 29, 2021, the Ontario government issued a preferential recommendation of the use of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for individuals aged 18 to 24 years based on an observed increase of the very rare heart condition called pericarditis/myocarditis following vaccination with Moderna compared to Pfizer in this age group.
  - d. On November 19, 2021 Health Canada authorized use of the Pediatric Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine in children five to 11 years of age.
  - e. On December 10, 2021, a limited supply of the one-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson vaccine product) became available in Durham for eligible individuals. Individuals 18 and older who have not received any prior COVID-19 vaccine are eligible to receive the Janssen product. To request a Janssen vaccine appointment, individuals are directed to call 1-888-444-5113 since online booking is not available.
- 6.2 The Province is leading the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario through a [three-phase plan](#). Locally, the COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Steering Table is responsible for planning and implementing the vaccine roll out in Durham Region. The Steering Table has representation from DRHD, Lakeridge Health, local primary care physicians, and the Durham Emergency Management Office.
- 6.3 As of December 31, 2021, all residents aged five and over are eligible to receive their first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 6.4 On November 23, 2021, vaccine bookings opened for children ages five to 11. Children's COVID-19 immunization clinics were available in all area municipalities and select school-based clinics were provided.
- 6.5 On December 15, individuals aged 50 and older became eligible to receive a third dose (booster) if a minimum of 84 days passed since they completed their two-dose series. Five days later, residents aged 18 and older became eligible as well. Up to date information about groups eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine is available at [durham.ca/covidvaccines](https://durham.ca/covidvaccines).

- 6.6 With the rapid expanding eligibility for third doses and upon direction from the Ontario government DRHD operated community immunization clinics in Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, and Whitby. Lakeridge Health continued to operate the immunization clinic at Ontario Tech Campus Ice Centre in Oshawa. Appointments at DRHD's immunization clinics can be booked online by visiting [durham.ca/vaccineappointment](https://durham.ca/vaccineappointment).
- 6.7 Locally, COVID-19 vaccines are also available at: designated [health care providers](#); [Grandview Kids](#) (for children aged five to 17 only) \*this is a child-friendly environment; participating [pharmacies](#); and [provincial GO-VAXX mobile clinics](#).
- 6.8 As of December 31, 2021; **948,543** doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered at DRHD and Lakeridge Health community and hospital clinics; **26,280** doses have been administered in primary care settings; **228,846** doses have been administered in pharmacies; and **6,682** doses have been administered through the provincial mobile team.
- 6.9 RDPS's mobile teams administered **63** COVID-19 vaccinations to individuals experiencing homelessness and **57** vaccinations to housebound clients through the Primary Care Outreach Program and the Community Paramedicine – High Intensity Support at Home Program.

## 7. Restoration

- 7.1 DRHD developed an adaptive restoration plan to resume program activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2021, DRHD entered the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in ongoing demands for case and contact management. Work volume increased further by December 2021, due to increased demands associated with the emergence of the Omicron variant, and due to increased demands for vaccine administration after eligibility expanded to children ages five to 11 and adults 18 and older for a third dose (booster) of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 7.2 Programs and services that continued to operate between October 1 and December 31, 2021 are described below.
- a. **Health Protection**
- PHIs continue to manage outbreaks of other diseases of public health importance. Between October 1 and December 31, 2021, PHIs managed: **12** outbreaks in institutional settings; **84** in childcare centres; and **four** in congregate living settings.
  - PHIs conducted **528** compliance inspections of food premises and **240** re-inspections.
  - PHIs inspected **24** small drinking water systems to ensure safe and sanitary conditions, resulting in issuing **five** warning notices, and **10** offence notices.

- Staff processed **63** building permit applications and **22** applications for additions.
- PHIs conducted **307** rabies investigations. **Zero** of the **nine** animals submitted to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency lab in Ottawa tested positive for rabies. **Eighteen** individuals received rabies post-exposure prophylaxes.

#### b. **Healthy Families**

- Some Healthy Families programs continued to operate with limited capacity and necessary services were offered as required.
- On August 16, 2021 Breastfeeding Clinic services were partially restored. From October 1 to December 31, 2021, PHNs completed **134** in person consultations, **267** telephone consultations and **20** virtual visits supporting postpartum clients experiencing complex breastfeeding issues.
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021 Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) staff provided a total of **634** visits to families.
- Effective December 16, 2021, several HBHC PHNs were deployed to COVID-19 immunization clinics. HBHC continues to provide support to postpartum families to address immediate needs, complete referrals and link to community programs and services.
- The Infant and Child Development (ICD) program continues to support children from birth to school entry who have a developmental disability and/or are at risk of developmental delay.
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021, ICD staff completed **858** visits with families whose children are at risk or have developmental concerns.

#### c. **Healthy Living**

- Despite working with a significantly reduced workforce, Oral Health Division (OHD) has continued to provide services to clients with urgent or essential needs. Since August 1, 2021 OHD has been working at full capacity.
- This year, OHD had **4,002** appointments for care, with **1,535** appointments from October 1 to December 31, 2021.
- In 2021, OHD saw **1,792** unique clients, including **973** seniors, **683** children and youth (from birth to 14 years), and **136** clients aged 15 to 64.
- This year, OHD's appointments are up by over **50 per cent**. This increase is due to significant increases in service demands among seniors eligible for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP).
  - (a) In 2021, OHD saw **50 per cent** of all Durham's seniors enrolled in OSDCP, which is approximately **25 per cent** of everyone eligible. The clinic is fully booked until the end of May 2022.
  - (b) Children's appointments are down by **22 per cent**, which can be explained by the temporary closure of in-school clinics.

- Construction continues for the new Oral Health Clinic and administrative office space at 200 John St. W. in Oshawa. Due to an equipment delivery delay, the clinic's target completion date is extended from March 31, 2022 to June 2022.

d. **Infectious Diseases**

- Infectious Diseases programs continued to operate with very limited capacity and high priority program activities continued to be addressed as required.
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021 Population Health Division (PHD) investigated **689** Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI).
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021, PHD completed **1,303** vaccine orders, **84** vaccine fridge inspections, and **32** cold chain investigations.
- From October 1 to December 31, 2021, PHD answered **2,681** immunization calls from Durham Region residents.
- From October 1 to December 20, 2021, the Sexual Health Clinic (SHC) in Pickering and Oshawa saw a total of **1,224** clients through virtual and in-person appointments. As of Dec 20, 2021, SHC services were suspended and staff were deployed to COVID-19 immunization clinics.

e. **Paramedic Services**

- Between October 1 and December 31, 2021, RDPS responded to **36,321** 911 calls. COVID-19 screenings were completed for each patient and **2,289** screened positive.

## 8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Prior to the emergence of the Omicron variant, the Ontario government released: [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#). The plan outlines the Province's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022. By December 17, with COVID-19 cases reaching their highest numbers yet, the Province announced new measures to slow the spread of Omicron. These measures included limiting social gatherings to ten people indoors and 25 outdoors, while also reducing capacity limits to 50 per cent for several indoor settings (e.g., restaurants, bars, personal care services, retailers, indoor recreation, etc.).
- 8.2 By January 3, 2022, Ontario temporarily moved to Step 2 of the provincial [Roadmap to Reopen](#), adding further restrictions with aims to preserve hospital capacity while COVID-19 booster shots were rolled out across Ontario. Updated resources for businesses, organizations and the public are available on [durham.ca](#).
- 8.3 As of December 31, 2021, DRHD staff members remained engaged in COVID-19 response activities, with a focus on vaccine planning and administration, and

other activities related to public health restrictions while responding to the fifth wave.

- 8.4 Due to the ongoing demands associated with COVID-19 response, several of DRHD's regular program activities remain suspended to manage resource requirements. DRHD remains flexible and continuously evaluates resources to ensure it has capacity to respond to the pandemic while offering regular programs when feasible.
- 8.5 Plans for the restoration of regular services through 2022 will be adjusted based on provincial requirements and DRHD's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including requirements to vaccinate younger populations and administer third doses.
- 8.6 DRHD continues to be committed to keeping the public and local partners informed of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and COVID-19 vaccines.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2022-INFO-08  
Date: February 4, 2022

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of 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 Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to By-law 29-2020 in January 2022 (see Attachment #1). The applications approved by the Commissioner are deemed to be non-controversial in that no comments or concerns were raised during the circulation process. All approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan.
- 1.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 This is a monthly report which tracks Land Division application activity.

**3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

**4. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart for Consent Decisions Made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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





## Monitoring of Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Appeal Deadline: February 08, 2022

| LD File Number | Owner   | Location   | Nature of Application  | Regional Official Plan | LDC Decision             |
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| LD 064-2020    | Eric & Elsie Mayne                                | Lot 35, Concession 2<br>Municipality of Clarington | Consent to sever a vacant 16.692 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 24.063 ha residential parcel of land, with an existing dwelling and accessory structure to remain.   | Conforms               | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD 2021/00055  | Stephanie Perks                                   | Lot 26, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering          | Consent to Sever a vacant 1,323.6 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,323.6 m2 residential parcel of land. The existing dwelling and garage are proposed to be demolished, however, the pool and shed will remain on severed lot.                                     | Conforms               | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00057  | Universal City Two<br>Development Inc.,<br>et al. | Lot 21, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering          | The purpose of the application is to add a 519.3 m2 easement in favour of the abutting property to the south containing Universal City (UC) Tower 1 (1480 Bayly Street), retaining a 4,014.6 m2 residential parcel of land containing the UC Tower 2 (1455 Celebration Drive). | 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>      |
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| LD-2021-00058         | Universal City Two Development Inc.,<br>et al. | Lot 21, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering | The purpose of the application is to add a 610.1 m2 vehicular easement in favour of the abutting property to the south containing Universal City (UC) UC1 UC2 and UC3 Towers (1480 Bayly Street, 1435 and 1455 Celebration Drive). Retaining a 11,684 m2 commercial-residential parcel of land containing the UC4/5 towers (1470 Bayly Street).                             | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00059         | Universal City Two Development Inc.,<br>et al. | Lot 21, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering | The purpose of the application is to add a 555.3 m2 vehicular easement in favour of the abutting property to the east and north containing Universal City (UC) Tower 1 (1480 Bayly Street), UC Tower 2 (1455 Celebration Drive) and UC Tower 4/5 (1470 Bayly Street), retaining a 5,028.3 m2 residential parcel of land containing the UC Tower 3 (1435 Celebration Drive). | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00060         | Universal City Two Development Inc.,<br>et al. | Lot 21, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering | The purpose of the application is to add a 411.6 m2 below-grade stratified easement in favour of the south abutting lands containing the Universal City (UC) Tower 1, retaining a 9,624.6 m2 commercial-residential parcel of land containing the UC Towers 4/5 (1470 Bayly Street).  | 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>      |
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| LD-2021-00061         | Universal City Two Development Inc., et al. | Lot 21, Concession 1<br>City of Pickering       | The purpose of the application is to add a 652.7 m2 below-grade stratified easement in favour of the south abutting lands containing the Universal City (UC) Tower 3, retaining 9,624.6 m2 commercial-residential parcel of land containing the UC Towers 4/5 (1470 Bayly Street). | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00062         | Richard Doner                               | Lot 11, Concession 4<br>Township of Brock       | Consent to add a vacant 0.08 ha non-farm rural residential parcel of land to the property to the west, retaining a 0.404 ha non-farm rural residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.   | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00063         | Richard Doner                               | Lot 11, Concession 4<br>Township of Brock       | Consent to add vacant 0.323 ha non-farm rural residential parcel of land to the property to the south, retaining a 0.404 ha non-farm rural residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.   | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00064         | Mark Pinquet                                | Lots 39 & 41,<br>Concession 2<br>Town of Whitby | Consent to sever a vacant 1.534 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 0.9724 ha residential parcel of land for future development.   | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00065         | Mark Pinquet                                | Lots 39 & 41,<br>Concession 2<br>Town of Whitby | Consent to sever a vacant 0.09 ha residential parcel of land, retaining vacant 0.83 ha residential parcel of land for future development.  | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00066         | Mark Pinquet                                | Lots 39 & 41,<br>Concession 2<br>Town of Whitby | Consent to sever a vacant 0.079 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 0.76 ha residential parcel of land for future development.   | 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>      |
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| LD-2021-00067         | Mark Pinquet         | Lots 39 & 41, Concession 2<br>Town of Whitby      | Consent to sever a vacant 0.27 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 0.48 ha residential parcel of land for future development.   | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00068         | Mark Pinquet         | Lots 39 & 41, Concession 2<br>Town of Whitby      | Consent to sever a vacant 0.330 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 0.149 ha residential parcel of land for future development. | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |
| LD-2021-00071         | 2481414 Ontario Inc. | Part of Lot 5, BFC<br>Municipality of Clarrington | Consent to sever a vacant 18.25 ha industrial parcel of land, retaining a 2.68 ha industrial lot with existing structures to remain.          | Conforms                      | Approved by Commissioner |



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 4, 2022

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – January 30, 2022

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

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, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**January 30, 2022**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/ytdhc6bp](https://tinyurl.com/ytdhc6bp)**

- 2020 Health Check-Up! (Jan 17)

**[tinyurl.com/5h5udmbn](https://tinyurl.com/5h5udmbn)**

- COVID-19 Eligibility and Interval Updates (Jan 21)

**[tinyurl.com/2p8zs54j](https://tinyurl.com/2p8zs54j)**

- Limited Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine available at community immunization clinics starting Jan. 26 (Jan 26)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yvh99rec](https://tinyurl.com/yvh99rec)**

- Government of Canada seeks feedback on new measures to reduce pollution from Canada's landfills (Jan 28)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2jn953f4](https://tinyurl.com/2jn953f4)**

- Health Canada authorizes PAXLOVID for patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 at high risk of developing serious disease (Jan 17)

**[tinyurl.com/yc7n5rsx](https://tinyurl.com/yc7n5rsx)**

- Government of Canada launches call for nominations for new Science Advisory Committee on Pest Control Products (Jan 27)

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2p92sutx](https://tinyurl.com/2p92sutx)**

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of January 20, 2022

**[tinyurl.com/5n6eryvp](https://tinyurl.com/5n6eryvp)**

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of January 27, 2022

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2p9aft7d](https://tinyurl.com/2p9aft7d)**

- The Public Health Agency of Canada launches a national dementia awareness campaign to help reduce stigma (Jan 17)

**[tinyurl.com/5cu2pv5j](https://tinyurl.com/5cu2pv5j)**

- Government of Canada invests in community-based projects to support COVID-19 vaccine uptake (Jan 21)

**[tinyurl.com/8p8c4s6t](https://tinyurl.com/8p8c4s6t)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 21, 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/mtww9exs>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on January 28, 2022

### **Public Services and Procurement Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2y8saewe](https://tinyurl.com/2y8saewe)

- Government of Canada receives first delivery of COVID-19 oral antiviral treatment (Jan 17)

### **Transport Canada**

[tinyurl.com/mrytpkwe](https://tinyurl.com/mrytpkwe)

- Joint Statement by Ministers Alghabra, O'Regan and Qualtrough, and the President of the Canadian Trucking Alliance (Jan 25)

[tinyurl.com/2p9b7r7u](https://tinyurl.com/2p9b7r7u)

- Government of Canada provides update about Canada's border measures (Jan 28)

### **Women and Gender Equity Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2p9yhpyx](https://tinyurl.com/2p9yhpyx)

- Addressing gender-based violence through sexual health education (Jan 20)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Education**

[tinyurl.com/3ssa49eh](https://tinyurl.com/3ssa49eh)

- Ontario Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Students and Education Staff (Jan 22)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/2z9upyd6](https://tinyurl.com/2z9upyd6)

- Join the Conversation on Mental Health on Bell Let's Talk Day (Jan 26)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/2p8r8j3u](https://tinyurl.com/2p8r8j3u)

- Ontario Outlines Steps to Cautiously and Gradually Ease Public Health Measures (Jan 20)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/2fmf9p4v](https://tinyurl.com/2fmf9p4v)

- 2022 ON Pre-Budget Submission (Jan 19)

[tinyurl.com/bdhbcvaz](https://tinyurl.com/bdhbcvaz)

- Public Health Resilience in Ontario (Jan 20)

### **Bell Canada**

[tinyurl.com/54zhukbk](https://tinyurl.com/54zhukbk)

- Bell Let's Talk Day 2022 sets new record for Canadian mental health with 164,298,820 messages of support (Jan 27)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/yc4xsbzk](https://tinyurl.com/yc4xsbzk)

- Government of Canada makes significant investment in research to transform public health for Canadians (Jan 19)

### **Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission**

[tinyurl.com/bddx7pcu](https://tinyurl.com/bddx7pcu)

- Highlights of 2021 (Jan 21)

### **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health**

[tinyurl.com/mr3psu5c](https://tinyurl.com/mr3psu5c)

- Anxiety, feelings of depression and loneliness among Canadians spikes to highest levels since spring 2020 (Jan 25)

### **Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges**

[tinyurl.com/2p9a5jyn](https://tinyurl.com/2p9a5jyn)

- Evidence Commission issues wake-up call and path forward for relying on evidence (Jan 27)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2eu9sze4](https://tinyurl.com/2eu9sze4)

- Ontario IPC concludes its review of Durham Region's privacy breach (Jan 18)

[tinyurl.com/yye66wtw](https://tinyurl.com/yye66wtw)

- Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner hosting a free webcast, January 28, on children and youth in a digital world (Jan 19)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/2p8eyfb3](https://tinyurl.com/2p8eyfb3)

- Ontario Hospitals Recognized for Contributions to Health Research in Canada (Jan 18)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/55xzkway](https://tinyurl.com/55xzkway)

- New survey finds Ontarians feel health-care recovery is the first step to economic recovery (Jan 19)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2p8c79ua](https://tinyurl.com/2p8c79ua)

- Prioritize health system pressures ahead of lifting public health measures: RNAO says (Jan 20)

### **Unity Health**

[tinyurl.com/m5edp2tw](https://tinyurl.com/m5edp2tw)

- New report shows potential missed opportunities in preventing opioid-related deaths in Ontario (Jan 18)






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Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters  
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**Sent by E-Mail**

January 27, 2022

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**Re: Homelessness Task Force**

Thank you for your correspondence to the Town of Ajax dated December 22, 2021, regarding the above noted matter. Please be advised that a copy of your correspondence was presented to and endorsed by the Council of the Town of Ajax at its meeting held on January 24, 2022.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or [alexander.harras@ajax.ca](mailto:alexander.harras@ajax.ca).

Sincerely,

Alexander Harras  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk



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**Re: Discrimination of Freedom of Religion in Quebec's Bill 21**

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January 27, 2022


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Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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January 27, 2022

File: 12-02-2091

Curt Morris  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Via email: [planning.sez@ontario.ca](mailto:planning.sez@ontario.ca)

**Re: City Comments on Environmental Registry of Ontario Proposal concerning Amending the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the Management of Native Species (ERO 019-4093)**

Further to the City’s letter dated January 20, 2022, please be advised that on January 24, 2022, Council considered Item DS-22-06 concerning the Environmental Registry of Ontario proposal to amend the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the management of native species (ERO 019-4093) and, among other matters, endorsed the comments contained in said Item.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact Victoria White at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2945 or by email to [vwhite@oshawa.ca](mailto:vwhite@oshawa.ca).




Meaghan Harrington, MCIP, RPP, Manager  
Policy

VW/k

Attachment

- c. Regional Municipality of Durham
- Municipality of Clarington
- Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- Friends of the Second Marsh
- General Motors

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# Clarington


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Co-ordinator at 905-623-3379 ext. 2131

February 1, 2022

To Interested Parties:

**Re:** 5-Year Corporate Electric Vehicle Action Plan

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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|  Corporate Services Department<br>Legislative Services Division |  |
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At a meeting held on January 17, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #C-022-22:

That Report [PDS-001-22](#) be received for information;

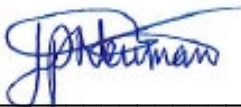
That Council endorse the Electric Vehicle Action Plan (EVAP) to guide the electrification of the Municipal fleet and the installation of public EV charge stations on Municipal properties (Attachment 1);

That Municipal staff consult the EVAP to inform annual budget recommendations related to the electrification of the municipal fleet and the installation of public electric vehicle (EV) charge stations on municipal properties;

That Council authorize staff to apply for funding opportunities to support the implementation of the EVAP, where/when identified; and

That all interested parties listed in Report PDS-001-22 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman  
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lp

- c. See Attached List of Interested Parties
- D. Hoge, Energy and Climate Change Response Coordinator
- R. Windle, Director of Planning and Development Services

Stacey Hawkins

Libby Racansky

Peter Cohen

Susan Elston

Frank Filippo

Alyssa Scanga

Region of Durham

Durham Area Municipalities

Sent by Email


February 1, 2022

The Honorable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
pm@pm.gc.ca

Subject: Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton  
Re: Letter to 100 Canadian Cities regarding Quebec's Bill 21

Gary Collins, Office of the Mayor, City of Brampton  
Re: Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown Invites 100 Canadian Cities to Fight Bill 21

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Re: Discrimination of Freedom of Religion in Quebec's Bill 21  
Corr. 01-22  
File: A-1400-001-22

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on January 24, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 01-22, from the City of Brampton, and the Regional Municipality of Durham, dated December 2021, regarding Quebec's Bill 21, be received and endorsed, and that the City contribute \$10,000 toward the legal challenge; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Durham MP's, Durham MPP's, Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and Durham Region Municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am  
Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Member of Parliament, Durham  
The Hon. Mark Holland, Member of Parliament, Ajax  
Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament, Whitby  
Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament, Oshawa  
Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Jennifer O'Connell, Member of Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge  
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge  
Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ajax  
Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham  
Lorne Coe, Member of Provincial Parliament, Whitby  
Jennifer French, Member of Provincial Parliament, Oshawa  
Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham  
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax  
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington  
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby  
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock  
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge  
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog

Chief Administrative Officer





## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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December 15, 2021

Dear Mayor:

Last week Fatemeh Anvari lost her job as a teacher because of what she chose to wear.

She has deeply held religious beliefs.  
She didn't talk about her religion in the classroom.  
She didn't write about her religion on social media.  
She didn't refuse to do her job.  
She wore a headscarf. You may know it as a hijab.

She was "reassigned" because of the way she looks. It's currently legal to do this in parts of Canada; namely, Quebec.

Under Quebec's Bill 21, frontline civil servants who display religious symbols while working can be fired, or reassigned.

I don't need to tell you that Jewish women who wear wigs, Sikh men who wear turbans, Christians who wear a cross are all at risk of being victims of this un-Canadian legislation, which infringes on the fundamental rights of Canadians by discriminating against their religious freedom.

Like me, you've probably considered how you can use your position to affect a better outcome.

I am writing to you with an urgent request to make a financial contribution to help fight Bill 21 in the courts. Together, we can make history by showing solidarity with faith communities living in Quebec, who are being subjected to the detrimental consequences of this bill.

Our collective support as mayors of major urban centres would send a message to our federal government, opposition leaders, and all provincial MPPs and MLAs. It would tell them that we expect all citizens to be treated equally, and without discrimination under the law.

I truly believe the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms should not be treated like a doormat at the entryway to discrimination. It's a sacred document and should be treated as such.



## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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It occurred to me that Canada has a long history of women leading the fight on issues of human rights; Nellie McClung, Viola Desmond, and now we have Fatemeh Anvari.

We all know challenging Bill 21 is the right thing to do.

Most municipalities have spoken out and denounced Bill 21. Brampton City Council already voted to help fund the court challenge to Bill 21. Gone are the days when we can turn a blind eye to an injustice we see across municipal, provincial, and even federal boundaries. Quebecers of all faiths are our brothers and sisters. They need our help.

Let there be no doubt, we live in the best country in the world. However, that does not negate the dark history of our distant and recent past.

Not every Canadian knows that when the MS St Louis carrying 900 Jewish refugees was turned back from Canadian shores, it was done so during an era when the philosophy of “none being too many” was the order of the day. The Komagata Maru was a ship of Sikh men and women being turned back simply because of their faith and the colour of their skin. The internment of Japanese and Italian Canadians is also a dark stain on the history of Canada.

Canadian Prime Ministers have expressed regret for these terrible tragedies in our country's history. In some instances, compensation has been paid by taxpayers. It wasn't necessary to do things this way, after all. Then why didn't anyone have the audacity to speak up at the time?

You and I know that Bill 21 is the type of law that future Prime Ministers will be apologizing for and taxpayers will once again be on the hook for compensation.

It doesn't have to be that way. It's time to speak up.

As Canadians in positions of leadership, we must appeal to the better angels of our nature and demonstrate that we recognise that protecting the rights of religious and racialized minorities is what distinguishes Canada as the best nation in the world. There is a struggle for the soul of this country being waged right now in our country's courts.

We can sit on the sidelines and let intolerance, hate, and injustice win the day. However, I am suggesting that we stand shoulder to shoulder with our fellow Canadians and say “no” to turning back the hands of time to an era of intolerance. We can say “no” to disguise Islamophobia in the thin and tattered veil of secularism. We can say no to Bill 21.



## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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Last week, Mustafa Farooq, who heads the National Council of Canadian Muslims, was quoted as saying, “we’ve been fighting this from day one. It’s been resting on the backs of racialized communities and brave human rights defenders.”

Noa Mendelsohn Aviv, a director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association told Global News “This situation is a horrible, harmful lesson in injustice and discrimination and the children know that.”

Bill 21 is in stark conflict with everything we've been taught and everything we've taught our children about who we are as a country. It's a fact that even young children in the classroom are aware of.

The financing of this important legal battle should not be on the backs of racialized minorities when the outcome can leave an indelible stain on the fabric of our whole country. Various community organizations have already mobilised and embarked on a major fundraising push. However, they may need an additional \$1.9 million to see this through to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The federal government has abandoned its leadership role and provinces have been loath to meddle in Quebec politics. The mayors of Canada’s most diverse cities now have to step in and step up. Residents hear us “talk the talk”. Now we have to “walk the walk.” Let’s walk together in this struggle. Don’t leave Fatemeh Anvari to walk alone.

As I mentioned, Brampton City Council approved a motion on June 26 of 2019 to support the court challenge being launched by the National Council of Canadian Muslims and others in any way possible. Your council can do the same.

Let us not sit back and watch a future prime minister apologise for our collective negligence on this critical issue, thirty years from now. Instead, let’s do the right thing today and say “no” to Bill 21 and “yes” to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Don’t just do it for Fatemeh Anvari. Do it for the hundreds of thousands of racialized people of faith who are putting their faith in our democratic and judicial system. I'm confident that you will not let them down.

Contact my office directly at [Patrick.Brown@Brampton.ca](mailto:Patrick.Brown@Brampton.ca) to learn more about how we can coordinate our efforts in defence of Canadians in need of our help.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Brown', written in a cursive style.

Patrick Brown  
Mayor



## **MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

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### BRAMPTON MAYOR PATRICK BROWN INVITES 100 CANADIAN CITIES TO FIGHT BILL 21

BRAMPTON, ON (December 14, 2021)- Brampton's Mayor Patrick Brown has issued an appeal to 100 Canadian Mayors to join the Brampton city council in the fight against Quebec's Bill 21. Mayors and their councils have been invited to donate to the legal fund fighting Bill 21 in the courts.

In a letter dated December 14, 2021, Brown says Bill 21 is the type of legislation that "future Prime Ministers will be apologizing for." Brown's letter comes on the heels of an incident in Quebec where a teacher lost her job and was reassigned because she wore a headscarf. Brown wrote, "Last week Fatemeh Anvari lost her job as a teacher because of how she looks. Under Quebec's Bill 21, frontline civil servants who display religious symbols while working can be fired, or reassigned."

Brown noted, "Jewish women who wear wigs, Sikh men who wear turbans, Christians who wear a cross are all at risk of being victims of this unCanadian legislation. I am writing to you with an urgent request to help defend the rights of all Canadians. Together, we can make history by showing solidarity with faith communities living in Quebec, who are being subjected to the injurious nature of Bill 21."

Brown stated, "As Mayors of major urban centres, we should send a message to our federal government, opposition leaders, and all provincial MPPs and MLAs who have left a vacuum. Together, we should tell them that we expect all citizens to be treated equally, and without discrimination under the law. This fight should not be shouldered solely by religious and racialized minorities in Canada. Cities have a vital role to play."

Brown noted that Bill 21 tramples basic Canadian rights. "The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms should not be treated like a doormat at the entry way to discrimination. It's a sacred document and should be treated as such." Acknowledging that it may be unpopular with some constituents Brown added, "I am asking you to join Brampton City Council in funding the court challenge to Bill 21."

"Gone are the days when we can turn a blind eye to an injustice we see across municipal, provincial, and even federal boundaries. Quebecers of all faiths are our brothers and sisters. They need our help. A contribution from 100 municipalities across Canada is a small price to pay versus the reputational harm that Canada will suffer and the future financial compensation that may come about if we allow this to stand. Racism is expensive. Doing the right thing is a good investment."

Brampton council voted on June 26, 2019 to support the efforts by the World Sikh Organization, the National Council of Canadian Muslims and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in their legal battle.

Brown concluded, "Let's walk together in this struggle. Don't leave Fatemeh Anvari to walk alone."

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**CONTACT:**

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December 23, 2021

N. Cooper, Clerk  
Town of Ajax  
65 Harwood Avenue South  
Ajax, ON L1S 2H9

Dear Ms. Cooper:

**RE: Discrimination of Freedom of Religion in Quebec's Bill 21  
Our File: C00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on December 22, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas Durham Region consists of a diverse community, many of whom wear religious symbols including turbans, hijabs, Kippa, the cross and many others;

And Whereas the fundamental right of religious freedom is protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

And Whereas Durham Region, as one of Canada's fastest growing and most multicultural and diverse regional municipalities, stands firmly to support religious freedom as this is aligned with our Freedom of Rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights;

And Whereas Durham Region stands in solidarity with National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) in their legal challenge against Bill 21 in Quebec;

And Whereas Durham Regional Council believes that our region is the cultural centre for diversity and Canadian multiculturalism and Council bears a responsibility to stand up in defence of the Canadian multicultural mosaic;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Regional Council support in principle the legal challenge against the discrimination of freedom of religion in Quebec's Bill 21; and

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That staff be directed to report back on ways Durham Region could financially support the legal challenge by providing one-time funding not to exceed \$50,000.”

*Ralph Walton*

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Ralph Walton,  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/np


c: Rod Phillips, MPP (Ajax)  
Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby)  
Lindsay Park, MPP (Durham)  
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Philip Lawrence, MP (Northumberland/Peterborough South)  
Colin Carrie MP(Oshawa)  
Jennifer O’Connell, MP (Pickering/Uxbridge)  
Ryan Turnbull, MP (Whitby)

Sent by Email

February 1, 2022

Ralph Walton  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
clerks@durham.ca

Subject: Re: Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th re: Homelessness Task Force  
Corr. 04-22  
File: A-1400-001-22

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on January 24, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 04-22, from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, dated December 22, 2021, regarding the Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th regarding: Homelessness Task Force, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am  
Enclosure



Copy: The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
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December 22, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sirs,

**RE: Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th re: Homelessness Task Force Our File: P00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on December 22, 2021, adopted the following recommendations of the Health and Social Services Committee:

“WHEREAS on November 8, 2021 the Council for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supported the following resolution:

“THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”;

And whereas the Region of Durham has seen a significant increase in the incidence of homelessness since 2020 which has been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas the increase of homelessness is impacting the entire community both socially and economically;

And whereas the Region is responding to urgent homelessness issues with a cross-sector task force of key stakeholders that includes: the health sector, social services, law enforcement, community partners, local municipalities, and business groups and those with lived experience;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham supports and endorses the November 8, 2021 Chatham-Kent resolution;

And further that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada expedite meaningful measures to appropriately support local Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards address the immediate homelessness crises;

And further that the Province of Ontario create a cross-ministerial task force which would include the Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Ministry of Finance in partnership with local Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards to create a fulsome strategy to address homelessness and the root cause of homelessness, mental health and addictions;

And further that the motion be forwarded to all Durham Region municipalities, Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ministry of Finance, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), and Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).”

A copy of the correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 is attached.

*Ralph Walton*

Ralph Walton,  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/np

Attach.

- c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
- The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair, Ontario's Big City Mayors
- Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- N. Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax
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- C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
- J. Smith, Clerk, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services



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November 10, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,  
Prime Minister  
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The Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20<sup>th</sup>  
re: Homelessness Task Force**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the County of Huron has established a “Huron County Homelessness Task Force” to address the rapidly increasing issue of homelessness in the County.

THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [judys@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

Sent by Email

February 1, 2022

Ralph Walton  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
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Subject: Re: Vision Zero – Increased Enforcement  
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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on January 24, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 05-22, from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, dated January 4, 2022, regarding Vision Zero – Increased Enforcement, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am  
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Copy: The Vision Zero Taskforce  
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January 4, 2022

Vision Zero Task Force  
c/o Steven Kemp  
605 Rossland Road East  
Box 911  
Whitby, ON L1N 0B8

Dear Mr. Kemp:

**RE: Vision Zero – Increased Enforcement  
Our File: C12**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on December 22, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas speeding on Regional and Local Municipal roads continues to be a significant concern and impediment to the goal of Vision Zero;

And whereas the Region and the area Municipalities continue to review and expand the designations of Community Safety Zones, where warranted, as a Vision Zero Countermeasure, in order to mitigate speeding concerns;

Therefore be it resolved that the Vision Zero Task Force be requested to work collaboratively with Durham Region Police Services (DRPS) to increase enforcement levels in Community Safety Zones and other areas of concern, and to advance and emphasize a Zero Tolerance Policy for speed limit violations; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Durham Region area Municipalities, Durham Region Police Services Board, all Durham Region School Boards, and the Vision Zero Task Force.”

*Ralph Walton*

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Ralph Walton,  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/np



- c: Durham Region Police Services Board
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**From:** [Ralph Walton](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#); [Eamonn Rodgers](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#)  
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February 1, 2022

### **OHRC statement on Black History Month: Using the past to build an equitable future**

Black History Month in Canada has its roots in the 1926 USA movement that sought to honour the work of Black educators. In more recent times, 1993, thought leaders such as Rosemary Sadlier, then president of the Ontario Black History Society, helped to make that concept officially adopted in Canada.

Throughout this month, the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) and people across Canada pause to honour and celebrate the immense achievements and contributions that Black people have made, and continue to make, across all sectors of society. We celebrate Black people's determination, perseverance, resilience, and strength toward growing a more inclusive and just society.

We are buoyed by Black women leaders who have and continue to contribute to the legacies and institutions of Canada, e.g., in education, law, medicine, and midwifery. We draw inspiration from them and renowned people such as Harriet Tubman, Jennie Robertson, Millicent Carey Burgess, Viola Desmond, Corrine Sparks, Bernice Redman, Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré and Itah Sadhu.

And we remember the courage and vision of Ontario's early human rights trailblazers such as the OHRC's first Director, Dr. Daniel G. Hill, Chief Commissioners Bromley Armstrong, Lincoln Alexander, Dr. Akua Benjamin, and Rosemary Brown. Their courage has found expression in our current leaders, as they hone the skills of our youth to become the best leaders of the future. I place significant development on mentorship, sponsorship, and championing the goals of youth. These tools stimulate and encourage the development of their leadership skills, enhance cultural enrichment and academic excellence, prevent a monolithic leadership situation, and avoid intergenerational gaps.

Indeed, Black Canadians continue to battle all forms of discrimination, in particular anti-Black racism. But it is worth noting that our trailblazers – past and present – have buoyed, encouraged, and guided us throughout as we combat discrimination. In our everyday lives, we find inspiration and leadership among our families and friends; our Black sisters, brothers, parents, aunties, teachers, neighbours, and community leaders remind us that together, we must find comfort in our personal lives as well as always striving to build a more equitable and just country.

The future is dynamic. As we ponder our past and plan the future, passing the baton to our youth, we have every confidence that they will continue to imagine a bold future, relying on the legacies of our past to transform the future in a sustainable more inclusive, equitable and just society.

In solidarity and allyship,

Patricia DeGuire  
Chief Commissioner

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Le 1 Février 2022

**Déclaration de la CODP sur le Mois de l'histoire des Noirs : Miser sur le passé**

## **pour construire un avenir équitable**

Le Mois de l'histoire des Noirs tire ses sources du mouvement américain de 1926 qui cherchait à honorer le travail des éducateurs noirs. Ce n'est que plus tard, en 1993, que le concept a été officiellement adopté au Canada grâce au travail de leaders d'opinion comme Rosemary Sadlier, qui présidait à l'époque la Société d'histoire des Noirs de l'Ontario.

Tout au long de ce mois, la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne (CODP) et des gens de partout au Canada s'arrêtent pour honorer et célébrer les réalisations considérables des personnes noires, ainsi que leur vaste contribution passée et présente à tous les secteurs de la société. Nous célébrons la force, la résilience et la persévérance de ces personnes, et leur détermination envers la création d'une société plus juste et inclusive.

Nous sommes portés par les dirigeantes noires qui ont contribué à l'héritage et aux institutions du Canada, et continuent de le faire, par exemple dans les secteurs de l'éducation, du droit et de la médecine, et au sein de la profession de sage-femme. Leur travail, ainsi que celui de personnalités de renom comme Harriet Tubman, Jennie Robertson, Millicent Carey Burgess, Viola Desmond, Corrine Sparks, Bernice Redman, Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré et Itah Sadhu, nous inspire.

Nous nous remémorons aussi le courage et la vision des pionniers des droits de la personne en Ontario comme le premier directeur de la CODP, Daniel G. Hill, et les commissaires en chef Bromley Armstrong, Lincoln Alexander, Akua Benjamin et Rosemary Brown. Leur courage a trouvé écho dans le travail des leaders d'aujourd'hui, qui puisent dans les talents de la jeunesse le savoir-faire des chefs de file de demain. J'entrevois un avenir important pour l'encadrement et le parrainage des jeunes, et la défense de leurs objectifs. Ces outils stimuleront le développement de leurs qualités de chef, favoriseront l'enrichissement culturel et la réussite sur le plan des études, préviendront les situations de leadership monolithique et jetteront des ponts entre les générations.

Les Canadiennes et Canadiens noirs continuent de lutter contre toutes les formes de discrimination, et en particulier le racisme anti-Noirs. Il importe de noter cependant que nos figures de proue d'hier et d'aujourd'hui nous ont toujours portés et encouragés, en même temps que de guider notre combat contre la discrimination. Dans notre vie de tous les jours, nous laissons le soin à nos parents et amis de nous inspirer et de nous montrer le chemin. Nos sœurs, nos frères, nos parents, nos tantes, nos enseignants, nos voisins noirs, et les dirigeants des communautés noires nous rappellent qu'ensemble, nous devons trouver du réconfort dans nos vies personnelles tout en cherchant toujours à créer un pays plus juste et équitable.

L'avenir est dynamique. Aujourd'hui, alors que nous contemplons le passé et planifions l'avenir en passant le flambeau à nos jeunes, nous sommes sûrs qu'ils continueront de façonner un avenir audacieux en misant sur l'héritage du passé pour créer une société durable qui soit plus inclusive, équitable et juste.

En toute solidarité,

Patricia DeGuire  
Commissaire en chef

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# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 4, 2022

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** DNHC Minutes – January 18, 2022

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Health  
Department

The minutes of the January 18 Durham Nuclear Health Committee (DNHC) meeting are attached (1<sup>st</sup> attachment). DNHC's terms of reference are reviewed every three years. Item 6.4 of the minutes (p 17) summarizes the process that was followed in order for DNHC members, as per the normal review process, to review the proposed amendments (2<sup>nd</sup> attachment, highlighted). Accordingly, the revised terms of reference will be dated January 2022 and posted at [durham.ca/dnhc](http://durham.ca/dnhc).

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

## **DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES**

### **Location**

Durham Regional Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East  
Town of Whitby

### **Meeting**

In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this DNHC meeting was a virtual meeting so that Presenters and Members could present and participate without meeting together in the Regional Council Chambers.

### **Date**

January 21, 2022

### **Time**

1:00 PM

### **Members that Participated**

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD), (Chair)  
Lisa Fortuna, DRHD  
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, DRHD  
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University  
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)  
Loc Nguyen, OPG  
Veena Lalman, Public Member  
Janice Dusek, Public Member  
Susan Ebata, Public Member  
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member  
Jane Snyder, Public Member  
Dr. David Gorman, Public Member  
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Alternate Public Member  
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member

### **Presenters & Assistants**

Brian Devitt, (Secretary)  
Richard Kinchlea, Provincial Emergency Management (EMO) (Presenter)  
Kathy Bleyer, EMO  
James Kilgour, Durham Emergency Management (DEM) (Presenter)  
Stan Whatmough, OPG (Presenter)  
Lee Casterton, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) (Presenter)  
Andrea Bellingham, CNSC (Presenter)  
Lindsay Hamilton, OPG (Presenter)  
Parisa Mahdian, OPG

Sendi Struna, DRHD  
Helen Tanevski, DRHD  
Dan McCord, DRHD  
John Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

## **Regrets**

Hardev Bains, Public Member

Dr. Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Dr. Robert Kyle mentioned that Observers who have questions concerning presentations today, should email or discuss their requests with James Kilgour, Director, Durham Emergency Management, at [james.kilgour@durham.ca](mailto:james.kilgour@durham.ca) or 905-668-7711 extension 6260.

James will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the Observers' questions off-line to prevent any duplication of emails and responses. James will report back to Dr. Robert Kyle the outcomes of the questions he received.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The Revised Agenda was adopted.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the November 19, 2021, meeting were adopted as written.

### **3. Correspondence**

**3.1** Dr. Robert Kyle's office received a letter dated November 24, 2021, from A.J. Kehoe, DNHC Observer, concerning his questions and comments arising from the presentations at the November 19 DNHC virtual meeting.

**3.2** Dr. Robert Kyle's office received an article dated December 23, 2021, from The Region of Durham News reporting Regional Council's approval on December 22, of Durham's Nuclear Sector Strategy.

**3.3** Dr. Robert Kyle's office received a letter dated January 7, 2022, from A.J. Kehoe, DNHC Observer, concerning the 3-year Revision of the DNHC Terms of Reference and he provided 34 suggested changes.

**3.4** Dr. Kyle's office received a report from James Kilgour, Director, Durham Emergency Management, dated January 14, 2022, concerning his follow-up of an Observer's question from presentations made at the September 17 DNHC virtual meeting.



## 4. Presentations

### 4.1 Progress report by the Provincial Emergency Management Office (EMO) concerning its significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2021 and Priorities for 2022

Richard Kinchlea, Deputy Chief, Planning and Program Development, EMO, provided updates of its Nuclear Emergency Management programs in 2021 and its priorities for 2022.

Richard's presentation provided detailed information about EMO's activities and the highlights were:

#### Canadian Emergency Preparedness Review (EPREV) 2021-2022

- The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) undertook an EPREV mission to Canada from June 3-13, 2019, led by a team of international experts.
- The purpose of this independent review was to assess Canada's level of preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergencies based on the IAEA safety standards and international best practices.
- EMO and Health Canada will be resuming the EPREV Ontario Planning Committee in 2022 to continue additional work required to meet the recommendations of the review.

#### Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Risk Assessment

- Due to the shutdown of the Chalk River's NRU reactor, a risk assessment of the site has been completed by CNL to assess ongoing risks.
- In order to determine whether a separate Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) Implementing Plan is still required for the Chalk River site, EMO, CNL and CNSC have been in discussions regarding the site's risk assessment.
- EMO expects the CNSC review of CNL's risk assessment documentation will be completed in 2022.
- The results of the CNSC's work will help determine whether there is continuing need for a PNERP Implementing Plan for the site.

#### Drills and Exercises

- EMO continues to work with its nuclear partners to conduct drills and exercises.
- The Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) Duty Office regularly participates in notification drills with the NGSs in Ontario and border states.
- EMO continues to engage with OPG in the Exercise Unified Command planning, scheduled for February 2022.
- EMO is in the process of planning with Bruce Power and stakeholders for the next full-scale exercise Huron Endeavour for October 2022.

### PEOC Scientific Section

- The Environmental Radiation and Assurance Monitoring Group (ERAMG) and the current and ongoing work includes:
  - Ongoing ERAMG committee work includes development of the Early Phase Ingestion Control Strategies: Water Control, Milk Control, Foodstuff Control, Produce and Crop Control, Pasture Control, Livestock/deadstock Control and Land Use Control.
  - The PEOC Scientific Section will be continuing development of procedures for the ERAMG.

### PNERP Master Plan 2022

- During 2021, a comprehensive internal review of the PNERP was undertaken.
- The Master Plan updates include those related to:
  - The Technical Study Report
  - Standards and guidance documents
  - EMO's detailed review of the Plan
  - Progress made in collaborative, ongoing planning and procedure development
  - Administrative edits.
- The Nuclear Emergency Management Coordinating Committee (NEMCC) members received the updated draft PNERP Master Plan for review in November 2021 with a request to:
  - Seek and collate feedback from their internal emergency management teams
  - Provide their feedback before the end of December 2021.
- Further consultations are planned for 2022.
- To meet the PNERP's 5-year review cycle, the end of 2022 is being targeted for Cabinet approval of the updated PNERP Master Plan.

### Fermi 2 PNERP Implementing Plan

- During 2021, EMO finalized the updates to the PNERP Implementing Plan for the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant in Michigan.
- The Implementing Plan is an update following the 2017 PNERP Master Plan update and was approved by Order-In-Council on December 7, 2021.
- The finalized and approved Implementing Plan has now been posted online.

### Hiring Updates

- EMO is currently hiring new staff to further enhance its capacity, including additional field, operations, exercise and program officers.
- The increased capacity of new staff will benefit all types of response and planning, including those related nuclear emergency preparedness.
- EMO is also in the process of recruiting for new nuclear staffing positions that include:
  - 2 Senior Scientists in addition to the 2 current positions
  - Director of Nuclear and Radiological Planning and Scientific Response.

Richard Kinchlea or his associates will provide updates to the DNHC next year on the activities of EMO and significant changes to the PNERP.

Kathy Bleyer, Planning and Exercise Officer, EMO, can be contacted at [kathy.bleyer@ontario.ca](mailto:kathy.bleyer@ontario.ca) or 647-329-1161 and the EMO website can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management> for more information.

#### **4.2 Progress Report by Durham Emergency Management (DEM) concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2021 and Priorities for 2022**

James Kilgour, Director, DEM, provided a progress report on its significant nuclear emergency preparedness activities in 2021 and its priorities for 2022.

The highlights of James' presentation were:

##### Plans

- Reviewed the Durham Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (DNERP) and its supporting documents including the Nuclear Emergency Support Functions (NESFs) and Response Specific Instructions (RSIs) were conducted.
- Further refined the NESFs and RSIs to align with the developed Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) and the Duty Officer Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and RSIs.
- These documents served as the basis for development of new training and response resources for Exercise Unified Command (ExUComm) in February 2022.
- Enhanced the operational response and the following resources were developed:
  - Nuclear Operations Response Table by providing more detail on the regional response at each declared provincial response level
  - REOC Nuclear Emergency Incident Action Plan (IAP) and Emergency Worker Centre (EWC) IAP
  - Nuclear specific emergency notification and staff recall scripts were developed and implemented into the mass notification system.

##### Training

- Developed a nuclear training package that will be distributed to the Regional Control Group (RCG) members, their alternates and Regional ExUComm participants.
- Provided exercise participants with general nuclear training and EWC specific training sessions in preparation for ExUComm.
- Provided training that will allow participants to focus on their specific roles and responsibilities, communication pathways and validate the current plans and resources including forms, checklists, and incident actions plans during the exercise.

- Continued to participate in Regional, Provincial, Federal and ExUComm committees, working groups and attend meetings related to nuclear emergency preparedness.

#### Exercises and Drills

- In February 2021, OPG invited DEM to virtually observe the Darlington NGS emergency drill.
- In September, planning began for the ExUComm exercise with both REOC and EWC as well as assisting other Regional Departments and local municipalities with their planning activities. The review of the Pickering exercise in 2020 was used by the DEM team as a foundation for training for the ExUComm exercise in 2022.
- The ExUComm exercise will be an opportunity for DEM to confirm notification processes, IMS organizational structures, communication pathways, processes and the use of forms and make improvements as needed.
- In December 2021, a nuclear discussion-based tabletop exercise was conducted with the RCG and their alternates focusing on the response actions required during a nuclear emergency.

#### Public Education and Awareness

- The Durham-Toronto Nuclear Emergency Education Plan is a 5-year overall development strategy for compliance with the PNERP and EMCPA for public education related to nuclear emergency preparedness. The plan outlines goals, objectives, communication strategies and communication methods.
- The Ontario Tech University Nuclear Awareness Social Research Project is:
  - A 4-year project in collaboration with the university that commenced in 2021 to survey residents to determine their level of knowledge and preparedness for a nuclear emergency.
  - The survey will determine public education campaigns, tactics and measure year over year changes in resident knowledge level of preparedness and compare the level of preparedness between geographic nuclear planning zones.
  - The established annual project tasks and deliverables will be completed by Ontario Tech University.
  - The survey questions, analysis methods and reports will be reviewed and approved by the DEM team.
- Public Alerting Campaign – Spring and Fall
  - The target audience was people who live, work, play or go to school within 10km of the Darlington and Pickering NGSs.
  - The goal was to improve awareness of the testing and where to obtain more information.
  - The spring campaign was shortened due to the COVID-19 vaccine roll out campaigns and ran from April 19 to May 6 and the fall campaign ran from September 27 to October 20, 2021.

- Public Alerting Campaign – Impressions
 

|                                  | Spring    | Fall      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ○ Social Media                   | 173,382   | 185,196   |
| ○ Earned (PSAs)                  | 95,000    | 530,000   |
| ○ Paid (radio, print, media ads) | 1,078,804 | 674,143   |
| <br>                             |           |           |
| ○ Total Overall Impressions      | 1,347,186 | 1,389,339 |

  - An impression is one view or listening of a piece of content.
  - Impressions are a proxy method for awareness and a standardized way to measure shared, earned, paid and owned media.
  - DEM also reached out to Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce and for fall campaigns, ads were placed with the Weather Network and Spotify to reach more people in a digital format.
  - DEM had 5946 pageviews for the spring campaign and 3800 pageviews for the fall campaign.

#### Public Alerting – Indoor

- On May 3, the annual spring test was conducted for the 0-3km and 3-10km zones around each NGS.
- On October 18, the annual fall test was conducted for the 0-3km and 3-10km zones around each NGS.
- Darlington had 33,622 telephone landlines called in the spring test and 24,363 in the fall test.
- Pickering had 90,497 landlines called in the spring test and 63,691 in the fall test.
- After the tests, the DEM team received and documented comments and concerns from residents on a dedicated public alerting telephone line.
- DEM found the number of calls to dedicated phone lines have fallen drastically over the past few years and it is due to more focused tactics to reach the target audience regarding tests.

#### Public Alerting - Outdoor

- On May 4 and October 19, around each NGS, the spring and falls tests were conducted at 10:00am with sirens activated for approximately one minute for each test.
- DEM continues semi-annual inspections of siren locations to ensure required work is completed to keep the siren system well maintained.

For 2022, James explained DEM’s priorities.

#### Plans

- Review the Draft 2022 PNERP and provide feedback to the province.
- Review and revise the DNERP and supporting documents including Nuclear Support Functions, Standard Operating Procedures, Response Specific Instructions, forms checklists and memory aids based on the 2022 PNERP.

- Implement identified regional requirements from the PNERP and its Implementation Plans.
- Participate in the Ontario Ministry of Transportation led evacuation planning.

#### Training

- Deliver nuclear based training to exercise participants to prepare for the ExUComm exercise in February consisting of general nuclear training and EWC specific training.
- Revise training materials and resources such as a Nuclear Emergency Operations Response Table and nuclear specific Incident Action Plan templates for the REOC and EWC based on lessons learned from the February exercise.

#### Exercises and Drills

- Participate in ExUComm exercise in February through a virtual REOC and EWC.
- Assist Regional departments and local area municipalities with their exercise planning, development and evaluation.
- Ensure all recommendations and action items that will be noted in the After-Action Reports and Improvements Plans from the exercise are implemented.

#### Committees, Working Groups and Meetings

- The DEM team will continue to participate in nuclear committees, working groups and attend nuclear related meetings.

#### Public Education and Awareness

- Continue to collaborate with the City of Toronto and OPG on the Nuclear Public Education Plan to have an integrated communications framework to amplify messaging, identify synergies, coordinate strategic decisions and share resources.
- Develop and launch the second annual survey within Durham Region to understand our communities and their knowledge of nuclear emergency preparedness. This is part of a 4-year City Studio research project in collaboration with Ontario Tech University.
- Conduct spring and fall public alerting campaigns for testing of the indoor and outdoor alerting systems.
- Investigate further communication strategies with stakeholders and differentiate messaging used in the 0-3km zone and 3-10km zone.

#### Public Alerting – Indoor System

- Conduct semi-annual tests of the mass notification/auto dialer system.
- Continue to improve the integrity of the landline data provided by the service provider and how to obtain better data for future tests.
- Continue to test and update nuclear notification and activation scripts for use in the system.

#### Public Alerting – Outdoor System

- Conduct semi-annual tests of the siren system.
- Ensure all semi-annual inspections of the siren system are completed by the service provider including ground maintenance.
- Continue with the approved upgrades and maintenance to the siren system for Darlington and Pickering NGSSs.

James Kilgour or his associates will update the DNHC next year on the progress of its nuclear emergency preparedness plans and activities in Durham Region. More information is available at the DEM website at [durham.ca/dem](http://durham.ca/dem).

### **4.3 Progress report by OPG concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2021 and Priorities in 2022**

Stan Whatmough, Senior Manager (Acting), Enterprise Emergency Management, provided a detailed progress report concerning the significant nuclear emergency preparedness activities in 2021 and priorities for 2022.

Stan provided an overview of Enterprise Emergency Management (EEM) programs and its strategies.

- Driven by the requirements for compliance with the CNSC document RegDoc 2.10.1 and the PNERP.
- Implement and maintain the emergency response capability within OPG Nuclear.
- Maintain the facilities and equipment of the OPG Nuclear Emergency Response Organization (ERO) and procedures.
- Oversee ERO training and qualification program of staff that included 1500 ERO and 54 unique qualifications.
- Conduct drills and exercises to confirm effectiveness of emergency plans involving the CNSC, Province of Ontario, Durham Region, City of Toronto, etc.
- Conduct assessments to demonstrate the ERO program performance and continued improvement is evaluated by Internal Self Assessment with nuclear oversight; and by External Organizations including the CNSC, National Safety Review Board, WANO, IAEA, EPREV, etc.

Stan explained the three EEM Pillars for its programs.

#### **1. Program Excellence**

*Strengthen OPG's social license through a robust emergency preparedness program which is integrated with station goals, to ensure the protection of employees, the public and the environment.*

#### **2. Perfect Practice**

*Maximize the Emergency Response Organization's effectiveness through drills and exercises that are realistic, challenging and evaluated against a high standard.*

### 3. Constant Improvement through Innovation

*Develop a culture of continually challenging the status quo to improve the emergency preparedness program through a cycle of: Ideation, Innovation, Integration and Iteration.*

Stan provided the 2021 EEM program activity highlights.

- Enterprise Emergency Management: 'Nuclear Emergency Preparedness' integrated corporate 'Emergency Management' into the emergency preparedness team creating the new 'Enterprise Emergency Management'.
- Stan explained this integration will provide EEM with enhanced oversight for Business Continuity, the Power Grid and Crisis Management such as COVID-19 protocols.
- Drills and Exercises successfully completed:
  - 11 evaluated drills
  - 1 Liquid Emergency Response Plan drill
  - 1 Transportation Emergency Response Plan drill
  - 22 Self Assessed crew practices
  - 33 'Emergency Shift Assistant' proficiency sessions who work with the Shift Managers at Pickering and Darlington.
  - Gridex VI – cyber and physical attack scenario on the North American electrical grid.
- Potassium Iodide (KI) Pills: Distributed 285,000 KI pills through the preparetobesafe.ca to request pills, and the New Neighbours programs.
- Innovation: Decommissioned NETS and increased the capability with mobile and satellite phones.
- COVID-19 Protocols: Enhanced cleaning procedures and staff protection protocols within the ERO, virtual response guidelines, cross trained ERO to build increased depth, IDIRT and CMCC virtual activation.
- International Evaluation: Pickering WANO evaluation highlighted the strength of OPG's EEM program. "The Remote evaluation of Drills" was recognized by WANO as an industry leading strength allowing OPG to maintain ERO proficiency at a time when the industry saw a decline.

Stan explained the 2022 EEM Priorities.

- Drills and Exercises:
  - Continue to implement a full drill schedule with 5 at Darlington and 6 at Pickering including new challenging drill scenarios
  - Continue the use of 'Remote Evaluation' and increased 'Self Evaluation'
  - ExUComm is planned for February 23 to 25 at Darlington Nuclear and the link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGTgxXAJSpS>
- Partnerships: Maintain strong partnerships with external partners through regular discussion, alignment and MOUs.
- External evaluation: Continued evaluations by CNSC site visits and audits, with an insurance audit in February and the WANO Corporate evaluation in March.



- Technology: WebEOC upgrades, and enhanced use of communication with satellite and 3g. mobile phones.
- Resourcing: Building proficiency of several new staff to the department and to improve organizational agility.
- New Nuclear: Supporting OPG's planned SMR initiative at Darlington with EEM staff and expertise.
- ERO Rationalization: Is a project to streamline levels of ERO staffing and facilities.

Stan Whatmough or his associates will provide the DNHC with a progress report next year on OPG's nuclear emergency preparedness activities. More information is available at the OPG website [www.opg.com/nuclearsafety](http://www.opg.com/nuclearsafety).

#### **4.4 Progress report by the CNSC concerning its Potassium Iodide (KI) Pill Working Group**

Lee Casterton, Senior Regulatory Program Officer and Chair of the Working Group; and Andrea Bellingham, Emergency Management Program Officer, CNSC, provided a joint progress presentation on its KI Pill Working Group.

Lee provided an overview of the KI Pill Working Group.

##### Background

- In June 2018, at the CNSC Public Hearing on the Pickering licence renewal, intervenors raised concerns on KI pill pre-distribution and distribution in an emergency in the Ingestion Planning Zone (IPZ).
- The Pickering IPZ is 20 to 30km in subzones 1 to 8; and 30 to 50km in subzones 9 to 16.
- CNSC staff committed to form the KI Pill Working Group to provide clarity on the roles and responsibilities for KI distribution in the IPZ.
- In January 2019, the CNSC Commission released its Detailed Record of Decision for the Pickering licence renewal and included the CNSC staff commitment and additional direction to the Working Group.

##### Terms of Reference

- Were drafted following the Pickering licence renewal Hearing.
- Public comment period on the draft was held from December 24, 2018, to February 14, 2019, and 17 submissions were received.
- Revisions were made based on public comments received and Commission direction.
- May 14, 2019, the Terms of Reference were signed by CNSC, OPG, Ontario Ministry of Health and Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, formally enacting the Working Group.

##### Working Group Membership

- Signatories to the Terms of Reference:
  - CNSC

- Ontario Ministry of Health
- Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
- OPG
- Public Health Units and Emergency Management Coordinators:
  - Durham Region
  - City of Toronto
  - Peel Region
  - Simcoe Muskoka
  - Kawartha Lakes
  - Peterborough County
- Health Canada

Lee explained the Mandate of the Working Group is to be completed in two phases.

- Phase I: To fulfill the commitment to the Commission to provide clarity the existing plans and associated responsible authorities for distributing KI pills in the IPZ in the event of an emergency at the Pickering NGS.
- Phase II: To fulfill the direction from the Commission in the detailed Record of Decision to:
  - Determine feasibility of pre-distribution of KI pills to all schools within the IPZ
  - Establish clear and detailed plans for distribution of KI pills throughout the IPZ in the event of an emergency at Pickering.

#### CNSC Website

- On June 14, 2019, a dedicated webpage for the Working Group was launched to provide:
  - Background information
  - Terms of Reference
  - Project milestones
  - CNSC Advisory Committee
  - Quick facts of KI pills
- Additional documentation will be added on an ongoing basis.

#### Advisory Committee

- In November 2018, CNSC staff made a commitment to the Commission to form an Advisory Committee.
- Purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide independent advice to the CNSC staff on deliverables of the Working Group and its input on topics discussed at the Phase I and Phase II workshops.
- CNSC staff considered all advice and input from the Committee.
- Operating procedures were developed to clarify the purpose, membership, engagement opportunities and conduct of the Committee activities.
- Membership of the Advisory Committee includes:
  - Canadian Environmental Law Association

- Toronto District School Board
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Municipality of Kincardine
- Bruce Power
- McMaster University

Andrea provided detailed information on recent progress of the Working Group.

#### Phase I Workshop

- In November 2019, a two-day Workshop was held with all members present.
- The Draft Phase I Report was developed following the Workshop.
- The objective of the Workshop was to gather the information necessary to achieve the mandate of Phase I.
- Draft Phase I Report was developed and concurrence on the Report was delayed due to COVID-19 but concurrence was later achieved in December 2020.

#### Draft Phase I Report Topics

- Nuclear emergency management framework in Canada.
- Provides information on KI pills and pre-distribution.
- Provides current associated roles and responsibilities for KI pill distribution.
- Public resources relating to KI pill distribution.
- Concept of Operations for KI pill emergency distribution to 50km.

#### Phase I Report Conclusions

- Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined in current plans.
- The Report provides clarity on the existing plans and associated responsible authorities for emergency distribution of KI pills.
- A flexible concept of operations exists for emergency distribution.
- Public awareness and information campaigns are being conducted and improvements have been identified.
- In addition to the mandate for Phase II, the Working Group identified the following topics for further consideration:
  - Public awareness and education in designated and non-designated municipalities
  - Pre-staging of the centralized stockpile to municipalities in the IPZ
  - Development of pre-existing emergency communications strategy for use during an event.

#### Phase I Report Public Review

- The KI pill Working Group's Draft Report was open for consultation from April 6 to July 5, 2021, through CNSC 's e-consultation page at [www.letstalknuclearsafety.ca](http://www.letstalknuclearsafety.ca).
- 16 comments were received from 3 reviewers and the key themes raised were:
  - Information on how new residents receive KI pills

- Clarification of definitions and terminology
- Acknowledgement of Treaty Lands where the PNGS is located.

#### Indigenous Engagement and Participation

- Indigenous engagement is an important consideration in CNSC activities and the CNSC will ensure opportunities for input are provided.
- August 2019, notification letters were sent to Indigenous Nations and communities.
- April 2021, the draft Phase I Report was sent to Indigenous Nations and communities.
- The Curve Lake First Nations submitted comments on the draft Phase I Report that included:
  - Impact to non-human species during an emergency
  - Communications to Indigenous communities during an emergency
  - Provision of information, awareness and education related to KI pills
  - How can Indigenous communities outside the IPZ obtain KI pills.

#### CNSC Advisory Committee Workshop Meeting

- On November 19, 2021, the Advisory Committee Workshop was held and the objectives of the Workshop were to:
  - Solicit comments on the Phase I Report
  - Discuss comments received during the public review period
  - Determine if the committee agreed that the Report meets the mandate of Phase I.
- Members did not request specific changes to the Phase I Report.
- Members provided valuable input on further topics for consideration as part of Phase II of the Working Group.
- Input on further topics for consideration included:
  - Information on the actions taken by municipalities in support of emergency distribution of KI pills
  - Need for availability of information and medical advice for individuals who cannot take KI pills and how it differs from other populations
  - Impact on timelines and capabilities for KI pill distribution from a severe beyond design basis accident

#### Next Steps

- The Commission is proceeding on the Phase I Report planned for January 26, 2022.
- The Phase I Report will be finalized and published following the Commission meeting and made available on the Working Group webpage.
- The Working Group will commence work on the Phase II.
- A Phase II Report will be prepared by the Working Group and undergo public review and be presented to the Commission.

Lee Casterton and Andrea Bellingham or their associates will keep the DNHC updated next year on the progress of the CNSC Potassium Iodide Pill Working Group.

For more information, the CNSC website is [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca) and the Working Group website is: <https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/emergency-management-and-safety/potassium-iodide-pill-working-group.cfm>.

## 5. Communications

### 5.1 Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear

Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, Darlington Nuclear, OPG, provided an update on Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Pickering Units 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are operating at or close to full power.
- Pickering Unit 5 is in a planned maintenance outage.
- On December 16, 2021, Pickering issued a formal letter of intent to the CNSC with respect to the operations of Units 5-8 until 2025.
- The current 10-year operating licence granted by the CNSC permits commercial operations until the end of 2024. OPG plans to take Units 1 and 4 out of service at the end of 2024.
- January 20, 2022, marks the launch of the 'Bring Back the Salmon' program that OPG has sponsored since 2011 working with local conservation authorities that release salmon into the Duffins Creek system. The 10-week program provides students of all ages an educational opportunity using weekly videos and hands-on activities.
- The latest edition of the OPG newsletter *Neighbours* was distributed in December and the next edition will be in the second quarter of 2022.

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, can be reached at (905) 839-1151 extension 7919 or by e-mail at [carrie-anne.atkins@opg.com](mailto:carrie-anne.atkins@opg.com) for more information.

### 5.2 Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear

Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Darlington Nuclear, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, OPG, provided an update on the Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Darlington Units 1 and 2 are operating at close to full power.
- Darlington Unit 3 is undergoing refurbishment and Unit 4 is in a planned maintenance outage.
- Darlington Unit 3 refurbishment team successfully completed the first combined Pressure and Calandria Tube removal on a CANDU reactor. The disassembly phase of Unit 3 is complete, and the reassembly phase has begun.

- The Darlington Refurbishment Project Team is preparing Unit 1 for refurbishment that will begin in February 2022.
- On December 1, 2021, OPG announced it will work with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy to deploy its planned SMR at the Darlington new nuclear site. Darlington NGS is the only site in Canada currently licensed for a new nuclear build.
- OPG and GE Hitachi will collaborate on the SMR engineering, design, planning, preparing for licensing and permitting materials for the site to construct the 300 SMR projected to be completed by 2028.
- The latest edition of the OPG newsletter Neighbours was distributed in December and the next edition will be in the second quarter of 2022.

Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, Darlington Nuclear, OPG, can be reached at 905-914-2457 or by e-mail at [lindsay.hamilton@opg.com](mailto:lindsay.hamilton@opg.com) for more information.

### **5.3 Corporate Community Issues**

Lindsay Hamilton, Manager, Stakeholders and Corporate Affairs, Darlington Nuclear, provided an update of OPG's community issues and the highlights were:

- OPG provides an essential service of generating electricity for the province, so unbroken service must be maintained.
- On January 3, 2022, when the new COVID-19 provincial 'stay-at-home' order was issued, OPG once again revised its Work from Home strategy that requested all employees to work from home if they were able to do so.
- OPG worked with the DRHD by setting up a covid-19 vaccination clinic at the Darlington Energy Complex for its employees and family members.
- On January 21, 2022, OPG representatives will provide an update to the Williams Treaties First Nations on the following topics:
  - Cobalt 60 licence amendment to the CNSC
  - Darlington Waste Management Facility re-licensing to the CNSC
  - Pickering 2025, End of Commercial Operations
- OPG plans to continue the Virtual Power Kids program that will target educators and students with the opportunity to explore science, biodiversity, art, and indigenous traditions.
- OPG staff raised approximately \$10,000 to support the Durham Regional Police Services food and toy drive.

## **6.0 Other Business**

### **6.1 Topics Inventory Update**

Robert Kyle indicated the Topics Inventory will be revised to include the presentations made today.

## **6.2 Future Topics for the DNHC to Consider**

Dr. Robert Kyle indicated the next DNHC meeting, scheduled for April 22, 2022, and the theme will be *Progress reports concerning Nuclear Waste Management in Durham Region* that will likely include:

- Progress report by OPG's Darlington New Nuclear Project Team concerning its planned development of a SMR at the Darlington new nuclear site.
- Progress report by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization concerning its Site Selection Process for the Long-Term Management of Used Nuclear Fuel in Canada.
- Progress report by OPG's Sustainability Services Division concerning its stewardship of nuclear materials and by-products of nuclear energy.

## **6.3 Scheduled DNHC Meetings in 2022**

- April 22
- June 17
- September 16
- November 18

## **6.4 Proposed revisions to the Draft DNHC Terms of Reference (TOR)**

Brian Devitt, Secretary to the DNHC, provided an update of the proposed revisions to the Draft DNHC TOR. At the November 19 DNHC meeting, Dr. Robert Kyle stated that we had begun the initial 3-year review of the TOR. The review identified 3 organizations that attend and participate in DNHC meetings that needed their official names updated.

Dr. Kyle requested the DNHC Members to also review the draft TOR that included the 3 proposed name changes, and to provide any additional changes to Brian by January 7, 2022.

Brian included the 3 proposed name changes in the Draft DNHC TOR document, dated November 2021. On November 29, the draft TOR and the November 19 Draft Minutes were emailed to the DNHC Members and Observers.

Brian reported that the DNHC Members' feedback by January 7 did not include any additional changes. Therefore, the Draft TOR document, dated November 2021, includes all the changes suggested by DNHC Members at this time.

## **7. Next Meeting**

### **Location**

Durham Region Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East, Town of Whitby

**Time**

1:00 pm Meeting from the Regional Council Chambers

**Date**

April 22, 2022

**8. Adjournment**

2:55 PM



**DRAFT - DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC)****TERMS OF REFERENCE****SCOPE**

The DNHC shall act as a scientific and technical orientated committee primarily focused on nuclear emissions, nuclear wastes and other related topics by providing a forum for discussing and addressing potential radiation and environmental human health impacts with nuclear industry representatives who will connect directly with environmental human health experts and members of the public from the nuclear host communities and elsewhere in Durham Region.

**MANDATE**

1. To review, discuss, and improve DNHC's understanding of the radiological environmental performance of nuclear facilities and nuclear waste management facilities in Durham Region and the issues which govern them.
2. To collect, monitor, analyze, discuss, summarize and/or form opinions about available information, including that pertaining to environmental assessments, regarding the possible environmental human health impacts of the radiological emissions from the local nuclear facilities, nuclear waste management facilities and transportation of nuclear waste and to disseminate the results of this work to the public.
3. To identify deficiencies in information about environmental human health impacts of radiological emissions and to recommend directly to the nuclear industry and/or federal and/or provincial governmental representatives that appropriate research be conducted in order to effectively address these deficiencies.
4. To review and discuss unusual incidents at local nuclear facilities and related activities or other facilities using, generating or storing radioactive material that may have adverse environmental and human health consequences.
5. To address and resolve specific issues and concerns which may be related to, be associated with, or caused by radiological emissions from the nuclear facilities and nuclear waste disposal sites that are referred to the DNHC by the public, including local governments, health professionals, etc. or otherwise comes to the DNHC's attention.
6. To maintain an awareness of new or refurbished nuclear facilities in Durham Region and their potential environmental and health effects.
7. To review, discuss, and, if necessary, advise about emerging issues that may be associated with environmental and human health.

8. To receive a progress report on nuclear emergency activities in Durham Region at least annually.
9. The following subjects shall not be components of the DNHC's mandate:
  - a) Occupational health and safety
  - b) Nuclear power as an energy option

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. The DNHC shall report through the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health to the Health & Social Services Committee and the Regional Council.
2. If an environmental human health impact deficiency needs to be escalated, the DNHC may make recommendations, through the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, to the Health & Social Services Committee and the Regional Council, which can endorse DNHC's recommendation and ensure that the nuclear industry and/or federal and/or provincial government and/or other stakeholders are informed of Council's decision regarding such matter.

## **COMPOSITION**

The DNHC shall be composed of the following Members (or designates):

1. From the Regional Municipality of Durham:
  - a) Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
  - b) Director, Health Protection
  - c) Epidemiologist
2. From Ontario Power Generation:

Two representatives familiar with environmental and health issues at Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations
3. From the public:
  - a) Nine Public Members who reside in either Ajax, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, or Whitby, and, if possible, three of whom reside in Ajax/Pickering and three of whom reside in Clarington;
  - b) Up to three Alternate Public Members who will represent absent Public Members; and
  - c) Public Members and Alternative Members shall be appointed by Regional Council as recommended by the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health in accordance with such factors as residence, availability, knowledge of and interest in nuclear science, fit with the DNHC's scope, and ability to function in a group setting.

4. From the Government of Ontario:

One representative from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

5. From the Ontario Institute of Technology **Ontario Tech University**:

One representative from the Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science

6. The DNHC shall also invite presenters and observers to attend and/or participate in its meetings, including representatives from:

- a) Canadian Environmental Law Association
- b) Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
- c) City of Oshawa
- d) City of Pickering
- e) City of Toronto
- f) Durham Nuclear Awareness
- g) Durham Emergency Management Office **Durham Emergency Management**
- h) Durham Region Planning and Economic Development Department
- i) Independent Electricity System Operator
- j) Greenpeace Canada
- k) Health Canada
- l) Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- m) Municipality of Clarington
- n) Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
- o) Ontario Power Generation
- p) Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
- q) Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- r) Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office **Canadian Nuclear Laboratories**
- s) Public Health Agency of Canada
- t) Town of Ajax
- u) Town of Whitby

## **MEETINGS**

1. Meetings shall be chaired by the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health or designate.
2. A quorum shall consist of nine Members as listed under Composition clauses 1 to 5.
3. The DNHC shall reach decisions normally by consensus.
4. The DNHC shall establish the dates, times, and places of subsequent meetings, normally at the conclusion of each meeting. Meetings shall normally be held at least five times per year. The meeting times and places for a calendar year shall be posted on the Region's website, on Health's DNHC webpages.

5. The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health shall appoint a Secretary to the DNHC to be responsible for ensuring that agendas are prepared, correspondence and minutes are recorded, distributed, posted and a suitable meeting place is secured and presenters are confirmed. The Secretary shall respond to requests for correspondence, presentations, reports, etc. to be placed before the DNHC and shall ensure that such requests are appropriate and properly aligned with the DNHC's scope and theme of future meetings. The Secretary shall make minor wording changes to the Terms of Reference as needed such as the names of organizations of presenters. The Secretary shall advise the DNHC at its next meeting of any changes made.
6. The unapproved minutes of DNHC meetings shall be added to a subsequent Council Information Package. DNHC approved minutes and agendas are posted on the Region's website on Health's DNHC webpage.
7. Questions and answers at DNHC meetings should be limited in scope and focus on the content of the respective presentation and/or report.
8. All participants are expected to be courteous and respectful throughout the meeting.

#### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

1. When appropriate, the representatives of Ontario Power Generation and governmental/regulatory bodies shall ensure that all studies and other information relevant to the DNHC's mandate are made available to the DNHC.
2. When appropriate, the representatives of Ontario Power Generation shall ensure that all relevant technical reference material (e.g., nuclear and environmental performance and radiological emission data) is presented to the DNHC using a readily understandable format.

#### **REVIEW of the TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The DNHC shall review its terms of reference at least every 3 years. This frequency does not preclude substantive changes being presented to the Health & Social Services Committee and the Regional Council sooner if the need arises.

January 2022

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at Regional Headquarters, Council Chambers, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted at this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby, Chair  
A. Beach, Oshawa  
H. Hall, Participation House  
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS  
Councillor R. Mulcahy  
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Vice-Chair  
S. Sones, Whitby attended for part of the meeting  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: M. Roche, Oshawa

#### Staff

Present: J. Christianson, Program Coordinator  
A. Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

K. Smith called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by R. Purnwasie, Seconded by S. Sones,  
That D. Campbell be nominated for the position of Chair of the  
Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by S. Sones,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

K. Smith asked if D. Campbell wished to stand. D. Campbell indicated she would stand.

D. Campbell was acclaimed as the Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

K. Smith called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by H. Hall,  
That R. Purnwasie be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by A. Beach,  
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

K. Smith asked if R. Purnwasie wished to stand. R. Purnwasie indicated she would stand.

R. Purnwasie was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

D. Campbell, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### Introduction of New Members

Lorrie Houston, Community Care Durham has been appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (subject to Council approval). J. Traer invited members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to introduce themselves. The members introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background.

### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

S. Sones requested that the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be amended under Item 1 Roll Call to state that she was present at the meeting.

Moved by R. Purnwasie, Seconded by A. Beach,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on November 23, 2021, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by R. Purnwasie,  
That the minutes of the Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees held on November 23, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Judy Christianson, Program Coordinator, re: Accessibility Widget Pilot

Judy Christianson, Program Coordinator, provided a presentation with regards to the Accessibility Widget Pilot.

J. Christianson advised that the accessibility widget is an additional tool on the Durham Region website that allows people to access information specific to their individual needs. She noted that the widget is an optional item for the public to use to enhance the user experience.

J. Christianson provided a live tutorial of how the widget works and discussed the options available which includes colour contrast, highlight links, bigger text, text spacing, pause animations, dyslexia friendly, cursor options, tooltips, line height, and text align. She also provided a tutorial of additional options including the move/hide option, the accessibility statement, how to report a problem, and the UserWay.org third party logo.

J. Christianson responded to questions regarding whether the widget is available to lower tier municipalities in Durham Region; how to reactivate the accessibility widget; if any feedback was received from the public; and how the accessibility widget appears on cell phones.

B) Mitch McFarlane, Museum Team Leader, Ontario Regiment Museum, re: Accessible Tank Ride Project

This presentation was heard later in the meeting. See Item 5. B) on page 5 of these minutes.

C) Mohammad Saifan, Keegan Dsouza, Henik Patel and Ugesh Chitram, Ontario Tech University Students, re: Accessible Tank Ride Project

This presentation was heard later in the meeting. See Item 5. C) on pages 5 and 6 of these minutes.

**6. Discussion Items**

A) 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan – for Review and Approval

A copy of the 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

Moved by R. Purnwasie, Seconded by H. Hall,  
That the 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan as provided be adopted.

CARRIED

The committee recessed at 2:10 PM and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of M. Roche and S. Sones.

**7. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

**8. Information Items**

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

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J. Traer advised that she is looking to have presentations for the March, May, and June meetings with a focus on cognitive and intellectual disabilities.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

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H. Hall advised she would review her notes and provide an update later in the meeting. See Item 8. B) on page 5 of these minutes.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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The following update was provided:

- Former Chair, C. Boose, has resigned from the committee.
- The tentative reopening of Durham Region Headquarters with a gradual return to the office is expected to be in April 2022, therefore the March meeting will be held virtually.
- J. Traer advised of a session being held in recognition of Bell Let's Talk Day and mental health on Monday, January 31, 2022 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM and added that committee members are welcome to join.
- J. Traer advised that Durham Region has submitted their Accessibility Compliance Report to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, which is required to be sent in every two years, and the last one was due on December 31, 2021. She advised that input into the Report was received from all departments and that the Region expects to hear back from the Ministry on the Report within the next few months.
- J. Traer advised that she provided committee members with an email from the Metrolinx Consultation Outreach and Accessible Standards Canada and are asking committee members to provide feedback.



**8. Information Items**

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

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H. Hall advised there have been no new updates since the November 16, 2021 TAC meeting.

**9. Reports for Information**

There were no reports to consider.

**10. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

**5. Presentations**

B) Mitch McFarlane, Museum Team Leader, Ontario Regiment Museum, re: Accessible Tank Ride Project

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M. McFarlane advised that he is the project leader for Project Uplift which was developed to create devices to help load people safely into military vehicles that are on display at the Ontario Regiment Museum.

M. McFarlane stated that the Ontario Regiment Museum is located in Oshawa and is the largest operational military museum in the world. He advised there are approximately 120 military vehicles from before World War II up until 2006.

M. McFarlane displayed pictures showcasing what the Ontario Regiment Museum offers such as the Aquino Tank Weekend; re-enactments; the Team involved with the Project Uplift project; vehicles selected to be part of Project Uplift; volunteers of the museum; Tank Weekend; and, the various military vehicles in the museum.

C) Mohammad Saifan, Keegan Dsouza, Henik Patel and Ugesh Chitram, Ontario Tech University Students, re: Accessible Tank Ride Project

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Mohammad Saifan, Keegan Dsouza, Henik Patel and Ugesh Chitram, Ontario Tech University Students, provided a presentation with regards to Project Uplift – Ontario Regiment Museum Accessibility Initiative.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Vehicles Involved
- Requirements from Potential Users
- Safety Requirements for the User
- What we Learned
- CAD Model – Lift Device
- CAD Model – LAV III

- CAD Model – M113

K. Dsouza advised that the museum requested that students from Ontario Tech University create a mechanism that could assist people into the vehicles on display at the Ontario Regiment Museum that is suitable for both M113 and LAV III military vehicles. The most important requirement was the safety of the user and the device had to take into consideration criteria such as the material, strength, and structures. He stated that the ramp that was developed was designed to rise gradually rather than with a steep ascent to allow ease of use for individuals using wheelchairs, crutches, or walkers.

U. Chitram advised that a volunteer is required to be present with the individual to ensure their safety during the lift and while entering and exiting the military vehicle. He also advised that once the individual is in the vehicle, they are required to be securely fastened in with a five-point harness as the terrain the military vehicles travel on is rough and uneven.

M. Saifan stated that the group learned a lot with respect to accessibility rules and regulations; multiple engineering tools and software; and, recognizing the needs of people with disabilities and their inability to enjoy rides.

H. Patel reviewed the specifications of the CAD Model Lift Device and how the lift device looks inside the LAV III and M113 military vehicles. He also reviewed the process for loading and unloading the CAD Model onto the military vehicles.

D. Campbell and J. Traer thanked the group for their presentation.

M. McFarlane added that the museum has been in contact with the Abilities Centre to request assistance and guidance on how to make the museum space more accessible within, and that the goal of the museum is to release the patent for the CAD Model to the world so that everyone can have access to it.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by R. Purnwasie,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

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D. Campbell, Chair  
Accessibility Advisory Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk