



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2023-INFO-64](#)
Date: July 28, 2023

Subject:

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement Update, ERO Postings [#019-6821](#), [#019-6822](#), [#019-6813](#).

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On April 6, 2023, a new Provincial Planning Statement (referred to in this report as the proposed new PPS), was released.
- 1.2 The Region submitted comments on the proposed new PPS by letter dated May 5, 2023, which was included in Report [#2023-P-19](#) and endorsed by Planning and Economic Development Committee on June 6, 2023. The report was later ratified by Regional Council on June 28, 2023.
- 1.3 When the proposed new PPS was released, natural heritage policies and definitions were notably absent. Another area of concern was a proposal to allow up to three residential lots to be taken off a farm by way of severance.
- 1.4 On June 16, 2023, the province released the proposed natural heritage policies and definitions for the proposed new PPS. As well, in a letter to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the province indicated reconsideration of proposed prime agricultural lot creation policies contained within the proposed new PPS.

1.5 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of changes made to the proposed new PPS since its release.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 An overview of the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement was provided in Report [#2023-INFO-29](#) in April 2023.

2.2 Regional staff comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement were provided in Report [#2023-P-19](#).

3. Proposed Provincial Planning Statement Updates

3.1 Staff have reviewed the proposed natural heritage policies and note that they are generally unchanged from the existing Provincial Policy Statement.

3.2 While the natural heritage policies have not changed, the province has proposed changes to some associated definitions, as follows:

- a. the definition of “natural heritage features and areas” has been amended to no longer include habitat of endangered species and threatened species, which is now separately defined;
- b. the definition of “significant” in reference to wetlands has removed reference to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to align with changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System made under Bill 23; and
- c. the definition of “wetlands” has been amended to clarify that lands that are periodically soaked or are being used for agricultural purposes which no longer exhibit wetland characteristics, are not wetlands.

3.3 Staff have no concerns with the above-noted definitional changes. Due to consistency with the existing PPS, it is not necessary to provide comments on the natural heritage policies and definitions to the province.

3.4 At the time of its release, the proposed new PPS included increased permissions for lot creation on prime agricultural land. Specifically, severances for up to three residential parcels would be permitted on prime agricultural lands. It is unclear if these policies would apply within the Greenbelt Plan area. The province has indicated that the intent of these policies is to facilitate housing for farm families. In response to significant concerns raised by the agricultural community, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing extended the consultation period for the proposed new PPS to allow more time for consideration of alternatives that do not involve

severances. The Region's stated position is that it is opposed to these farm-related lot creation policies and no further comment to the province on this matter is required.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

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

- a. Objective 1.3, protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmland;
- b. Objective 2.1, revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Staff will keep Council apprised when the proposed new PPS is finalized and if any additional changes are made.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2023-INFO-65](#)
Date: July 28, 2023

Subject:

Program Reports

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

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

2. Highlights

2.1 DRHD reports for April – June 2023 include the following key highlights:

- a. Health Analytics, Policy & Research – Health Analytics Information Products and Health Policy & Equity updates;
- b. Health Protection – Check&GO! Disclosure Program, Food Safety, Healthy Environments, Part 8 OBC (Sewage Systems), and Safe Water updates;
- c. Healthy Families – Child & Youth and Healthy Babies Healthy Children updates;
- d. Healthy Living – Healthy Living (including Oral Health) and *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* updates;
- e. Infectious Diseases – Immunization, Infectious Diseases Prevention & Control updates; and

- f. Paramedic Services – Administration, Community Paramedicine, Logistics, Operations and Quality & Development updates.

2.2 Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA). Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of DRHD’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.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 This report and the program updates included align with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 1 – Environmental Sustainability:

- 1.4 Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change

b. Goal 2 – Community Vitality:

- 2.2 Enhance community safety and well-being.
- 2.3 Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.
- 2.4 Support a high quality of life for all through human services delivery.

c. Goal 5 – Service Excellence:

- 5.1 Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.
- 5.2 Collaborate for seamless service experience.
- 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Program Reports are provided to update Regional Council (DRHD's board of health) on public health programs and activities as a component of DRHD's Accountability Framework.

5. Attachment

Program Reports for the period April – June 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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ABBREVIATIONS

- AQHI – Air Quality Health Index
- BBI – Blood-Borne Infections
- BGA – Blue-Green Algae
- CCC – Child Care Centres
- CLS – Congregate Living Settings
- DC – Durham College
- DPHS – Diseases of Public Health Significance
- DRHD – Durham Region Health Department
- ECCC – Environment and Climate Change Canada
- FT – Full-Time
- HBHC – Healthy Babies Healthy Children
- HCP – Healthcare Provider
- HCV – Hepatitis C Virus
- HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HMCA – *Healthy Menu Choices Act, 2015*
- HPD – Health Protection Division
- HPPA – *Health Protection and Promotion Act*
- HSO – Healthy Smiles Ontario
- HWIS – Heat Warning and Information System
- IPAC – Infection Prevention and Control
- JHS – John Howard Society of Durham Region
- KI – Potassium Iodide
- LD – Lyme Disease
- LTCH – Long-Term Care Homes
- MOH – Ontario Ministry of Health
- NGS – Nuclear Generating Stations

- NSP – Needle Syringe Program
- OBC – Ontario *Building Code*
- OHD – Oral Health Division
- OPHS – *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability*
- OSDCP – Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program
- OW – Ontario Works
- PCOP – Primary Care Outreach Program
- PHN – Public Health Nurse
- PHO – Public Health Ontario
- PHU – Public Health Unit
- PSRN – Public Safety Radio Network
- PSS – Personal Services Settings
- RDPS – Region of Durham Paramedic Services
- RH – Retirement Homes
- SFOA – *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*
- SSD – Social Services Department
- STI – Sexually Transmitted Infections
- SVS – Specialty Vape Stores
- TEO – Tobacco Enforcement Officer
- WNV – West Nile Virus



Health Analytics, Research & Policy

Report for April – June 2023

Health Analytics Information Products

[COVID-19 in Durham Region: Comparison of Waves](#)

The Comparison of Waves report summarizes COVID-19 activity in Durham Region across seven waves. Each wave was distinctly different with factors such as vaccination and the introduction of more transmissible virus variants affecting case numbers, morbidity and mortality, and how the virus spread in our community.

Key findings include:

- Wave 1 was defined by the arrival of the pandemic with high morbidity and mortality. COVID-19 was a new disease that triggered high hospitalization and death rates and was particularly devastating for older people living in LTCHs and RHs. The epidemiology of the disease was just starting to be understood.
- Wave 2 occurred in the first winter of the pandemic from September 2020 to February 2021 and was defined by targeted vaccine roll-out, specifically in health care workers and residents of LTCHs and RHs. While Wave 2 continued to have high morbidity and mortality, the new vaccine offered optimism that COVID-19 would be controlled; however, a new variant of concern was already replacing the original SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- Wave 3 occurred in the second spring and summer of the pandemic from March to July 2021. It was defined by widespread vaccination amidst new variants. DRHD initiated its mass immunization clinics. Despite the spread of new variants of concern, public health restrictions and extraordinary vaccination efforts led to a decrease in cases and wastewater signal.
- Wave 4 was the calm before Omicron, and it occurred over the second fall of the pandemic from August to mid December 2021. It was characterized by low cases,

low morbidity and mortality, the lowest percent positivity of laboratory tests, low wastewater signal, and the youngest cases.

- Wave 5 was characterized by the onslaught of Omicron. It was the shortest but largest wave, extending from mid-December 2021 to February 2022. The large increase in case numbers overwhelmed laboratory testing and public health systems, ultimately leading to PCR testing for high-risk individuals only and low reporting of confirmed cases. While high vaccination coverage did not often protect against contracting the disease, the vaccine did reduce hospitalization and death. Despite this, the sheer number of cases led to strain on the health care system.
- Wave 6 featured a spring surge amidst high immunity through vaccination and past infection. This occurred in the third spring of the pandemic from March to mid-June 2022 and was characterized by the continued prominence of Omicron and underestimated case numbers. Public health restrictions were removed during Wave 6 and vaccination numbers decreased, leading to a small surge in reported cases but low mortality, likely due to high population immunity through vaccination and/or contracting the disease. The wastewater signal indicated that COVID-19 was still widespread in the community.
- Wave 7 can be described as holding steady with no definite peak and valley. This wave, which began in June 2022 and was still ongoing as of spring 2023, had the lowest testing rates, highest female ratio, and highest age of cases, likely related to PCR testing eligibility requirements which favoured testing of residents and staff in LTCHs, RHs and hospitals. Breakthrough cases among vaccinated older people was possibly due to waning immunity months after vaccination, particularly if people were not infected with COVID-19 during recent Omicron surges. Wastewater surveillance continued to show that COVID-19 was widespread in the community despite the smaller number of reported cases.

Health Policy & Equity

Health policy work focuses on providing policy expertise and support for development of policy initiatives across all DRHD programs. Health equity work supports DRHD programs to meet requirements in the Health Equity Standard of the [OPHS](#) and [Health Equity Guideline, 2018](#) by building capacity across all programs to apply a health equity lens to programs and approaches, establishing internal and external collaborative partnerships to advance health equity initiatives, representing DRHD to support priority populations in cross-program initiatives, and developing departmental policies and processes intended to advance health equity.

DRHD continued to provide support to the Durham Ukrainian Humanitarian Response Project in partnership with the Ajax and Pickering Welcome Centres. Staff provided an overview of DRHD services and service navigation to newly arrived Ukrainian families on May 24 and June 22.

Health Policy & Equity staff participates on two communities of practice with PHUs across the province and one community of practice with Ontario Health East partners. The Health Equity Roundtable, led by the MOH is a knowledge sharing network that facilitates interaction and collaboration among Ontario PHU health equity leads, the MOH and PHO and supports the enhanced implementation of the Health Equity Guideline. The Healthy Public Policy Community of Practice was formed by public health professionals across Ontario PHUs to enhance PHU capacity to advance healthy public policies through collaboration, knowledge sharing and identification of priorities for collective action. The Ontario Health East Health Equity Community of Practice provides a connection between Ontario Health and Ontario Health Team East Region partners to share best practices and help to understand how to eliminate health inequities. DRHD staff attended **one** Health Equity Roundtable, **one** Healthy Public Policy, and **one** Ontario Health East meeting between April and June 2023.

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Health Protection

Report for April – June 2023

Check&GO! Disclosure Program

DRHD continues to make it easier for area residents to access health inspection results through the [Check&GO! disclosure program](#). Check&GO! consists of on-site signage at establishments and online postings of health inspection results, confirmed IPAC lapses, and complaints and legal activities designed to help local residents make informed decisions and protect their health.

Check&GO! provides access to online inspection results and legal activities for:

- CCC
- Convictions of retailers under the HPPA and SFOA
- Food establishments
- PSS
- Recreational camp facilities
- Recreational water facilities (public swimming pools, spas, and splash pads), and
- Small drinking water systems

To date in 2023 Check&GO! has received **45,715** page views from over **2,600** users. Through cloud technology, public health inspectors are keeping residents fully informed in real time, minutes after an inspection is completed. The Check&GO! disclosure program meets and exceeds OPHS transparency requirements.

Food Safety

Staff has been diligently working on completing all inspections of local food premises, in accordance with the [Food Safety Protocol](#), as this was put on hold during the pandemic. Staff achieved a **100 per cent** completion rate of high and moderate risk food premises during the first round of inspections, with a total of **1,612** compliance inspections, **234** re-inspections and **26** complaint inspections completed between April 1 and June 30. Staff is

on track to complete all required inspections in the subsequent rounds and for all low-risk premises.

Due to the pandemic, [HMCA](#) inspections of new food premise chains of 20 or more locations in the province were put on hold. There is a backlog of **206** facilities that require an HMCA inspection. Staff has been retrained or newly designated to conduct HMCA inspections. The goal is to complete outstanding inspections by the end of the year.

During this quarter, staff processed **99** special event and farmers' market applications. Using the risk assessment tool and updated special event procedure, staff inspected **nine** special events that were deemed higher-risk. The special event risk assessment tool from the MOH is currently under review; DRHD will align its processes as necessary once it is finalized.

DRHD continues to collaborate with community partners such as secondary schools and community centres to provide food handler exams and issue certificates. Currently, agreements have been established with **four secondary schools and two community partners** in Durham Region. Staff has marked **254** food handler exams since the beginning of 2023.

Healthy Environments

Air Quality Impacts from Wildfire Smoke

This season's devastating wildfires in Quebec have had far reaching consequences, impacting air quality across many provinces and the United States, including Durham Region. During the wildfires, special air quality statements were issued by ECCC which DRHD shared with community partners responsible for at-risk populations in their care including CCC, LTCH, municipalities, and school boards. Communication updates were provided to community partners and the public through social media posts on a daily basis when forecasted air quality conditions could impact at-risk groups. Information was also developed and posted on the Region's website on the [wildfires and air quality](#) webpage.

Air quality is measured using common air pollutants known to cause health problems and provides an AQHI rating from 1 to 10, depending on the potential health risk of the air pollution level. People with lung disease such as asthma, heart disease, older adults, children, pregnant women and people who work outdoors are at higher risk of experiencing health effects caused by wildfire smoke. The AQHI is a tool that helps us understand our local air quality and what it means to our health; the higher the AQHI, the greater the health risk.

Heat Warning and Information System

DRHD collaborates with ECCC to provide advance notice of extreme heat conditions to municipalities, community partners and the public through the Durham Region HWIS.

Heat alerts are issued when the forecasted conditions include a daytime high of at least 31°C and overnight temperatures of 20°C or greater, or with Humidex values of at least 40 for two or more days. ECCC anticipates higher than normal temperatures this year in Ontario until August.

In May, DRHD hosted a virtual information session for community service agencies and municipalities to provide an overview of how the HWIS works, health impacts of extreme heat, and shared information on heat response planning with a focus on the needs of at-risk populations. The session also included an interactive breakout session that allowed participants to share their concerns and collaborate on ideas of how to protect those at greatest risk of health impacts related to extreme heat.

When heat alert criteria are met, advanced notification is provided to community partners and public notification is provided through social media messaging and website updates. Durham's [extreme heat and humidity](#) webpage includes information on recognizing heat-illness, conducting wellness checks, and low-cost ways to stay cool in a hot indoor setting.

Durham's heat warning notification systems meets the requirements of the [Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline](#) of the OPHS.

Potassium Iodide Tablets

This year's National Emergency Preparedness Week ran from May 7 to 13 with the aim to ensure people are ready for an emergency. DRHD launched its second communication campaign of the year to raise awareness of the availability of KI tablets to anyone living or working within 50 km of either the Pickering or Darlington NGS. The awareness campaign included a news release, radio ads, social media posts, as well as ads at the GO train station, newspapers and on Durham Region Transit buses.

DRHD continues to pre-distribute KI tablets to institutions (LTCH, hospitals, schools, CCC, and youth detention centres) and first responders located within the Detailed Planning Zone which is a 10 km radius around each of the two NGS.

Part 8 OBC (Sewage Systems)

From April to June DRHD conducted the following activities related to Part 8 of the OBC: a total of **71** building permit applications for sewage systems were received; **19** building addition applications were processed; and a total of **23** planning applications were reviewed.

A total of **136** inspections related to sewage system building permits and installations and inspections related to planning applications and activities were conducted. DRHD staff also attend pre-consultation meetings in each municipality regarding planning applications. From April to June, DRHD staff attended or provided comments for **16** pre-consultation meetings. Staff also respond to questions from the public and sewage system installers regarding sewage systems and planning applications.

DRHD initiated the summer maintenance inspections of private sewage systems on properties within 100 m of the Lake Simcoe watershed. The OBC requires that municipalities ensure these are completed on identified properties every 5 years. DRHD is contracted by three northern municipalities to complete these inspections. These inspections ensure that malfunctioning sewage systems are identified, and the sewage systems are repaired/replaced. Malfunctioning sewage systems can negatively impact the health of the lake and put the public who use the lake for recreation and/or a drinking water source at risk.

During this period, the Part 8 team developed a Building Permit checklist and instructions document to assist applicants through the building permit process and minimize additional time required to process permits. This checklist is still in draft form but will be implemented in the coming months. DRHD has also updated its process for completing septic records searches. This new process allows property owners to submit requests through a central email and will improve response times as an increased number of inquiries are being received.

Safe Water

Bathing Beach Monitoring Program

In accordance with the [Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guideline](#) and [Recreational Water Protocol](#), HPD collects bacteriological water samples from public beaches to determine if they are safe for swimming. The beach water results are posted on a weekly basis throughout the season on [durham.ca](#).

Currently, HPD is monitoring and sampling **14** beaches throughout Durham Region on a weekly basis. **Twenty-seven** advisories have been issued to date. In addition, HPD has issued **one** advisory for BGA at a public beach. HPD will continue to monitor and respond to any reports of suspected BGA.

Recreational Water

As of January 1, 2023, several regulatory changes that impact the Recreational Water Program came into effect. Specifically, changes include amendments to [O. Reg 565: Public Pools](#) that exempt spas (whirlpools) under specific circumstances and lowering the age of lifeguards in Ontario from 16 to 15. Lowering the age of lifeguards is intended to help address staffing issues in the aquatic sector and align with the Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certificate Program.

HPD is currently working on an online owner/operator training program for recreational water that will be offered through [durham.ca](#). In the first half of 2023, HPD has conducted **404** recreational water inspections as required by the MOH and issued **28** closure orders due to health hazards. To date, HPD has completed all mandatory recreational water inspection targets.

Thermea Spa Village has re-opened all pools at the facility as of June 9, 2023. The Kalla Pools were ordered to be closed on October 14, 2022, when water sample results confirmed an unacceptable exceedance in bacterial levels. Currently, there is a standing order for the Kalla flotation (magnesium sulfate) pool that imposes additional checks on the owner/operator to ensure levels are maintained in accordance with the regulation and their standard operating procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Healthy Families

Report for April – June 2023

Child & Youth

School Readiness

Early child development is an important determinant of future health. Research shows that brain development in the first three years of life sets the pace for learning behaviour and health throughout life. Numerous studies have established the significant impact of early childhood experiences on long-term outcomes, such as academic achievement, health, and socio-economic success.

A foundation for healthy child development is built through positive, enriching relationships with parents and caregivers and experiences during these early years. To support the healthy growth and development of young children and their families in Durham Region, PHNs have partnered with key community agencies to implement school readiness programming. This programming addresses identified vulnerabilities in child development and promotes positive outcomes. Partners include the EarlyON Centres, Family and Community Action Program, and Carea Community Health Centre.

From January to June 2023, PHNs provided **63** health education sessions to **513** caregivers of children birth to six years of age. These sessions covered various growth and development topics to support readiness for school and beyond.

These sessions are ongoing and will continue to focus on providing caregivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to support their children's optimal development and reduce risk of early childhood vulnerabilities.

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

The HBHC program is a voluntary home visiting program to support at-risk families from the prenatal period up until school entry. PHNs and Family Visitors work in partnership

with families to provide supportive intervention, and to identify and address goals to promote optimal child development and positive parenting.

Durham residents can self refer to the program or be referred by an HCP. Following referral, clients are screened to identify potential risks for compromised parenting and/or healthy growth and development. All individuals that give birth in a hospital are offered screening prior to discharge.

Between April 1 and June 30, **1,022** clients were screened using the HBHC screening tool and of those, **546 (53 percent)** screened with risk. Of those who screened with risk, PHNs were able to reach **351 (64 percent)** by telephone to offer an in-depth assessment. Those not reached by phone were sent a mailout inviting them to call back. Of those clients reached by phone, **138 (39 percent)** accepted this offer. In depth assessments were completed with **125 (91 percent)** clients and of those, **105 (84 percent)** were confirmed with risk and offered referral to the home visiting program. There are currently **330** families actively participating in the home visiting program. Between April 1 to June 15, **655** visits took place with families.

Respectfully submitted,

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Healthy Living

Report for April – June 2023

Healthy Living

Needle Syringe Program

In accordance with the OPHS under the HPPA, DRHD is mandated to fulfill requirements under the [Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Guideline](#). The NSP is included within this mandate to prevent the spread of BBI, like HIV and HCV, in our communities. The distribution of needles/syringes and other drug use supplies has proven to be an effective method in reducing BBIs associated with injection drug use.

The distribution of safer drug use supplies also provides a point of access into health and social services for clients who may not otherwise have access to such services, as well as opportunities for education on safer drug use practices. As per the MOH mandate, NSP services provide or ensure:

- The availability of sterile needles and syringes, as well as safer drug use supplies currently funded and provided through the Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program to individuals who use drugs in the PHU's region.
- The availability of initiatives related to the disposal of used harm reduction supplies.
- Education to clients about the NSP (including fixed satellites and outreach locations) and individuals who use drugs on how to reduce harms associated with drug use.
- Referrals to addiction treatment, other harm reduction services, health and social services (including HIV, HCV, and STI testing, community support and treatment).

Locally, the NSP is administered by JHS. Over the past several years, JHS has routinely achieved an **80 per cent** needle return rate, above the provincial average of **60 per cent** (2019 data). It is important to note, needle return numbers only reflect the number of needles that are returned to JHS for safe disposal. This does not reflect the number of needles that are safely disposed of in other locations such as libraries, restaurants,

pharmacies, shopping malls etc., nor does it consider the number of sterile unused syringes that service users have in their possession.

Over the past few years, there has been a notable shift in clients' preferred mode of delivery from injection to inhalation. While the NSP continues to service approximately the same number of contacts as in previous years, more clients are requesting inhalation equipment instead of syringes. Additionally, client reports indicate a notable trend of people changing their drug of choice to Crystal Meth, which is being smoked, not injected.

From 2019 to 2022, needle distribution and return metrics are as follows:

Year	Needles Distributed	Needles Returned	Return Rate (%)
2019	615,029	508,846	82.7%
2020	493,680	397,053	80.4%
2021	344,989	276,824	80.2%
2022	281,472	222,520	79.1%

As part of the NSP, JHS provides outreach services across Durham Region. Further to this, JHS operates fixed locations, mobile services, and satellite sites to provide region-wide access to supplies and foster return/proper disposal of equipment. Community-based disposal boxes are also strategically placed within Oshawa to increase access to low barrier disposal options.

In 2019, SSD, DRHD and JHS launched the On Point needle collection outreach program in Oshawa. The program operates under three specific project goals:

- Remove needles and other drug paraphernalia from Oshawa parks and public spaces.
- Connect people to services and provide education about disposable options.
- Provide employment experience and life skills support to participants with lived experience of homelessness.

The On Point participants receive supervision, safety kits, and training to assist with the clean up of needles and other drug paraphernalia left being in identified priority parks and green spaces in Oshawa. In addition to training and employment, program participants are also provided with housing outreach services and other community resources to help with a transition to long-term employment.

In 2022, one-time funding was received from the MOH to enhance outreach services for the NSP. The funding is supporting a pilot project for peer outreach services. The peer outreach worker is focusing on street level outreach to provide more links to services, education, and support to those precariously housed or unhoused. Having a program participant with lived and/or living experience is a best practice strategy for engaging people in meaningful conversations around safer use, safer disposal methods as well as access to other health care services, including treatment options.

In spring 2023, an application was submitted to the MOH to extend the peer worker project for an additional year. Additionally, a new satellite site was recently established at North House in Uxbridge and new partnerships have been fostered with Ajax Public Library and Whitby Public Library. The NSP Coordinator presented to the Ajax Public Library Board of Directors on Thursday, May 18, 2023, on harm reduction, including, supervised consumption and treatment sites' benefits and challenges.

Oral Health

To date, in 2023, OHD notes the following achievements, which demonstrate its commitment to improving oral health outcomes and delivering exceptional services to our community. The following highlights provide an overview of our key activities:

Comprehensive Dental Services: The DRHD Dental Clinic provided dental services to **435** HSO clients, **1,467** OSDCP clients through **3,971** appointments, and **81** clients from the OW program. Additionally, services were provided to **131** residents from the Region's LTCH through **141** appointments. These services demonstrate OHD's commitment to supporting diverse client groups and delivering high-quality care.

Dental Benefits Claims: Throughout the reporting period, OHD processed **1,931** dental benefits claims, amounting to **\$501,486** in fees paid. These efforts facilitate the smooth provision of dental care and ensure financial support for those in need.

Dental Care Needs: Through screenings, staff identified **1,198** children in urgent need of dental care and **1,669** children with non-urgent dental needs. These data enable OHD to prioritize resources effectively and address dental care requirements promptly.

Denture Lab: In June 2023, OHD successfully equipped and initiated the use of its state-of-the-art denture lab. This facility enhances OHD's ability to provide comprehensive dental services, resulting in improved outcomes for patients.

Education: In addition to service-oriented activities, OHD actively contributed to the following education and knowledge-sharing initiatives:

- Provided one-day student placements for **77** Dental Assistant and **24** Dental Hygiene students from DC, offering them valuable practical experience.
- Conducted **10** public health education sessions/lectures for students in DC's Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, and Dental Office Reception programs.
- Maintained representation on the DC Dental Program Advisory Committee, fostering collaboration and contributing to the program's continued excellence.

HSO Facilitation: OHD staff successfully navigated **131** clients through the HSO application process, ensuring they could access necessary dental care. This initiative plays a vital role in breaking down barriers to oral health services.

Oral Health Education and Promotion: Staff conducted oral health education sessions for **4,459** students at **25** high-risk schools, equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary for maintaining good oral hygiene. Furthermore, staff provided oral health promotion to **2,375** children and families at **39** events, empowering them to make informed decisions about their oral health.

Oral Health Screenings: Staff conducted a total of **30,581** oral health screenings for children and youth. This encompassed **30,545** screenings at schools and **229** screenings in DRHD's fixed dental clinic. These screenings serve as a vital tool in identifying potential oral health issues at an early stage.

Ontario Works Program Support: Staff provided oral health education and assessments to **40** recipients of OW in collaboration with SSD. This initiative ensures that individuals in need receive appropriate oral health care and support.

Social Media Engagement: To reach a wider audience, OHD effectively utilized social media platforms to promote oral health information and program updates. Through **154** posts, the following was achieved:

- Twitter: **37,597** impressions*
- Facebook: **54,542** impressions*
- Instagram: **57,211** impressions*

*Impressions are the number of times a user was served by a tweet, post or photo in their timelines or search results.

These accomplishments reflect OHD's dedication to improving oral health outcomes and its commitment to education and collaboration. By leveraging resources effectively, DRHD continues to make a positive impact on the oral health of our community.

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017

TEOs have resumed youth test shopper surveillance in the region. All tobacco and vapour product vendors are test shopped during the year by a student under the age of 19 who attempts to purchase products. If the vendor sells tobacco or vapour products to the minor, the operator and owner of the store are subsequently charged with selling or supplying tobacco or vapour products to a person who is less than 19 years old.

From January 1 to July 1, 2023, **352** test shopper inspections for tobacco have been conducted with results indicating a **92 per cent** compliance rate. TEOs have issued **26** charges and **23** warnings for supplying tobacco to minors under the [SFOA](#). A total of **356** compliance inspections for display and promotion were conducted of tobacco retailers and **369** display and promotion compliance inspections were conducted of vapour

product retailers. TEOs have conducted **278** test shopper inspections of vapour products and have issued **seven** charges and **three** warning letters.

TEOs have been responding to a significant number of complaints and concerns regarding vaping by students within schools and on school property. To date, TEOs have investigated **128** complaints, issued **78** warnings and **13** charges to students vaping on school property.

The [Regional Smoking and Vaping By-law](#) has been in effect since June 24, 2019. The by-law expands the number of public places and workplaces in the region where smoking or vaping of any substance, including cannabis, is prohibited. Prohibited places include hookah and vape lounges, any public park and 20 m beyond the park, post-secondary campuses, and any municipal building and the property around it. TEOs continue to enforce the by-law within prohibited facilities and have issued **13** charges this year.

SVS and tobacconist stores have increased from **13** stores in 2019 to **70** stores in 2023 (**66** SVS and **four** tobacconist stores). Over the last three years, there has been an influx of convenience stores opening SVS within their current store location allowing them to sell flavoured vapour products. This resulted in **30** smaller kiosk SVS operating in conjunction with a convenience store.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Kavine Thangaraj
Director, Population Health Division
Chief Nursing Officer

Original signed by

Lisa Fortuna
Director, Health Protection Division



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Infectious Diseases

Report for April – June 2023

Immunization

COVID-19 Spring Booster Campaign

On April 6, 2023, the MOH provided new COVID-19 vaccine guidance recommending that high-risk groups to receive a COVID-19 booster dose during the spring. High-risk groups included: individuals 65 years and older; residents of LTCH, RH, elder care lodges and other CLS for seniors; individuals 18 years and older living in CLS for people with complex medical care needs; pregnant individuals; individuals 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised; and individuals aged 55 and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis and their non-Indigenous household members aged 55 years and older.

Due to the continued circulation of COVID-19 variants, it remains important for everyone to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended booster doses as they help to build back protection against severe disease that wanes over time. To date, almost half (**47 per cent**) of local residents have completed their COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received a booster.

Between April and June 2023, **5,057** COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered to local residents through DRHD-led community immunization clinics and the homebound program which supports residents unable to leave home due to medical, physical, cognitive or psychosocial conditions. A total of **68** community clinics were held across Durham Region in convenient and accessible locations, including **27** pop-up clinics in identified priority areas.

In addition, DRHD collaborated with community partners to support priority populations, including LTCH, RH, international agriculture workers, CLS, and Indigenous groups to raise awareness of the spring booster dose recommendations and support access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

DRHD will continue efforts to support high-risk groups and eligible populations in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and recommended boosters, to reduce the risk and protect against severe COVID-19 infection.

Infectious Diseases Prevention & Control

Child Care Centres

Between April to June, **75** inspections were completed in CCC. The Child Care IPAC module is finalized and set to launch in the next few months.

Diseases of Public Health Significance

Between April to June, **237** cases of DPHS were reported to HPD. These include in descending order: cyclosporiasis (**73**), influenza (**62**), salmonella (**34**), campylobacter (**18**), LD (**14**), giardiasis (**8**), hepatitis A (**4**), shigellosis (**4**), blastomycosis (**2**), typhoid fever (**3**), amebiasis (**3**), Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (**2**), legionellosis (**5**), yersinosis (**2**), and **one** each of listeriosis, paratyphoid fever, and verotoxin-producing *E.coli*.

DHRD is also investigating a cyclosporiasis outbreak linked to a restaurant in Ajax. This outbreak investigation has engaged our partners: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Public Health Agency of Canada, and PHO. Celery from Mexico is the suspected source. There is no current concern from any other celery as the celery season is over in Mexico.

Infection Prevention & Control Lapses

There were **five** IPAC lapse investigations. Three lapses involved cleaning and disinfection in PSS and all items were corrected. Two lapses related to referrals to HPD. Facilities involved included two health clinics. Upon investigation, no issues were found, and no referrals were made to regulatory colleges.

Mpox (formerly known as Monkeypox)

On June 16, 2022, mpox was designated a DPHS under the HPPA. When a suspect or probable case of mpox is reported to DRHD, PHNs initiate case and contact management. Case management includes phoning the case to advise to self-isolate, recommending testing, providing health education, and investigating if further individuals (close contacts) require follow-up. Between May 2022 and May 2023, DRHD completed a total of **49** mpox investigations which resulted in **12** confirmed cases. A total of **15** contacts were identified and follow up was completed.

Imvamune® is a two-dose vaccine series authorized by Health Canada for active immunization against smallpox, mpox, and related orthopoxviral infections in adults 18 years of age and older. Between May 2022 and May 2023, DRHD administered **18** doses of Imvamune® vaccines to high-risk contacts as post-exposure prophylaxis. DRHD held **22** immunization clinics offering Imvamune® vaccines and provided **433** doses to eligible

individuals as pre-exposure vaccination. An additional **66** doses were provided through DRHD sexual health clinics.

DRHD's mpox webpage (durham.ca/mpox) was created to provide information to residents and HCPs including fact sheets, self-isolation instructions and eligibility criteria for vaccination.

Outbreak Summary

Between April to June, **75** outbreak investigations were conducted; **36** of these were COVID-19 (**11** LTCH, **21** RH, **seven** hospitals, **five** CLS). The other **39** outbreaks were respiratory (**17**) and enteric (**22**). The number of outbreaks by type of facility is: **16** in LTCH, **four** in RH, **two** in hospitals and **16** enteric in CCC. Some confirmed causative agents identified included: coronavirus (non-COVID-19), enterovirus, influenza A, metapneumovirus, norovirus, parainfluenza, rhinovirus, rotavirus, and respiratory syncytial virus. There was also one community enteric outbreak from a private event.

Personal Services Settings

Between April to June, **165** inspections were completed in PSS. Common infractions included improper cleaning and disinfection, single use items not discarded after use, and items not in good repair.

Rabies Prevention & Control

From April 1 to June 30, DRHD investigated **406** animal bite reports which is a slight increase from **383** reports investigated for the same time period in 2022. During this time period, DRHD provided **34** local residents with anti-rabies treatment.

A total of **four** animals were submitted for testing during this time and none were positive for rabies.

From April 1 to June 30, DRHD issued **one** charge to an animal owner for failing to immunize their pets against rabies, pursuant to the [O. Reg 567: Rabies Immunization](#).

On May 1, 2023, DRHD recognized Rabies Awareness Month with a news release and social media messaging. The news release reminded the public to vaccinate their pets against rabies, to avoid exposure to rabies and promoted a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic in Pickering. Social media messaging was posted throughout the months of May and June, reminding local residents to stay away from wild animals.

Vector-Borne Diseases

The WNV prevention and control program began its seasonal activities in late May 2023. The program includes weekly surveillance of potential breeding sites for WNV vector mosquitoes which has resulted in **1,624** site visits resulting in **97** larvicide treatments. The first of three rounds of scheduled regional roadside catch basin larviciding was completed

on June 16, 2023. A total of **95,229** roadside catch basins have been treated as of June 30, 2023. In addition, **88** private back yard catch basins and **440** catch basins on regionally owned properties were also treated. The adult mosquito trapping activity has resulted in a total of **1,728** mosquitoes being captured, resulting in **151** pools of mosquito tested and so far, no positive mosquito trap sites have been identified. At this time, there have not been any human cases of WNV reported in the region.

DRHD is no longer identifying ticks found in the community. Local residents can have ticks identified by submitting a photo to eTick.ca which is a free online service where professionals identify ticks using photographs sent in by members of the public.

This year, **15** human cases of LD have been confirmed involving local residents. Communication will continue to be sent out to stakeholders throughout the season, including regular media releases, a variety of social media messaging on various platforms, as well as a weekly summary report of WNV mosquito testing results in the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Kavine Thangaraj
Director, Population Health Division
Chief Nursing Officer

Original signed by

Lisa Fortuna
Director, Health Protection Division



Paramedic Services

Report for April – June 2023

Administration

Following an internal competition process, RDPS promoted Penny Legge to Commander of Operations Support beginning May 5. In June, RDPS worked with Human Resources, Corporate Services Department, to complete a selection process for the newly created position of Disability Management Specialist. The successful candidate in this search was Kori Booth who will be responsible for all RDPS claims both occupational and non-occupational.

Currently, RDPS is in the final phase of hiring a FT Program Assistant with an expected start date in September.

Community Paramedicine

PCOP expanded treatment protocols to include anti-psychotic injections, medication assist, medication prompt and additional intravenous/intramuscular antibiotics for wound care. The team expanded to two trucks, each consisting of a paramedic and a social worker, working 10 hours a day, seven days a week as of May 7.

Logistics

RDPS received **three** ambulances earlier this year from its 2022 order and they have been placed into service. There are **seven** ambulances outstanding, which are expected to arrive in the coming months. **Fifteen** ambulances have been ordered in 2023 with expected delivery in 2024 due to supply chain challenges.

The Logistics Team has taken ownership of the station ordering for all bases in the core. This has worked well, and plans are in place to roll this process out to all the remaining bases by the end of 2023.

Linda Carter, Logistics Coordinator retired from RDPS in April 2023 after a long and successful career with the team. Bryan Thuot and Mathew Vickers have taken on the responsibility of filling this role in the interim until it is filled on a permanent basis.

RDPS started the transition to the new PSRN. All trucks should have the new radio system by the end of July 2023. The MOH and its contractors have started electrical work at RDPS bases to begin upgrading the base infrastructure to support the new PSRN system.

Operations

RDPS adjusted start time by 30 min on select vehicles to mitigate end of shift overtime. The Fit2Sit program is showing an average of 9 minutes for transfer of care time for patients who are suitable for the waiting room. To enhance coverage, RDPS added two 12-hour vehicles on June 18.

Michael Artibello and Chris Ratcliffe were successful in the FT Superintendent competition and the RDPS management team will be joined by Mathew White and Keith Robinson in an acting capacity during the month of July to promote succession planning and accommodate vacation requests for regular Superintendent staff.

Quality & Development

RDPS concluded the hiring and orientation of **37** new paramedics. For the first time, orientation included 9 hours of driver training, 6 hours of one-on-one time with a facilitator and 3 hours of a group skid pad exercise.

Other mentionable training is the ongoing Primary Care Paramedic autonomous intravenous training in collaboration with the Central East Prehospital Care Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Troy Cheseboro
Chief/ Director



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June 26, 2023

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RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 19, 2023 in support of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding reducing municipal insurance costs:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding *Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs*;

AND THAT: Staff be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy – Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Matthew Rae – Perth-Wellington MPP, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Cline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 2, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-05-02- 323

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: M. Martin

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Correspondence from City of Owen Sound, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Town of Cobourg regarding 'Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried



Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

Committee Chair's Signature



The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 161-23

Title: Item C - Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

CARRIED

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**
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Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

July 25, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
 Northumberland - Peterborough South
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Legislative Amendments to Improve
Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement’**

At a meeting held on July 19, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-07-19-482 adopting the below recommendation from the July 4, 2023 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Jibb
Seconded by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Quinte West and Township of Bonfield regarding 'Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Council Resolution # 2023-07-19-482

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By S. Dibb

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Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-07-19 482

Seconded By L. Cleveland

Council Date: July 19, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held July 4 and 5, 2023), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
 			

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried *Danley*
Warden's Signature

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Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Community Health – July 6, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for July 31, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Corporate Support Committee – July 4, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	<p>Correspondence, 'Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Mississippi Hills • Town of Newmarket • Town of Puslinch • Township of Matachewan 	Open	<p>Receive for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the June 21, 2023 County Council meeting
7.b	<p>Correspondence, Municipality of Mississippi Hills 'Oath of Office'</p>	Open	<p>Receive for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 County Council meeting.
7.c	<p>Correspondence, City of Quinte West, Township of Bonfield 'Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement'</p>	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the correspondence. - Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario.
8. a	<p>Report 2023-077, Corporate Services 'Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Revision'</p>	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the revised Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee (NAAC) Terms of Reference. - Appoint a Member of Northumberland County Council to the NAAC for the 2022-2026 Term of Council at the July 19, 2023 County Council meeting.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Corporate Support Committee – June 6, 2023
(Continued)

Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
8.b	Report 2023 078, Communications 'Grant Activity Biannual Report July 2023'	Open	Receive for information.
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.b) and (2.d) in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations [Special Purposes Pay for identifiable employees as per Northumberland County Human Resources Compensation Policy 4.3.7 (Corporate Services)]	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations [Special Purposes Pay for identifiable employees as per Northumberland County Human Resources Compensation Policy 4.3.7 (Corporate Services)]

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Economic Development, Tourism & Planning – July 5, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for August 2, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Finance & Audit – July 4, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, 'Municipal Insurance Costs' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Mississippi Mills • Township of Limerick • Township of South Glengarry 	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 Council meeting.
7.b	Correspondence, Municipality of Mississippi Mills 'Rural Education Funding'	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 Council meeting and subsequently received for information.
8.a	Report 2023-080 Finance 'May 2023 Year to Date Financial Results'	Open	Receive for information.
8.b	Report 2023-081, Finance 'Long term Financial Planning Framework, 2024 Budget Process, Schedule and Levy Considerations'	Open	- Provide direction to staff on target base levy increases of 4% for 2024, 4% for 2025 and 4% for 2026 budget years based on estimated impacts of 6.63%, 4.92%, and 4.92% respectively from a blended operating and capital inflation factor. - Provide direction to staff on a target base levy increase of 4% for the 2027-2033 long term forecast. - Approve a target dedicated infrastructure levy for the 2024 to 2026 budget years proposed by staff to be calculated based on 3% of the prior year total levy and 4% in each year of the 2027 to 2033 long term forecast based on the prior year total estimated levy towards reducing the infrastructure deficit.
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Public Works – July 6, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for July 31, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Social Services – July 5, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, Township of Clearview 'Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic'	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter at the April 12, 2023 and June 21, 2023 Council meetings and subsequently received for information.
7.b	Correspondence, City of Quinte West 'Renovictions'	Open	Receive for information.
7.c	Correspondence, Town of Perry Sound 'Additional Resources to Combat Opioid, Mental Health and Homelessness'	Open	Receive for information
10.a	Report 2023-083 'Caseworker Staffing Requests'	Open	- Approve an increase to the Community and Social Services staffing compliment by two Caseworker positions.
10.b	Report 2023-084, 'Municipal Housing Facilities By law 152 Cockburn Street, Campbellford'	Open	- Enact a Municipal Housing Facilities By-law identifying 152 Cockburn Street, Campbellford as a Municipal Housing Facility, as per the executed contribution agreement between Northumberland County and the Northumberland County Housing Corporation.
10.c	Report 2023-085 'Community Housing Master Plan and NCHC Strategic Asset Management Plan' -Presentation	Open	- Approve the Community Housing Master Plan. - Receive the NCHC Asset Management Plan for information and direct staff to include the NCHC Asset Management Plan to the forthcoming County Asset Management Plan.
11.a	Northumberland County Housing Corporation - Meeting Minutes	Open	Receive for information.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Social Services – July 5, 2023			
(Continued)			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(d.) in order to address matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations (Community and Social Services).	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Community and Social Services).
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.k), (2.e) and (2.h) in order to address matters pertaining to confidential negotiations (Community and Social Services), litigation or potential litigation, and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding.	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to confidential negotiations, litigation or potential litigation, and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding (Community and Social Services).

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: July 4, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.c

Resolution Number: 2023-07-04- 452

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: S. Jibb

Council Meeting Date: July 19, 2023

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Quinte West and Township of Bonfield regarding 'Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried _____



Committee Chair's Signature

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June 19, 2023

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

RE: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on June 14, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 23-266 – Notice of Motion – Councillor Sharpe - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor Card

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

And whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

And whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

And whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

And whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

And whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

And whereas the Councillors Freeman, Reid, Sharpe and Stedall support the “Women of Ontario Say No” and their effort to get this legislation passed;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

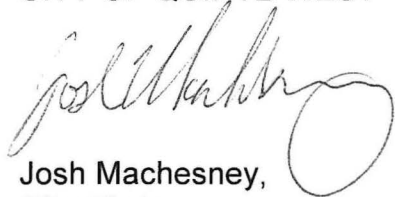
Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc:

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Ontario Big City Mayor’s motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement; AND THAT federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account; AND THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 16 of the Township of Bonfield’s Regular Council Meeting of June 13th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



OBCM Motion on Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

AND WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

AND WHEREAS, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

AND WHEREAS, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

AND WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) support the efforts of MPP Stephen Blais who has introduced the Private Members Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which has been endorsed by a number of OBCM member councils;

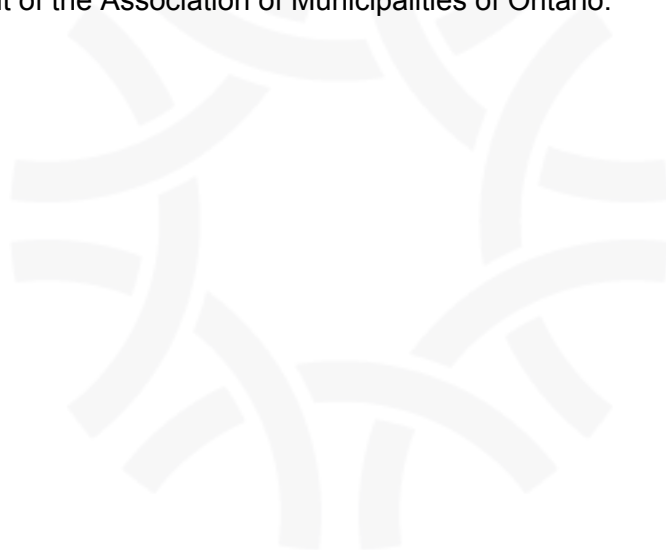
AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS we believe that municipal elected officials should be held to account in this way, we also believe that federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. OBCM supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments or in the alternative, OBCM supports the province ordering Bill 5 for second reading to expedite this matter;
2. **AND THAT** legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:
 - a. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
 - b. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic

- and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- c. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
 - d. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
 - e. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.
3. **AND THAT** OBCM requests that municipalities and their respective Integrity Commissioners be consulted on the development of any regulations related to the proposed legislation;
4. **AND THAT** this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti the, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pierce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, and Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

R. Purnwasie, Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach*
D. Campbell*, Vice Chair
W. Henshall*
Councillor McDougall*
J. McEwen*
R. Purnwasie*, Chair
*** denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Blum
L. Houston, Community Care Durham
S. Sones

Staff

Present: M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, March 28, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **Presentations**

A) Patricia Hines, Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, re: Region of Durham Census

Patricia Hines, Manager of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Region of Durham staff Census.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Objectives of the Workforce Census
- How the Survey was administered
- Response Rate (Regular Full-Time and Part-Time)
- Age
- Disability
- Indigeneity & Racial Identity
- Years of Service
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion / Faith
- Next Steps

P. Hines responded to questions with regards to the response rate for Durham Region employees in relation to other municipalities; Indigeneity and racial identity findings in relation to Regional demographics; the action plan following the census; how the employee years of service influences the recommendations; and how the aging demographic of employees will affect hiring practices for the future.

B) Allison Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, re: LEAD (Leading, Equitable and Accessible Delivery)

Allison Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to LEAD (Leading, Equitable and Accessible Delivery).

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Region of Durham LEAD Improvement Plan
- LEAD Objectives
- LEAD Themes

Action Plans for each of the following ten themes:

- Leadership
- Governance & Structure
- Strategy
- Financial
- Supplier & Partnerships
- People Resources
 - Workforce Development
 - Training
 - Accommodations & Recognition
- Programs & Services
- Communication & Marketing
- Facility Support
- Digital Technology

A. Hector-Alexander responded to questions with regards to the rating scale for each category; and whether the vendor list is approved or created through procurement. Members requested that all presentations PowerPoint decks would be provided in accessible formats prior to the meetings in accordance with accessibility best practices.

A. Hector-Alexander advised she would share the PowerPoint presentation with Committee members. She stated that Committee members can provide guidance with the LEAD improvement plan by collaborating with individuals and promoting the plan.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:25 PM and reconvened at 2:33 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of A. Blum, L. Houston, and S. Sones.

5. Discussion Items

A) National Volunteer Week

Councillor McDougall thanked Committee members for volunteering to be part of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and their role in the community.

B) Terms of Reference Review

The Durham Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

K. Wall advised that there are currently two vacancies for the Accessibility Advisory Committee and asked whether Committee members wanted to defer consideration of the Terms of Reference to the September meeting, as the vacancies may be filled at that time.

It was the consensus of the Committee to defer consideration of the Terms of Reference to the September 26, 2023 meeting.

C) Metrolinx GO Update

J. McEwen advised that Metrolinx held a virtual Public Information Centre on the EA Addendum and that the next step is to allow for the public to review the document and provide comments to the Minister.

D) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance and Future Progress Timeline in Ontario

K. Wall advised that the AODA compliance and future progress timeline in Ontario must be considered when preparing the 2022 Durham Region Accessibility Report to highlight where the Region currently is with respect to accessibility and future steps to meet the 2025 deadline for compliance.

Further discussion on this item will take place at the July 14, 2023 Education Sub-Committee meeting.

E) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued with regards to the current Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting schedule; changing the time block for calendar invites; potentially moving the date of the meetings; and whether the meetings should be held in-person, virtually or in a hybrid format.

It was the consensus of the Committee to further discuss the meeting schedule at the September 26, 2023 meeting.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

K. Wall advised that the next Education Sub-Committee meeting will take place on July 14, 2023.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

J. McEwen advised that he attended his first meeting on May 16, 2023 and that there were no updates to provide from the meeting.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

K. Wall provided the following update:

- A sign located at the entrance of the lower-level south doors at Regional Headquarters has been posted to assist guests in finding areas upon entry to the building. The feedback from the AAC was incorporated into the design of the sign.
- The Durham Standard – A Standard for Regional Municipality of Durham Facility Construction and Renovation Projects was adopted by Regional Council at the April 26, 2023 meeting and Jacek Sochacki, Project Manager, Asset Management, Planning and Sustainability will be providing an overview of the design guideline at the September 26, 2023 meeting.
- She was contacted by a community member regarding the “Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme” to propose the use of a disability sunflower lanyard, pin, or ribbon by people with invisible disabilities when using public transit, in order to help Durham Region Transit drivers and other riders know they have a disability. Will provide more information to the members via email for their feedback.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

A) Bill C-22: Canada Disability Benefit

J. McEwen advised that Bill C-22: Canada Disability Benefit was passed by Parliament on June 20, 2023 and will take approximately one-year to come into full force and effect.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by A. Beach,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R. Purnwasie, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk