



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2017-INFO-69  
Date: June 16, 2017

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**Subject:**

LEED® Gold Certification Achieved for Fairview Lodge Long Term Care Facility in the Town of Whitby

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**Recommendations:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides the results of the LEED® certification process for the new Fairview Lodge Long Term Care Facility in the Town of Whitby.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) currently designs new buildings and facility retrofits utilizing the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Energy Standard 90.1 2007 and Design of High-Performance Green Buildings except Low-Rise Residential Buildings Standard 189.1-2011, along with other ASHRAE standards related to building commissioning and operations. These standards are listed as potential references to achieve compliance to the prerequisite conditions for the Energy and Atmosphere program requirement of LEED® certification. By adhering to the ASHRAE standards, the Region maintains equivalency to the LEED® Silver level of certification.

- 2.2 The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (Ministry) imposed requirements for green building standards on the design and construction of the new Fairview Lodge Long Term Care Facility. As a minimum, the Ministry required the Region to attain LEED® certification (basic). If LEED® Silver certification was achieved at this new facility, additional per diem financing would be provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The original funding agreement indicated that the per diem rate per bed for a facility achieving the LEED® basic certification was \$13.30, compared to \$14.30 per diem per bed available if the facility achieved a LEED® Silver rating.
- 2.3 The lifecycle cost analysis compared to the upfront cost capital costs to achieve full LEED® Silver certification supported the upgraded design requirements, which were included in base design for this facility.

### **3. LEED® Certification**

- 3.1 Upon completion of the construction and commissioning of the new Fairview Lodge Long Term Care Facility, MMMC Architects, the project consultant, submitted the necessary paperwork and application to the Canada Green Building Council for evaluation and scoring.
- 3.2 The points required to achieve each rating offered in LEED® certification are:
- a) Certified: 26-32 points
  - b) Silver: 33-38 points
  - c) Gold: 39-51 points
  - d) Platinum: 52+ points
- 3.3 The new Fairview Lodge Long Term Care Facility achieved a total of 40 points as per the LEED® Canada – NC 1.0 Green Building Rating System (Attachment 1), resulting in a rating of Gold for this facility.
- 3.4 There is no additional per diem associated with achieving LEED Gold certification.

**4. Attachments**

Attachment #1: LEED ® Canada NC 1.0 Scorecard for Fairview Lodge Long  
Term Care Facility

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works

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Dr. Hugh Drouin  
Commissioner of Social Services



Building with purpose

# LEED® Canada - NC 1.0

GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEM

Fairview Lodge Long-Term Care Home

CaGBC Project # 13752

June 7, 2017

<b>40</b> Points Achieved	<b>Gold Rating Achieved</b>	Possible Points: <b>70</b>
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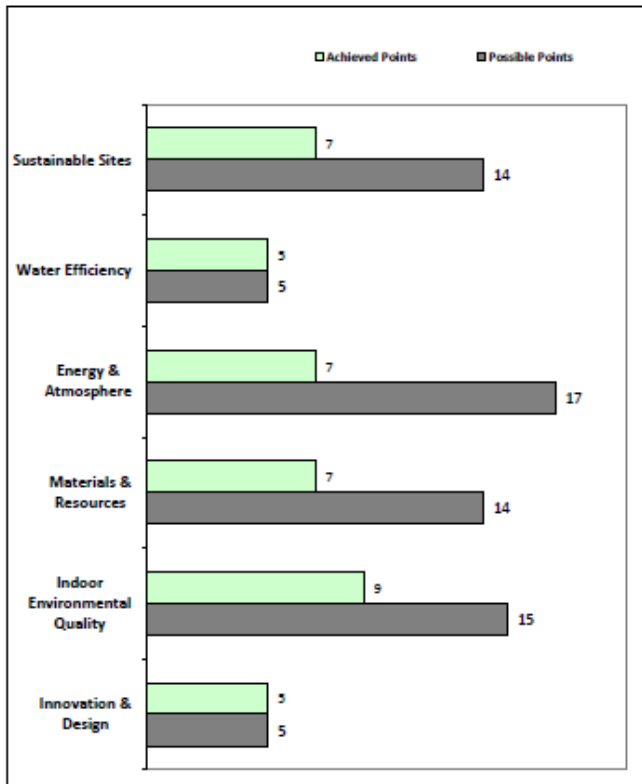
Certified 26-32 points Silver 33-38 points Gold 39-51 points Platinum 52-70 points

7	Sustainable Sites	Possible Points	14
Y	Prereq 1 Erosion & Sedimentation Control		Required
1	Credit 1 Site Selection	1	
	Credit 2 Development Density	1	
	Credit 3 Redevelopment of Contaminated Site	1	
1	Credit 4.1 Alternative Transportation, Public Transportation Access	1	
1	Credit 4.2 Alternative Transportation, Bicycle Storage & Changing Rooms	1	
	Credit 4.3 Alternative Transportation, Alternative Fuel Vehicles	1	
	Credit 4.4 Alternative Transportation, Parking Capacity	1	
	Credit 5.1 Reduced Site Disturbance, Protect or Restore Open Space	1	
1	Credit 5.2 Reduced Site Disturbance, Development Footprint	1	
	Credit 6.1 Stormwater Management, Rate and Quantity	1	
1	Credit 6.2 Stormwater Management, Treatment	1	
	Credit 7.1 Heat Island Effect, Non-Roof	1	
1	Credit 7.2 Heat Island Effect, Roof	1	
1	Credit 8 Light Pollution Reduction	1	

5	Water Efficiency	Possible Points	5
1	Credit 1.1 Water Efficient Landscaping, Reduce by 50%	1	
1	Credit 1.2 Water Efficient Landscaping, No Potable Use or No Irrigation	1	
1	Credit 2 Innovative Wastewater Technologies	1	
1	Credit 3.1 Water Use Reduction, 20% Reduction	1	
1	Credit 3.2 Water Use Reduction, 30% Reduction	1	

7	Energy & Atmosphere	Possible Points	17
Y	Prereq 1 Fundamental Building Systems Commissioning		Required
Y	Prereq 2 Minimum Energy Performance		Required
Y	Prereq 3 CFC Reduction in HVAC&R Equipment		Required
5	Credit 1 Optimize Energy Performance	1 to 10	
	Credit 2.1 Renewable Energy, 5%	1	
	Credit 2.2 Renewable Energy, 10%	1	
	Credit 2.3 Renewable Energy, 20%	1	
1	Credit 3 Best Practice Commissioning	1	
1	Credit 4 Ozone Protection	1	
	Credit 5 Measurement & Verification	1	
	Credit 6 Green Power	1	

7	Materials & Resources	Possible Points	14
Y	Prereq 1 Storage & Collection of Recyclables		Required
	Credit 1.1 Building Reuse: Maintain 75% of Existing Walls, Floors, & Roof	1	
	Credit 1.2 Building Reuse: Maintain 95% of Existing Walls, Floors, & Roof	1	
	Credit 1.3 Building Reuse: Maintain 50% of Interior Non-Structural Elements	1	
1	Credit 2.1 Construction Waste Management: Divert 50% from Landfill	1	
1	Credit 2.2 Construction Waste Management: Divert 75% from Landfill	1	
	Credit 3.1 Resource Reuse: 5%	1	
	Credit 3.2 Resource Reuse: 10%	1	
1	Credit 4.1 Recycled Content: 7.5% (post-consumer + 1/3 post-industrial)	1	
1	Credit 4.2 Recycled Content: 15% (post-consumer + 1/3 post-industrial)	1	
1	Credit 5.1 Regional Materials: 10% Extracted & Manufactured Regionally	1	
1	Credit 5.2 Regional Materials: 20% Extracted & Manufactured Regionally	1	
	Credit 6 Rapidly Renewable Materials	1	
1	Credit 7 Certified Wood	1	
	Credit 8 Durable Building	1	



9	Indoor Environmental Quality	Possible Points	15
Y	Prereq 1 Minimum IAQ Performance		Required
Y	Prereq 2 Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control		Required
	Credit 1 Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Monitoring	1	
	Credit 2 Ventilation Effectiveness	1	
1	Credit 3.1 Construction IAQ Management Plan: During Construction	1	
1	Credit 3.2 Construction IAQ Management Plan: Testing Before Occupancy	1	
1	Credit 4.1 Low-Emitting Materials: Adhesives & Sealants	1	
1	Credit 4.2 Low-Emitting Materials: Paints and Coating	1	
1	Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials: Carpet	1	
1	Credit 4.4 Low-Emitting Materials: Composite Wood & Laminate Adhesives	1	
	Credit 5 Indoor Chemical & Pollutant Source Control	1	
	Credit 6.1 Controllability of Systems: Perimeter Spaces	1	
	Credit 6.2 Controllability of Systems: Non-Perimeter Spaces	1	
1	Credit 7.1 Thermal Comfort: Compliance with ASHRAE 55-2004	1	
	Credit 7.2 Thermal Comfort: Monitoring	1	
	Credit 8.1 Daylight & Views: Daylight 75% of Spaces	1	
1	Credit 8.2 Daylight & Views: Views 90% of Spaces	1	

5	Innovation & Design Process	Possible Points	5
1	Credit 1.1 Innovation in Design: Reduced Mercury in Lamps	1	
1	Credit 1.2 Innovation in Design: Integrated Pest Management	1	
1	Credit 1.3 Innovation in Design: Exemplary Performance: Water Use Reduction	1	
1	Credit 1.4 Innovation in Design: Green Cleaning Program	1	
1	Credit 2 LEED® Accredited Professional	1	



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioners of Finance and Works  
Report: #2017-INFO-70  
Date: June 16, 2017

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### **Subject:**

Update on Energy and Water Usage Benchmarking Initiatives and Region of Durham Submission to the Ministry of Energy for *Ontario Regulation 397/11*, 'Requirements for Energy Conservation Plans from Public Agencies' for the 2015 Reporting Year

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### **Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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### **Report:**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 This report provides an update regarding the implementation of the Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking (EWRB) Initiative regulatory requirement for large commercial, multi-unit residential and some industrial buildings (i.e. warehouses) of 50,000 square feet (sf) or more. To meet the Ministry of Energy's requirements, the Region will be required to provide building water usage data to reporting entities
- 1.2 This report also provides an overview regarding the Region's submission to the Ministry of Energy for energy usage for the 2015 reporting year. The energy usage and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission data for Regional facilities is to be submitted in accordance with the Ministry's reporting template as required by *Ontario Regulation 397/11* under the *Green Energy Act, 2009* and is due July 1, 2017.

#### **2. Energy and Water Usage Benchmarking Requirements under Ontario Regulation 20/17**

- 2.1 On October 28, 2015, the Province introduced *Bill 135, Energy Statute Law Amendment Act, 2016*, which sought to amend and/or revoke a number of statutes and regulations pertaining to energy conservation and long-term planning. Among the proposed amendments were changes to the *Green Energy Act, 2009* which would allow for the possible implementation of an energy and water usage reporting and benchmarking regulation for prescribed facilities and/or operations in Ontario.

- 2.2 On February 25, 2016, the Province released its proposal to implement a regulatory requirement for energy and water usage reporting for large buildings in Ontario. The proposed Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking (EWRB) initiative, as initially proposed in EBR Posting #012-6904, would require building/property owners to report energy and water usage annually as well as GHG emissions and building characteristics (e.g. gross floor area).
- 2.3 Following public consultation and further review by the Province, Ontario Regulation 20/17, *Reporting of Energy Consumption and Water Use* was filed on February 6, 2017. The regulation, which will come into force on July 1, 2017, outlines the requirements for building owners and utilities for compliance with the EWRB initiative. The regulation has been enabled by the *Energy Statute Law Amendment Act, 2016*, which included amendments to the *Green Energy Act, 2009* and came into force on July 1, 2016.
- 2.4 Elements of the EWRB initiative include, but are not limited to:
- Reporting facilities will consist mainly of privately-owned buildings that are 50,000 sf or more, including commercial, multi-unit residential (greater than 10 units) and some industrial buildings such as warehouses and industrial condominiums (most other industrial functions including, but not limited to, manufacturing facilities and all agricultural facilities, government and government agency and publicly-owned buildings, as well as data centers will not be required to report);
  - Reporting facilities will be required to report annually on building details and energy (i.e. electricity, natural gas), water and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission data to the Ministry of Energy. Annual reporting will be for prior year energy usage and emissions data;
  - Building owners will be required to use the web-based ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager for annual reporting of data. Reporting requirements will be phased-in over a period of three years, with first compliance date for July 1, 2018 (requirements for commercial/industrial and multi-residential vary over the three years by type and size, with full implementation of all building types 50,000 sf or more by July 1, 2020);
  - Buildings that are 100,000 sf or more require data verification through an accredited or certified professional for the first reporting year and every five years thereafter. Data verification through an accredited or certified professional for buildings that are 50,000 to 100,000 sf can be undertaken but is voluntary;
  - Electricity, natural gas and water utilities will be required to make whole-building usage data available to building owners or their designated representatives for the purposes of complying with the regulation; and



- The Ministry intends to publicly disclose a data subset reported by building owner on the Province's Ontario's Open Data website on an annual basis. The Ministry will also develop and release summary reports outlining key findings from data collected under the EWRB.

### **3. Overview of Regional Implications of Proposed Energy and Water Reporting and Benchmarking Regulatory Requirement**

- 3.1 The Region currently reports energy usage, including electricity, natural gas and fuel oil, for the majority of Regional facilities through *Ontario Regulation 397/11*. However, government and government agency-owned buildings are not required to report as part of the EWRB initiative and thus the Region will not be required to report.
- 3.2 However, the Province has noted that electricity, natural gas and water utilities would be required to provide reporting entities with whole building, consolidated information upon request to allow for reporting. Given this, the Region must determine what form of consolidated water consumption data will be required while also determining the number of potential end-use customers (reporting entities) within the Region that this may apply to.
- 3.3 Given this, it is anticipated there will be additional administrative requirements by the Region, including the potential for additional data collection requirements and related costs, as it relates to supplying usage data to reporting entities in a format that is deemed appropriate for benchmarking purposes. Regional staff is evaluating what additional data delivery processes, time and costs may be associated with required as it relates to water consumption accounts and associated usage data and further clarity will be required regarding the potential for cost-recovery where collection and delivery of data and information falls outside the normal course of Regional operations/functions.

### **4. Submission to the Province for the 2015 Reporting Year Under Ontario Regulation 397/11**

- 4.1 Beginning July 1, 2013, public agencies, including municipalities, municipal service boards, public hospitals, school boards, and post-secondary educational institutions, were required to report on their annual energy usage and GHG emissions for designated facilities as required by *Ontario Regulation 397/11* under the *Green Energy Act, 2009*.
- 4.2 The regulation also required the development and implementation of an Energy Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan. The Region's CDM Plan, which outlines goals and objectives related to energy conservation across Regional operational areas, was endorsed by Regional Council through Report #2014-J-17. For 2017, the Region is required to submit its annual energy usage data for the 2015 reporting year in accordance with the Ministry of Energy's reporting template by July 1, 2017.

- 4.3 Similar to previous reporting years, energy usage reporting has been completed in accordance with the Ministry's prescribed template. The template provides facility information including building and operational characteristics, annual energy usage by source (i.e. electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, etc.) and associated GHG emissions. Reporting excludes energy consumption related to temporary back-up generation or emergency uses.
- 4.4 Reporting for the July 1, 2017 compliance date is based on 2015 data and the template includes information on almost 100 individual end-use accounts/locations (energy use types may vary). Amendments to the regulation in 2015 resulted in the exclusion of water supply and sanitary sewer pumping station usage from annual reporting requirements given the inability to effectively benchmark such facilities, but the list of reported facilities still represents a large majority of Regional operations and related energy usage. However, the Ministry still encourages energy reporting of facilities beyond those classified as designated under the regulation, where possible.
- 4.5 For the Region's 2015 energy usage reporting submission, over 158 million kWh of electricity metered consumption is reported for Regional facilities (leased or owned), which represents almost 89 per cent of the Region's total electricity consumption for 2015.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, over 7.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas consumption has been reported, which represents over 93 per cent of the Region's total estimated 2015 natural gas consumption.<sup>2</sup> The template also reports 0.62 million litres of fuel oil usage associated with Duffin Creek WPCP incineration operations.
- 4.6 Consistent with annual energy usage reporting for prior years and the Region's CDM Plan, Duffin Creek WPCP energy usage is reported for the facility as a whole, inclusive of York Region's share of consumption based on proportion of operating costs. For 2015, Duffin Creek WPCP represented 35 per cent and 24 per cent of total Regional electricity and natural gas invoiced consumption, respectively. As the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) utility invoicing is received by the design-build-operator (DBO) contractor Covanta Durham York Renewable Energy Ltd., and the facility is classified as a solid waste management facility, the Region is not required to report for the DYEC.

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<sup>1</sup> Traffic signals, water supply and sanitary sewer pumping stations, waste management facilities and temporary accounts and facilities with partial-year data are not reported per the Ministry's template. Child care, long term care homes for the aged and DRLHC multi-residential facilities are included for reporting purposes but are not classified as designated facilities per the regulation. Note all electricity consumption values are estimated based on metered usage before loss adjustment factor.

<sup>2</sup> Natural gas consumption totals do not include DRLHC family units, rental property, pumping stations and reservoirs, solid waste management facilities or accounts that reflect only partial-year data.

- 4.7 As the Province initially enacted the regulation as a means to assist public agencies in better managing and understanding their energy consumption to drive participation in CDM initiatives, the Ministry also continues to utilize annual submission data for benchmarking energy consumption to provide comparisons across public agencies and facility/operation-types.
- 4.8 The Region's existing reporting processes and monitoring initiatives are well-established and wide ranging. Through various internal and external energy reporting, monitoring and benchmarking processes across corporate operations, the Region maintains a leadership role in energy management and continues to work closely in collaboration with its respective local energy distribution companies in scoping, implementing, measuring and verifying its numerous CDM initiatives. This corporate knowledge and capacity relating to energy management and broader climate change mitigation activities is also leveraged, where appropriate, as part of ongoing Community Climate Change initiatives, as led through the CAO's Office.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 This report provides an update regarding the implementation of the EWRB Initiative regulatory requirement for large commercial, multi-unit residential and industrial buildings of 50,000 sf or more. While the Region will not be required to report on Regional facilities' usage under the EWRB initiative, the Region will continue to evaluate requirements in the provision of water consumption information to reporting entities in a format compatible with regulatory requirements.
- 5.2 This report also provides an update as required under *Ontario Regulation 397/11, 'Requirements for Energy Conservation Plans from Public Agencies'* including the completed reporting template as per Ministry of Energy requirements. As required by the Province, the completed template containing data for the 2015 reporting year, will be submitted to the Province prior to July 1, 2017 and will be made available on the Region of Durham website for public viewing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Finance

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Commissioner of Works



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2017-INFO-71  
Date: June 9, 2017

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**Subject:**

2016 Census of Agriculture, File: D01-03

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**Recommendation:**

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**Report:**

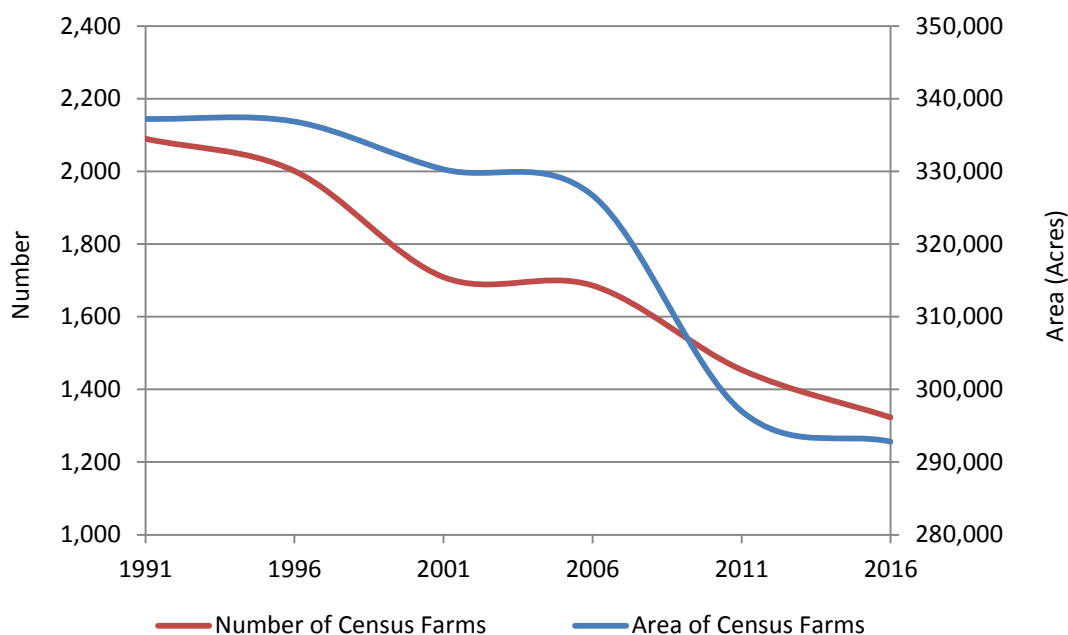
**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On May 10, 2017, Statistics Canada released the 2016 Census of Agriculture for municipalities across Canada.
- 1.2 This report presents an overview of Census of Agriculture data for Canada, Ontario, the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and Durham Region. This report highlights changes in the characteristics of farm industries, size, capital and operators.

**2. Key Indicators**

- 2.1 The number of farms in Durham decreased from 1,454 to 1,323 between 2011 and 2016 (-9%). The land area of farms in Durham also decreased from 297,012 acres in 2011 to 292,815 acres in 2016 (-1.4%). Both of these indicators follow historical trends of declining number of farms and land (refer to Figure 1). Over the same period, the area of land in crops increased from 209,570 acres in 2011 to 215,608 acres in 2016 (+2.9%) as farmers increased the productive land base.

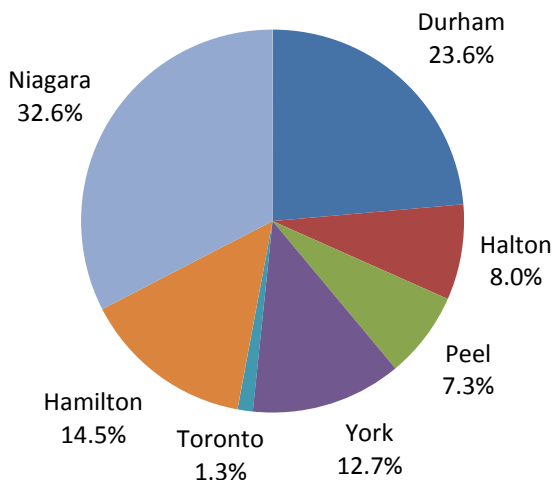
**Figure 1**  
**Number of Farms and Land Area in Durham**



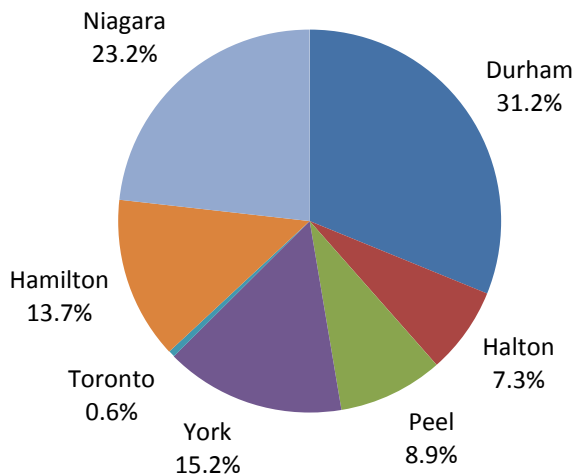
- 2.2 Agricultural trends in Durham were generally consistent with those at the regional, provincial and national level. The number of farms and land area decreased from 2011 to 2016 for the GGH (-8% and -3.9% respectively), Ontario (-4.5% and -2.5% respectively) and Canada (-5.9% and -0.9% respectively). The amount of land in crops increased at both the provincial (+1%) and national level (+6.9%); although it decreased in the GGH (-2.2%).
- 2.3 There were 5,604 farms within the GGH in the 2016 Agricultural Census. The majority of agricultural activity in the GGH occurs in Durham and Niagara Region. Niagara Region had the greatest proportion of farms (32.6%), followed by Durham (23.6%). Durham Region had the greatest proportion of land area (29.4%) and area of land in crops (31.2%), followed by Niagara (24.8% and 23.2% respectively) (refer to Figure 2).
- 2.4 Approximately \$2 billion in gross farm receipts were reported in the GGH, representing 13% of the provincial total. Niagara Region reported \$838 million (42.6%) in gross farm receipts, followed by Durham (\$322 million or 16.4%) and Hamilton (\$260 million or 13.2%). Total market capitalization of all farms in the GGH was \$16.5 billion (refer to Figure 2).

**Figure 2**  
**Farms in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH)**

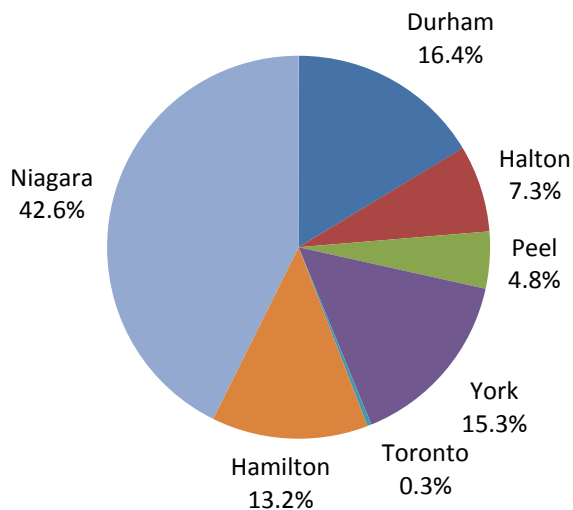
**Total Number of Farms**



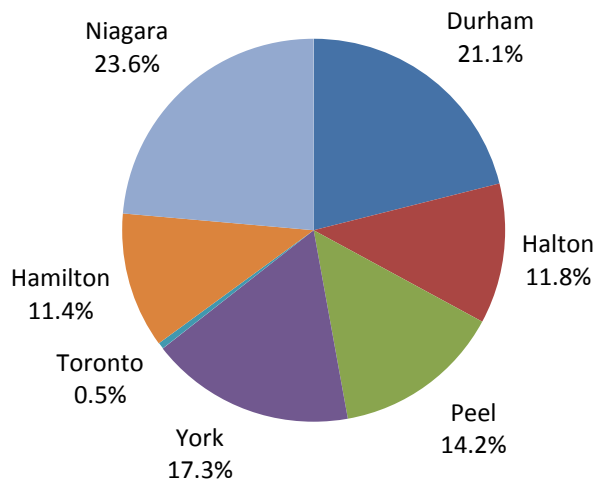
**Total Land Area of Farms**



**Gross Farm Receipts**



**Market Capitalization**



### 3. Farm Industries

3.1 Within Durham Region's agricultural sector, oilseed and grain farming (21%) and cattle ranching and farming (20%) are the predominant industry groups (refer to Figure 3). The cattle industry makes up nearly half of all animal producing farms (41.8%), while oilseed and grain farming represents over a third of all crop farms (40.2%) in Durham Region.

**Figure 3**  
**Farm Industries in Durham**



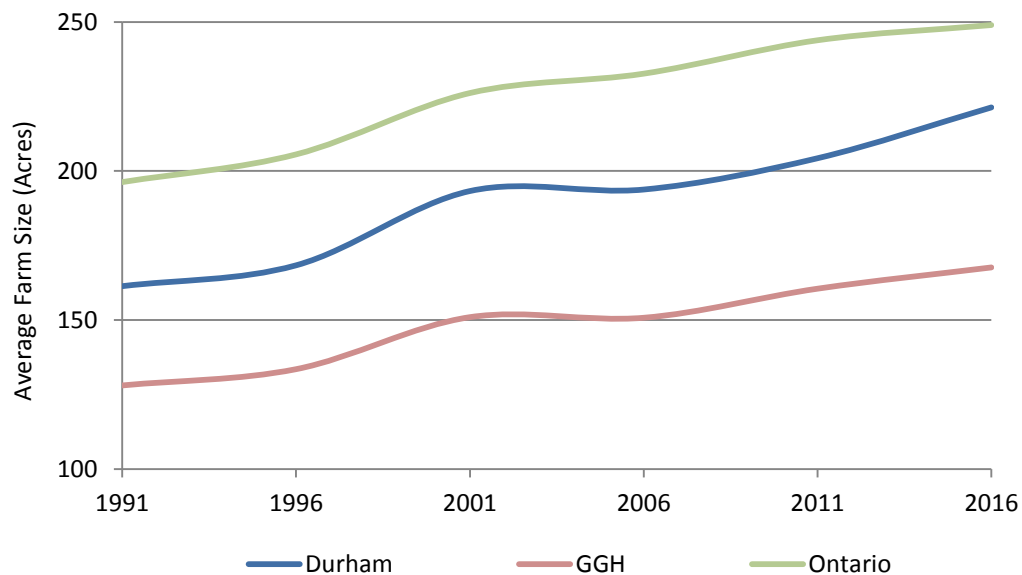
3.2 In Ontario, oilseed and grain farming represents a larger share (34%) of farms, and cattle ranching is slightly less (20.6%). Hog and pig farming is more prevalent throughout the province where it represents 2.5% of all farms, compared to only 0.2% in Durham Region. Conversely, the greenhouse, nursery and floriculture production industry represents a much larger share of farms in Durham (7.6%), compared to Ontario (4.1%).

3.3 In Durham Region, beef cattle represent over two thirds of all cattle farms (69.3%). Dairy cattle and milk production is also important, as 81 farms are dedicated to this industry. Horse and equestrian production is also a significant industry representing 28.2% of all animal farms. Within the oilseed and grain farming industry group, corn (34.2%) and soybeans (24.5%) are the dominant crops in the Region. Among other crops, hay farming also represents a significant proportion of all farms in Durham (19.8%).

#### 4. Farm Size

4.1 The average size of farms in Durham Region has increased over time. Economies of scale and better farming practices have led to a consolidation of smaller farms within the Region. Figure 4 illustrates that this has been a common trend in Ontario and across the GGH.

**Figure 4**  
**Average Farm Size**





- 4.2 Over a third of farms in Durham Region are 130 acres and larger (35.4%), with over 13.2% of all farms being at least 400 acres. The majority of farms are between 10 to 129 acres (58.3%). Similar patterns for farm size can be seen at the provincial and regional level.

## **5. Farm Operators**

- 5.1 In 2016, the average age for farm operators in Durham was 57.6 years, slightly higher than 56.5 years in 2011. This trend is consistent with the provincial average which increased from 54 years in 2011 to 55 years in 2016. In Durham Region the majority of farm operators are 55 years and over (61.7%). Conversely, only 5.9% of operators in Durham Region are under 35 years old.
- 5.2 The majority of farm operators in Durham Region are men (68.4%). However, there was an increase in the proportion of female operators, from 30.3% in 2011 to 31.4% in 2016. By comparison, Durham Region had a slightly higher proportion of female farm operators than Ontario (29.7%) and Canada (28.7%).

## **6. Farm ownership**

- 6.1 In Durham, the proportion of agricultural land that is owned by farm operators (68%) is much higher than throughout the GGH (51%). Durham has similar rates of ownership as the provincial (67.8%) and national (72%) averages.
- 6.2 The remaining farm lands are crop shared, used for non-agricultural purposes, or leased to farmers by government and other residents and businesses that do not actively farm.
- 6.3 The share of land in Durham that is leased (26.9%) is comparable to the provincial (21.2%) and national (26.2%) averages. Within the GGH, the percentage of land that is leased was significantly higher (41.8%).

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the area municipalities and be made available on the Region's website.

## **8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Statistics Canada 2016 Census of Agriculture

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development

Statistics Canada 2016 Census of Agriculture

Table 1  
Farm Size and Productive Land in Durham

Indicators	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby
Number of Farms	239	357	43	49	303	271	61
Area of Farms (Acres)	68,957	74,749	8,004	10,125	62,873	53,055	15,052
Land in Crops (Acres)	46,923	56,041	6,051	7,221	45,570	41,830	11,972

Note: The Town of Ajax is included within the Whitby Consolidated Subdivision

Table 2  
Farm Size and Productive Land

Indicators	Durham	GGH	Ontario	Canada
Number of Farms	1,323	5,604	49,600	193,492
Area of Farms (Acres)	292,815	939,438	12,348,463	158,723,092
Land in Crops (Acres)	215,608	732,269	9,021,298	93,382,638

Table 3  
Farm Industries in Durham

Farm industry group	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby
Cattle ranching	73	70	7	3	64	44	3
Hog and pig farming	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Poultry and egg	8	7	3	2	21	6	1
Sheep and goat	10	6	1	2	11	9	0
Other animal production	45	79	11	16	57	56	13
Oilseed and grain	43	83	8	11	59	60	14
Vegetable and melon	10	18	2	2	10	14	3
Fruit and tree nut	1	18	0	2	8	8	6
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	10	34	4	6	20	15	12
Other crop farming	39	42	7	5	51	58	9

Note: The Town of Ajax is included within the Whitby Consolidated Subdivision

Table 4  
Farm Industries

Farm industry group	Durham	GGH	Ontario	Canada
Cattle ranching	264	601	10,225	46,538
Hog and pig farming	3	28	1,229	3,305
Poultry and egg	48	308	1,816	4,903
Sheep and goat	39	107	1,097	3,056
Other animal production	277	1,009	5,902	19,792
Oilseed and grain	278	1,135	16,876	63,628
Vegetable and melon	59	356	1,856	5,514
Fruit and tree nut	43	713	1,362	7,845
Greenhouse, nursery and floriculture	101	688	2,050	6,449
Other crop farming	211	659	7,187	32,462



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2017-INFO-72  
Date: June 13, 2017

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**Subject:**

Agriculture and Rural Affairs E-Newsletter – June 2017

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

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

**2. Background**

2.1 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter was distributed to 352 subscribers in June 2017 with a 50% open rate. It is also posted on the Region's Economic Development website, and distributed via social media channels through the Corporate Communications office.

- View the [Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--Canada-150-anniversary-celebrations.html?soid=1102359044820&aid=8rX7L_7m78l) online at [http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--Canada-150-anniversary-celebrations.html?soid=1102359044820&aid=8rX7L\\_7m78l](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--Canada-150-anniversary-celebrations.html?soid=1102359044820&aid=8rX7L_7m78l).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2017-INFO-73  
Date: June 13, 2017

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**Subject:**

Children's Services Division 1st Quarter Statistical Report

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Fee Subsidy**

- 1.1 The Children's Services Division Statistics for the 1st quarter (January, February, and March 2017) identify there were a total of 3674 children receiving child care fee subsidy as of March 31, 2017.
- 1.2 The number of children receiving subsidy in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year has increased from the 4th quarter of 2016. Typically throughout the year there would be several small releases of children from the waitlist who would then be placed to maintain service levels in accordance with funding levels. In anticipation of additional 100% provincial funding, additional children were released from the wait list and placed during this first quarter. The fee subsidy account did receive the \$500,000 that was noted in the 2017 budget.
- 1.3 The waitlist for fee subsidy has decreased this quarter from 3049 children to 2949 children. This number includes 967 children that do not currently require child care at this time. The waiting time for a placement has decreased from last year and currently the wait time is just over 12 months. The additional provincial funding should assist in managing the waiting time for subsidy.

**2. Durham Behaviour Management Services**

- 2.1 As of March 31, 2017 there were 565 clients on Durham Behaviour Management Services active client list accessing various types and levels of service. All clients of the program have the opportunity to access a variety of service options, such as interim consultation, intensive/comprehensive consultation, workshops and/or



phone/email contact with senior consultation while waiting for consultation. Currently there are 137 individuals waiting for ongoing consultation, and 66 individuals currently waiting for intensive consultation services due to the nature and severity of the presenting behaviour.

- 2.2 Community workshops and drop-in sessions are provided to Durham residents including families waiting for services. During the period January 1 - March 31, 2017, 20 sessions were provided to a total of 369 individuals.

**3. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Fee Subsidy statistics – January - March 2017

Attachment #2: Behaviour Management Services statistics – January - March 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Dr. Hugh Drouin  
Commissioner of Social Services

## Children Services Division 1st Quarter Statistics

### City of Ajax

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	47	1018
February	47	1026
March	47	1061

The total number of children on the wait list in Ajax at the end of this quarter is 1022.

### Brock Township

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	4	77
February	4	74
March	4	79

The total number of children on the wait list in Brock at the end of this quarter is 22.

### Municipality of Clarington

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	32	277
February	32	271
March	32	275

The total number of children on the wait list in Clarington at the end of this quarter is 217.

### City of Oshawa

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	44	813
February	44	832
March	45	833

The total number of children on the wait list in Oshawa at the end of this quarter is 705.

### City of Pickering

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	38	625
February	38	622
March	39	652

The total number of children on the wait list in Oshawa at the end of this quarter is 395.

### Township of Scugog

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	10	44
February	10	39
March	10	39

The total number of children on the wait list in Scugog at the end of this quarter is 34.

### Township of Uxbridge

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	10	36
February	10	36
March	10	38

The total number of children on the wait list in Uxbridge at the end of this quarter is 24.

### Town of Whitby

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	58	653
February	58	668
March	58	697

The total number of children on the wait list in Whitby at the end of this quarter is 453.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter totals

Months	Number of Active Sites	Number of Subsidized Children Placed
January	243	3543
February	243	3568
March	245	3674

The total number of children on the wait list at the end of this quarter is 2949. This total includes 77 children awaiting move to Durham Region.



## Attachment 2

### Durham Behaviour Management Services 1st Quarter Report

The graphic below reflects referrals, active cases receiving behaviour consultation, and closures by geographic area for the Developmental and Special Needs Resourcing programs from January 1 – March 31, 2017.

#### Referrals

Month	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Total
Jan	10	0	7	21	7	0	3	12	60
Feb	13	0	8	24	8	0	1	14	68
Mar	13	0	7	24	6	1	2	9	62
Totals	36	0	22	69	21	1	6	35	190

#### Active

Month	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Total
Jan	112	11	74	166	55	11	11	92	532
Feb	120	11	76	175	56	11	13	97	559
Mar	120	8	75	183	59	8	11	101	565
Totals	120	8	75	183	59	8	11	101	565

#### Closures

Month	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Total
Jan	9	0	4	20	9	1	1	11	55
Feb	8	0	4	10	3	0	0	3	28
Mar	6	3	5	13	3	3	5	8	46
Total	23	3	13	43	15	4	6	22	129

Original signed by

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Brian Brittain  
Manager, Durham Behaviour  
Management Services



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 16, 2017

**To:** Committee of the Whole

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Cannabis Legislation Bill C-45; Bill C-46

Health  
Department

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On April 13, 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45 entitled [The Cannabis Act](#), as well as Bill C-46, an [Act to amend the Criminal Code](#). Durham Region Health Department staff is currently assessing the public health implications of these bills.

The proposed Cannabis Act articulates a framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada. A summary of the proposed Cannabis Act is provided in the News Release [“Canada takes action to legalize and strictly regulate cannabis”](#) and related Backgrounder documents released by the Federal Government.

Bill C-46 proposes amendments to the Criminal Code to strengthen measures against drug and alcohol-impaired driving and create a new, modern, simplified, and more coherent system to better deter drug and alcohol-impaired driving.

## Key Messages

- The proposed implementation timeline is July 1, 2018. In general, should the Cannabis Act be passed, as tabled at First Reading, adults who are 18 years old or older will be able to legally:
  - Possess up to 30 grams of dried legal cannabis or equivalent in non-dried form when in public.
  - Share up to 30 grams of dried legal cannabis with other adults.
  - Purchase dried or fresh cannabis and cannabis oil from a provincially regulated retailer.
  - Grow up to 4 cannabis plants from licensed seed or seedlings per residence for personal use with each plant not to exceed 1 meter in height.
  - Make legal cannabis-containing products at home, such as food and drinks, provided that dangerous organic solvents are not used in making them.

- The proposed Act restricts youth access to cannabis, puts in place strict safeguards to protect youth from being encouraged to use cannabis, and creates new offences for those adults who either sell cannabis to youth or use youth to commit a cannabis-related offence.
- The Federal Government outlined a role for provinces, territories, and municipalities to work in collaboration to tailor certain rules in their own jurisdictions, and enforce them through a range of tools and tickets. These rules may include:
  - Licensing the distribution and retail sale and carrying out associated compliance and enforcement activities.
  - Setting additional regulatory requirements to address issues of local concern (e.g. set a higher minimum age).
  - Establishing provincial and territorial zoning rules for cannabis-based businesses.
  - Restricting where cannabis may be consumed.
  - Amending provincial and territorial traffic safety laws to address driving while impaired by cannabis.

### **Next Steps**

Durham Region Health Department remains supportive of the Federal Government's plan to regulate and restrict access to cannabis through a public health approach and in general supports the proposed legislation.

Durham Region Health Department staff will continue to:

- Monitor and respond to opportunities to provide input to provincial legislative developments.
- Engage local municipalities and other stakeholders in discussions about municipal implications resulting from the planned legislation.
- Monitor stakeholder positions on cannabis legalization, including the Ontario Public Health Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 16, 2017

**To:** Committee of the Whole

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Advocacy for a Provincial Alcohol Strategy

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Health  
Department

On June 8, 2017, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) sent the attached advocacy package to all boards of health which highlights the Government of Ontario's delayed action on its commitment to develop a comprehensive alcohol strategy to minimize the harms of alcohol use to accompany the increase in retail access to alcohol.

In summary, the OPHA is encouraging all Ontario boards of health to join efforts to raise awareness about the public health impact of the increase in retail access to alcohol. The OPHA has prepared the attached briefing note and infographic to support engagement of boards of health as well as the attached draft letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, and the Premier of Ontario, to facilitate advocacy efforts.

On May 3, 2017, the Chair of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Board of Health sent correspondence as regard the above subject to all Ontario boards of health for support. This was presented to Committee of the Whole for endorsement at its June 7, 2016 meeting. The Durham Region Health Department continues to support advocacy efforts to influence the development of healthy policies that address alcohol use and misuse.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



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June 5, 2017

Attention: All Medical Officers of Health and Boards of Health in Ontario

**Re: Advocacy package highlighting ongoing modernization of retail alcohol sales in Ontario and delayed government action on a comprehensive alcohol policy to minimize harms**

The Ontario Public Health Association is concerned about the delay in moving forward with a comprehensive province-wide alcohol policy as announced in December 2015. The proposed Spring 2016 launch has long passed, and the government's recent announcement that 76 more grocery store outlets will be licensed to sell wine brings the total number of grocery store outlets to 206 as of July 1, 2017. OPHA encourages all Ontario health units to join efforts to raise awareness about the public health impact of the significant increase in retail access of alcohol in Ontario. We applaud the recent letter sent by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health on this issue.

The attached briefing note, template cover letter and infographic are being shared with you to help engage your senior leadership and Boards of Health and to help facilitate advocacy efforts on this issue. Individual Health Units are encouraged to include their own information and adapt for local use.

It is well established that increased alcohol availability leads to increased consumption and alcohol-related harms. In order to address the health and social harms of alcohol, and the impact of increased access, a comprehensive strategy is needed.

Please join us in calling on the government to both fulfil its promise and prioritize the health and wellbeing of Ontarians by enacting a comprehensive, evidence-based alcohol strategy as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Cathy Edwards, Co-Chair  
 OPHA Alcohol Work Group

Pegeen Walsh  
 Executive Director



**More about the Ontario Public Health Association**

*OPHA has established a strong record of success as the voice of Public Health in Ontario. We are a member-based, not-for-profit association that has been advancing the public health agenda since 1949. OPHA provides leadership on issues affecting the public's health and strengthens the impact of those who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario. OPHA does this through a variety of means including advocacy, capacity building, research and knowledge exchange. Our membership represents many disciplines from across multiple sectors.*

# Timeline of Government of Ontario's Actions to Modernize Alcohol Sales and to Develop a Province-wide Alcohol Policy to Minimize Harms

## Action by Government to modernize alcohol sales in Ontario

**April 11, 2014**  
Premier's **Advisory Council** is convened to advise on maximizing value and performance of government assets.

**May 1, 2014**  
**VQA wines** available at farmers' markets

**April 16, 2015**  
**Advisory Council** report on beer sales.

**April 23, 2015**  
2015 Ontario Budget: Government commits to implement the Advisory Council's recommendations and to develop initiatives to support the safe consumption of alcohol

**December 15, 2015**  
**Beer** is available in **58** grocery stores.

**February 18, 2016**  
**Advisory Council** report on wine and spirit sales.

**June 24, 2016**  
**Ciders** are available in grocery stores.

**July 26, 2016**  
The **LCBO** launches new e-commerce platform and home deliveries.

**October 28, 2016**  
**Wine** is available in **67** grocery stores.

**February 6, 2017**  
The Government announces a new round of bidding for alcohol sales in grocery stores.

**July 1, 2017**  
Alcohol will be available in **206** grocery stores.

### Total Retail Availability of Alcohol in Ontario

**659** LCBO<sup>1</sup>  
**551** Ferment on Premises<sup>2</sup>  
**507** ON Winery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**447** Beer Store<sup>1</sup>  
**212** LCBO Agency<sup>1</sup>  
**206** Grocery Stores<sup>4</sup>  
**150** On-site Brewery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**72** Licensed Delivery Services<sup>5</sup>  
**69** Farmers' Markets<sup>6</sup>  
**18** On-site Distillery Retail<sup>3</sup>  
**15** Duty Free<sup>3,7</sup>  
LCBO Online Sales/Delivery

2014

2015

2016

2017

**December 18, 2015**  
Government announces the development of a province-wide **Alcohol Policy** to support their commitment on the safe and responsible consumption of alcohol.

**February 2016**  
MOHLTC<sup>8</sup> consultation on **Alcohol Policy** framework. Proposed launch in spring 2016.

**June 20, 2016**  
Increase in minimum price of wine.<sup>9</sup>

**January 1, 2017**  
Calories are required to be posted on menus (including alcohol).

**April 27, 2017**  
2017 Ontario Budget: Funding for FASD.

**Province-wide Alcohol Policy to Minimize Harms**

**PENDING**

## Action by Government to develop a province-wide Alcohol Policy to minimize harms

**Notes:** [1] Reporting year, 2016/17. [2] Reporting year, 2014/15. [3] Reporting year, 2015/16. [4] As of May 2017. [5] As of July 1, 2017. Plans for up to 450 locations have been announced. [6] For 2017, 69 farmers' markets are authorized to sell wine; this number may vary each year. [7] Includes airports and land border crossings. [8] MOHLTC = Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. [9] Implemented over 3 years.

To: All Medical Officers of Health and Boards of Health in Ontario

From: The Ontario Public Health Association Alcohol Work Group

Date: May 30, 2017

## Briefing Note

### Modernization of Alcohol Sales in Ontario

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Since early 2014, the Ontario government, led by the Ministry of Finance, has taken calculated measures to rapidly and fundamentally transform the retail sale and distribution of alcohol. By July 1st, 2017, 206 grocery stores will be authorised to sell alcohol; up to 450 authorisations for grocery stores are planned. Other changes to alcohol distribution have taken place including VQA wine sales at Farmers' Markets and the introduction of the LCBO's e-commerce and delivery platform.

This briefing note outlines the key public health concerns related to the government's approach to alcohol retail sales and distribution, highlights the lack of provincial leadership to address the potential harms of increased access to alcohol, and documents the actions that have been taken to date by the government and public health units.

#### Public Health Concerns

Alcohol use remains a leading preventable cause of morbidity and mortality in Ontario. Four-in-five adults in Ontario have used alcohol in the past year and more than 1-in-6 of all drinkers are exceeding Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines. Alarming, nearly 1-in-10 alcohol users report weekly sessions of binge drinking. Alcohol is also causally related to chronic disease and injury. For example, nearly three thousand cases of cancer are attributable to alcohol use in Ontario (about 2 to 4 percent of all new cancers). Alcohol harms extend beyond the user and impacts family, friends, working relationships, and communities. Addressing the harms of alcohol use has major implications for police, EMS, and fire services, the health care system, and public health. It is estimated that Ontario incurs a net loss of \$456 million from alcohol-related health care and enforcement costs relative to alcohol revenue.

Research has long established that increasing access to alcohol will lead to an increase in alcohol use and misuse. It is reasonable to be concerned that actions by the Ontario government to increase access to alcohol may directly contribute to increases in alcohol-related morbidity and mortality in Ontario. The potential harms from alcohol were, in fact, anticipated by the government in its 2015 Budget, wherein the Ministry of Finance committed to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to develop initiatives to support the safe consumption of alcohol.

Since the December 2015 announcement of the government's plan to create a province-wide alcohol policy, work on the policy has been stagnant and the government has yet to produce or communicate any comprehensive approach to address the harms of increasing access to alcohol. As shown below, the government has had no such issues in advancing its alcohol modernization agenda and since 2014 has taken calculated steps to rapidly increase the

availability of alcohol in Ontario including changes made at the LCBO, AGCO, The Beer Store, farmers' markets, breweries, and winery retail stores.

## Timeline for Ontario Government's Modernization of Alcohol Retail

- **April 11, 2014:** The Minister of Finance [announced](#) the [Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets](#) (the Council) to advise the Premier on maximising the value and performance of government business enterprises and Provincial assets, including the LCBO.
- **April 27, 2016:** The government [announces](#) that [VQA wines](#) will sold at farmers' markets starting May 1, 2017.
- **November 11, 2014:** The Council released its [initial report](#), *Retain and Gain: Making Ontario's Assets Work Better for Taxpayers and Consumers*, which provided an assessment on the current alcohol retail landscape.
- **April 16, 2015:** The Council released its final report on **beer sales**, *Striking the Right Balance: Modernizing Beer Retailing and Distribution in Ontario*, which provided recommendations to drastically alter access to beer, including authorising up to 450 grocery stores to sell alcohol. This report is no longer publicly available.
- **April 23, 2015:** The [2015 Ontario Budget](#) is released with a commitment to implement the recommendations in the Council's final report on beer sales. The Ministry of Finance commits to work with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to develop initiatives to support the safe consumption of alcohol.
- **May 26, 2015:** The government [announced](#) the *Making Healthier Choices Act*, which would have required, in part, the posting of **calorie information for alcoholic beverages** on menus and menu boards in restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores and other food service premises with 20 or more locations in Ontario. The [final regulations](#) for alcoholic beverages permit a [simplified format](#), in addition to regulations that also apply to foods and non-alcoholic beverages.
- **September 22, 2015:** The [Master Framework Agreement](#) was announced between the province and the private owners of The Beer Store. This agreement made some changes to the operations at The Beer Store and LCBO and was necessary for the province to begin implementing its plan for the modernization of alcohol retail sales.
- **December 15, 2015:** The government [announces](#) the beginning of **beer sales in grocery stores** with the authorisation of 58 independent and large grocery stores.
- **December 18, 2015:** The government [announces](#) its commitment to develop a 'comprehensive, **province wide Alcohol Policy**' to support the safe and responsible consumption of alcohol.
- **February 2016:** MOHLTC leads consultation with health and other stakeholders on an alcohol policy framework with a proposed launch in spring 2016.
- **February 18, 2016:** The Council [released its report](#) on **wine and spirit sales**, *Striking the Right Balance: Modernizing Wine and Spirits Retailing and Distribution in Ontario*, recommending (in part) to phase in wine and spirit sales at grocery stores in Ontario.
- **April 22, 2016:** The government [announces](#) the regulatory approach for the **sale cider** in grocery stores.
- **June 24, 2016:** The government [announces](#) the regulatory approach for the **sale of wine** in grocery stores and the [availability](#) of **ciders** in grocery stores.
- **July 26, 2016:** The LCBO [launched](#) its **e-commerce platform** with delivery options available, via Canada Post. The creation of the platform was [supported](#) by the provincial government and the Council's recommendations.
- **October 6, 2016:** The government [announces](#) plans to further expand and support local wine and cider sales at **farmers' markets**. This was preceded by a 2-year pilot project.
- **October 28, 2016:** The government [announces](#) the beginning of **wine sales in grocery stores**, with the authorisation of 67 independent and large grocers. Grocers are required to follow [requirements and regulations](#) that are overseen by the AGCO.
- **February 6, 2017:** A new [round of bidding](#) opened up for 80 locations to sell beer and cider. Up to **210 grocery stores** are expected to be authorised to sell alcohol by the end of June 2017.
- **May 9, 2017:** The government [announces](#) that 76 additional grocery stores have been authorised for beer and cider sales as of June 30, 2017. By July 1, 2017, **206 grocery stores** will be authorised to sell alcohol.

Sample Letter on Alcohol Modernization and Strategy

May 30, 2017

**DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL & REGULAR MAIL**

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Attention: The Honourable Eric Hoskins  
The Honourable Charles Sousa  
Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Office of the Minister

Dear Hon. Hoskins:

**Re: Urgent provincial action needed to address the potential health harms from the modernization of alcohol retail sales in Ontario**

On behalf of [NAME] Board of Health, I am writing to call on the Government of Ontario to fulfil its commitment (as announced in December 2015) to develop a comprehensive, province wide strategy to minimize harm and support the safe consumption of alcohol, in light of the expansion of alcohol sales in Ontario. Alcohol remains the most harmful drug in society, impacting tens of thousands of Ontarians every year.

Alcohol is no ordinary commodity; alcohol causes injury, addiction, disease, and social disruption and is one of the leading risk factors for disability and death in Canada. Alcohol has significant costs to the individual and society from both a health and financial perspective. These costs include health care, law enforcement, prevention, lost productivity and premature mortality. As such, a comprehensive, evidence-based approach is critical to limit these harms.

The Ontario Government has committed to social responsibility as it increases the availability of alcohol; however, actions by government since 2014 indicate that economic interests are superseding the health and well-being of Ontarians. Such developments include the increased availability of alcohol at up to 450 grocery stores, wine and cider in farmers' markets, online sales of alcohol through the LCBO and the expansion of bars, restaurants and retail outlets permitted at alcohol manufacturing sites.

It is well established that increased alcohol availability leads to increased consumption and alcohol-related harms. A comprehensive, provincially led alcohol strategy can help mitigate the harms of alcohol. Effective policy interventions include socially responsible alcohol pricing, limits on the number of retail outlets and hours of sale, and restrictions on alcohol marketing. Strong evidence shows that these three policy levers are among the most effective interventions especially when paired with targeted interventions such as drinking and driving countermeasures, enforcement of the minimum legal drinking age as well as screening, brief intervention and referral activities.

## Sample Letter on Alcohol Modernization and Strategy

In order to address the health and social harms of alcohol, and the impact of increased access, a comprehensive strategy is needed. We are calling on the government to both fulfil its promise and prioritize the health and wellbeing of Ontarians by enacting a comprehensive, evidence-based alcohol strategy as soon as possible.



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 16, 2017

**To:** Committee of the Whole

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – June 9, 2017

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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 [Health Department Reference 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, Performance Reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

**UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**June 9, 2017**

**Health Department Media Releases/Advisories/Publications**

<https://goo.gl/Svse81>

- Health Department reminds residents and businesses near nuclear generating stations to obtain supply of KI pills (May 8)

<https://goo.gl/LhcnWM>

- Health Department encourages helmet and cycling safety this summer (May 25)

<https://goo.gl/yCs6Uh>

- Health Department reminds residents that it's never too late to quit smoking (May 25)

<https://goo.gl/hnbN4r>

- Health Department begins 2017 West Nile virus surveillance activities (May 26)

<https://goo.gl/66ZP6V>

- Region of Durham Paramedic Services celebrates Paramedic Services Week (May 29)

<https://goo.gl/keeK8h>

- Health Department begins 2017 surveillance for blacklegged ticks (May 31)

<https://goo.gl/2BMAAp>

- Health Department acknowledges National Sun Awareness Week (Jun 2)

<https://goo.gl/sdhCIT>

- Health Department encourages summer fun and promotes water safety for children (Jun 6)

<https://goo.gl/Zl8J5K>

- Information on Beach-Postings (Jun 9)

**FAX Abouts (on DurhamMD.ca – UserID: drhd; Password: health)**

- Potassium iodide (KI) distribution in Durham Region (May 9)
- Flu Season is Done and Returning Has Begun! (May 12)
- Lyme Disease Surveillance (May 29)
- BETTER HEALTH Durham Primary Care Engagement Strategy (Jun 2)
- Echinococcus Tapeworm in Ontario (Jun 9)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**

<https://goo.gl/4BVCY8>



- Canadians asked what food issues matter to them with launch of A Food Policy for Canada consultations (May 29)

### **Employment and Social Development Canada**

<https://goo.gl/pMQqIW>

- Government of Canada shares what we learned by asking 'What does an accessible Canada meant to you' (May 29)

### **Environment and Climate Change Canada**

<https://goo.gl/xjsZmn>

- The Government of Canada releases technical paper on pricing carbon pollution (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/7Mdvwv>

- Canada to reduce emissions from oil and gas industry (May 25)

<https://goo.gl/wBvgEX>

- Statement by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on World Environment Day (Jun 5)

<https://goo.gl/OoVCnk>

- Canada celebrates Clean Air Day 2017 (Jun 7)

### **Health Canada**

<https://goo.gl/jpovvM>

- New Canadian guideline provides advice to physicians to avoid overprescribing of opioids (May 8)

<https://goo.gl/xkOUdV>

- Government of Canada taking action to protect Canadians from high prescription drug prices (May 16)

<https://goo.gl/MceHRS>

- Government of Canada takes action on antimicrobial resistance (May 17)

<https://goo.gl/iTZr4Z>

- Statements from the Ministers of Health and Public Safety on Royal Assent of Bill C-37 (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/2kLf7B>

- Statement from Health Canada on Improving the Licensing of Production of Cannabis for Medical Purposes (May 26)

<https://goo.gl/U8a3cR>

- Statement from the Minister of Health – Health Canada Authorizes Four New Supervised Consumption Sites (May 26)

<https://goo.gl/DXRHDP>

- Government of Canada responds to ruling to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (May 26)

<https://goo.gl/1EtO1C>

- Government of Canada marks World No Tobacco Day by sharing What We Heard report from the National Forum on the Future of Tobacco Control in Canada (May 31)

<https://goo.gl/oKC9jK>

- Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and Addiction Provides Update on the Joint Statement of Action to Address the Opioid Crisis (May 31)

<https://goo.gl/oksTUA>

- Health Canada has not found conclusive evidence that mefloquine can cause long-lasting and permanent neurologic and psychiatric adverse events (Jun 1)

### **Infrastructure Canada**

<https://goo.gl/nCnzwF>

- Enhancing water and waste water management for Durham Region residents (May 23)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

<https://goo.gl/7Nt0Ba>

- Canada's Health Minister concludes participation in G20 Health Ministers' Meeting and World Health Assembly (May 24)

<https://goo.gl/WdN0q9>

- Addressing global threat of antimicrobial resistance (May 24)

<https://goo.gl/v8qbZ2>

- Government of Canada announces funding for Lyme disease research (May 30)

<https://goo.gl/ZHrtXN>

- Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses (Jun 6)

### **Public Safety Canada**

<https://goo.gl/EZnS0w>

- Government of Canada continues research and targeted engagement on implementation models for a potential Public Safety Broadband Network (May 19)

<https://goo.gl/jlVCIU>

- Minister Goodale welcomes CRTC decision to modernize 9-1-1 services (Jun 1)

### **Transport Canada**

<https://goo.gl/Hhikhg>

- Minister Garneau introduces legislation to support Canadian travellers and promote economic growth (May 16)

<https://goo.gl/uDTyEx>

- Government of Canada to develop a national Zero-Emissions Vehicle Strategy by 2018 (May 26)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Accessibility Directorate of Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/eR70Hj>

- Ontario Honours Outstanding Accessibility Leaders (May 25)

<https://goo.gl/7IHsLB>

- Connecting More People with Disabilities to Job Opportunities (Jun 5)

### **Anti-Racism Directorate**

<https://goo.gl/agiJHr>

- Ontario Passes Anti-Racism Legislation (Jun 1)

### **Office of the Premier**

<https://goo.gl/s2rzYr>

- Creating the Jobs of Tomorrow, Today (May 15)

<https://goo.gl/yKMxLs>

- Statement from the Premier on Negotiations with the Ontario Medical Association (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/tLyYoM>

- Premier Lays Out Plan for Fair Workplaces and Better Jobs for Ontario Workers (May 30)

<https://goo.gl/nSucGQ>

- Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour (May 31)

<https://goo.gl/QJBBFb>

- Building a Fairer and Better Future for People Across Ontario (Jun 1)

<https://goo.gl/LVPXG0>

- Equal Pay for Part-time Workers (Jun 2)

### **Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development**

<https://goo.gl/5UveME>

- Ontario Making College and University More Affordable with Free Online Textbooks (Jun 6)

### **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

<https://goo.gl/QNOCZn>

- Growing Foods From Around the World in Ontario Soil (Jun 5)

### **Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General**

<https://goo.gl/iGf09x>

- Protecting a Women's Right to Choose (May 29)

### **Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services**

<https://goo.gl/wjaqrc>

- Expanding Service Options for Children and Youth with Autism (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/tDbzds>

- More Supports for Children with Special Needs in Durham Region (May 19)

<https://goo.gl/pJVq76>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Strengthen Child Welfare and Improve Outcomes for Youth (Jun 1)

<https://goo.gl/bL83mE>

- Ontario Transforming Autism Services for Children and Their Families (Jun 8)

### **Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services**

<https://goo.gl/BgUqYK>

- Ontario Updating Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (May 15)

### **Ontario Ministry of Education**

<https://goo.gl/UTzSb2>

- High School Graduation Rate Climbs to All-Time High (May 8)

<https://goo.gl/2lc4i2>

- Ontario Preparing Students for Jobs of Tomorrow (Jun 5)

<https://goo.gl/kjcXiu>

- Ontario Making Child Care More Accessible and Affordable for Families (Jun 6)

### **Ontario Ministry of Energy**

<https://goo.gl/wqYNn1>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Lower Energy Bills by 25 Per Cent (May 31)

### **Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change**

<https://goo.gl/3TokKi>

- Ontario Marks Three Billion Cans and Bottles Recycled (May 16)

<https://goo.gl/DwVgzs>

- Ontario Strengthening Protections for Water Resources (Jun 8)

### **Ontario Ministry of Finance**

<https://goo.gl/byrpoJ>

- Beer and Cider Coming to 76 More Grocery Stores by Canada Day (May 9)

<https://goo.gl/bllZX8>

- Province Passes Balanced Budget to Support a Stronger, Healthier Ontario (May 17)

<https://goo.gl/9Qs3wR>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Help Homebuyers and Seniors (Jun 1)

### **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

<https://goo.gl/DSkFW1>

- Ontario Passes Legislation on Medical Assistance in Dying (May 9)

<https://goo.gl/tF5Nbx>

- Ontario Boosting Access to Primary Care for People Across the Province (May 10)

<https://goo.gl/kxaJDk>

- Ontario Improving the Health of Mothers and Babies (May 12)

<https://goo.gl/WN80Ib>

- Protect Yourself from Ticks This Summer (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/ApKGOXO>

- Joint Statement on Opioid Data (May 24)

<https://goo.gl/GMw1DU>

- Building a Stronger, Healthier Ontario (May 29)

<https://goo.gl/xCqfQz>

- Ontario Strengthens Laws to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Patients (May 30)

<https://goo.gl/FxP3jO>

- Ontario Enhancing Emergency Services Across the Province (Jun 5)

### **Ontario Ministry of Housing**

<https://goo.gl/8RQgdF>

- Ontario Protecting Tenants from Unfair Rent Increases (May 18)

### **Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation**

<https://goo.gl/oHHEui>

- Ontario Continuing Progress on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples (Jun 5)

### **Ontario Ministry of Labour**

<https://goo.gl/maB7OW>

- Keeping Workers Safe on Construction Sites (May 11)

<https://goo.gl/WaKGKH>

- Ontario Introduces Legislation to Create Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs (Jun 1)

<https://goo.gl/GBDmqU>

- Personal Emergency Leave for All Workers (Jun 8)

### **Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs**

<https://goo.gl/VFn5KI>

- Creating Vibrant, Complete Communities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (May 18)

<https://goo.gl/vpJRer>

- Ontario Modernizes Municipal Legislation (May 30)

<https://goo.gl/SXnqhF>

- Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds (May 30)

### **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry**

<https://goo.gl/YcT4da>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Modernize Resource Management (May 9)

### **Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

<https://goo.gl/0R3cl0>

- Helping People in Ontario Get Active (May 16)

<https://goo.gl/qIOHNB>

- Durham Region, Huntsville and Orillia to Host 2019 and 2020 Ontario Games (Jun 9)

### **Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

<https://goo.gl/gEXlcO>

- Ontario Making It Safer and Easier to Commute by Bike (May 29)

<https://goo.gl/RI2heb>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Keep Kids Safe on Local Roads (May 30)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

<https://goo.gl/WkhrWs>

- Canadian Cancer Society Urges Canadians to Heed Daily UV Index Following Sun Safety Survey (May 17)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

<https://goo.gl/rujUBa>

- Statement – Today marks the beginning of a national senior's strategy (Jun 6)

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

<https://goo.gl/YdnueR>

- Government of Canada invests in healthier cities and communities (May 8)

<https://goo.gl/ov5gik>

- Government of Canada invests in better health for premature babies (May 12)

<https://goo.gl/6dpf0w>

- Canada's top health researchers recognized for their life-changing work (May 16)

<https://goo.gl/pKz0TV>

- National research platform holds answers to healthy aging – Data collected from 51,000 Canadians to help shape future health policies and programs (May 29)

### **Cancer Quality Council of Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/7yQLdU>

- Safer cancer care for Ontarians (May 17)

### **Conference Board of Canada**

<https://goo.gl/CQ9B0M>

- Ontario Middle-of-the-Pack Performer on Food Report Card (May 18)

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/CW0PzF>

- Fair Hydro Plan Provides Temporary Electricity Bill Relief but Higher Bills by 2028 (May 24)

<https://goo.gl/Bnh5q1>

- FAO Expects Steady Deterioration of Ontario's Budget Deficit Without Additional Government Measures (May 29)

### **Health Quality Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/cdx53M>

- New Record: 9 million opioid prescriptions filled in Ontario (May 17)

### **Heart & Stroke**

<https://goo.gl/r2Tnd3>

- Help wanted – needs not being met for Canadians living with stroke (Jun 7)

### **Hypertension Canada**

<https://goo.gl/XYtERv>

- Canada's Silent Killer Rapidly Increasing in Children (May 17)

### **Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences**

<https://goo.gl/J86pfr>

- Nearly half of all seniors who went to the doctor for a cold, bronchitis, sinusitis or laryngitis received an unnecessary antibiotic prescription (May 8)

<https://goo.gl/PhpxFT>

- Mental health care visits rose 25% for children and youth between 2006 and 2014 (Jun 7)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

<https://goo.gl/4SjoRt>

- Auditor General releases 2017 Spring Reports (May 16)

### **Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/Kb2lr1>

- Ontario has once-in-a-generation opportunity to reduce the energy and climate footprint of municipal water use (May 30)

### **Ontario Power Generation**

<https://goo.gl/QhYMjb>

- Strong Safety Culture at Pickering Nuclear (May 24)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

<https://goo.gl/2KPyRI>

- After several years of low growth, public drug plan expenditures up sharply in 2015-16 (May 24)

### **Public Health Ontario**

<https://goo.gl/20OPXF>

- PHO Connections (May 17)





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June 8, 2017

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby ON L1N 6A3

Re: Public Works Department Report, PW 16-17  
Durham Region Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update Study - Draft  
Proposed Networks

Please be advised that at a meeting held on June 5, 2017 the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following recommendation:

1. That the Public Works report PW 16-17 be received for information;
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  - c. That Winchester Road between Anderson Street and Baldwin Street be limited to 3 lanes based on future planned urbanization and function;
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5. That the Region request the Province to:
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Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 905.430.4307.



Christopher Harris  
Town Clerk

Copy: S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works

Attach.



# Town of Whitby Report

**Report to:** Operations Committee  
**Date of meeting:** May 29, 2017  
**Department:** Public Works Department

**Report Number:** PW 16-17  
**File Number(s):** N/A

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  10. **That the Clerk be authorized to forward Report PW 16-17 to the Region of Durham as input into the Region of Durham TMP.**

**2. Executive Summary:**

The transportation network improvements proposed by the Region of Durham as part of their Transportation Master Plan update will provide greatly needed road, transit, and active transportation infrastructure improvements for our community. The Town appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the draft transportation networks proposed by the Region. Following public and agency input Region staff are anticipating bringing forward a Draft TMP to their Committee and Council in June 2017. The TMP would then be finalized in the fall of 2017.

Report PW 16-17 are Town of Whitby comments on the Region's TMP. Town staff will continue to provide input into the Region's process.

**3. Origin:**

Public Works Report PW 16-17 originates from the Public Works Department's participation in the Region's Transportation Master Plan Update Study.

**4. Background:**

The Region's current Transportation Master Plan (TMP) was approved by Durham Region Council in 2003. To address the significant transportation and land use changes that have occurred in the Region of Durham and neighbouring municipal jurisdictions since 2003, the TMP Update Study was initiated in August 2014. The

study is being undertaken in conformance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Master Planning process. Three rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) were planned for the study. To date, PICs have been held in November 2014, June 2015 and January 2017.

The first phase of the TMP Update Study included the Guiding Principles and Directions and was approved by the Regional Joint Committee (Report #2015-J-29) on May 21, 2015 and Regional Council on June 3, 2015.

The second phase of the study involved the development and assessment of alternative approaches to determine the best possible approach to meet the Region's multimodal transportation needs through the 2031 horizon year.

The draft 2031 transportation networks for roads, higher-order transit and short term cycling routes developed as part of the third phase of the study were presented to the Joint Committee (Report #2016-J-13) and Regional Council on May 26, 2016 and June 8, 2016 respectively.

The area municipal staff and other key stakeholders were provided with an opportunity to provide their input through a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) held on June 14, 2016 and through separate staff meetings with each area municipality.

Information Report #2016-INFO-45, Region of Durham's Council Information Package (Transportation Master Plan Updates Study – Draft Proposed Networks and Actions), was provided to Regional Council and the third round of public meetings were held in January 2017 to seek public input on the revised draft 2031 transportation networks.

## 5. Discussion/Options:

The following sections detail the proposed network for the Town of Whitby and staff comments. The Public Information Centre (PIC) material and other information related to the Region of Durham's public consultation can be reviewed online at [the Region of Durham's Transportation Master Plan website](#).

### **Draft Proposed 2031 and Beyond 2031 Transportation Networks**

A summary of the draft proposed transportation networks for roads and active transportation and short term cycling improvements within Whitby are provided in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, respectively. It is noted that the timing of proposed road improvements or prioritization of the proposed improvements are not provided. Timing is identified as prior to 2031 and beyond 2031 only. Town staff will work with the Region staff to discuss and formulate the most logical implementation plan for roadway network improvements specific to Whitby.

Timing for the cycling projects is identified as 2017-2026 and 2026-2031. It is also noted that facility types such as on or off-road cycling facilities for the active transportation and short term cycling routes are not identified at this stage.

In addition to specific comments provided in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, staff recommends that the provision of a multi-use path be considered on at least one

**Table 1 Proposed Road Expansion and Improvement Plans**

<b>Proposed Improvement(s)</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
Baldwin Street (Reg. Hwy. 12) widening (4/5 lanes) between Taunton Road and Garden Street intersection	Prior to 2031	As per Region's 2017 Capital Budget and Nine Year Forecast, it is expected that widening of Baldwin Street between Taunton Road and Garden Street will occur in 2021. It is staff's understanding that a northbound left turn auxiliary lane at Spencers Road is planned for 2017.
Widening of Brawley Road between Lake Ridge Road and Baldwin Street	Beyond 2031	It is noted that this section of Brawley Road has been identified as a potential alternative for Highway 7/12.
Future connection of Brawley Road between Baldwin Street and East Town Limit	Beyond 2031	Proposed improvements are noted.
Brock Street (Reg. Hwy. 12) widening (5 lanes) between Rossland Road and Taunton Road	Prior to 2031	Staff support this road improvement project and note that it is included in the Region of Durham's approved road program for 2017 construction.
Realignment of Champlain Avenue (RR 25) between Thickson Road and East Town Limit	Prior to 2031	Proposed improvements are noted.
Cochrane Street (RR 43)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Cochrane Street.
Widening of Columbus Road between Lake Ridge Road and East Town Limit	Beyond 2031	The proposed widening of Columbus Road from Lake Ridge Road to East Town Limit beyond 2031 includes the realignment at Lake Ridge Road between Columbus Road and Concession Road 7. Public Works staff requested the Region to initiate an

Proposed Improvement(s)	Timing	Comments/Notes
		<p>Environmental Assessment in 2017 for Lake Ridge Road to review the realignment of Columbus Road and Concession 7 (in Pickering) to eliminate the existing offset intersections and provide a safe east-west vehicular and cycling connection between Municipalities (See Whitby Report PW 30-16).</p> <p>It is recommended that the transportation network improvement plans and phasing strategy being developed for the Brooklin Study be incorporated in the Region's TMP.</p>
Consumers Drive (RR 25)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Consumers Drive.
Garden Street	Not Applicable	Include the extension of Garden Street north from Taunton Road to the mid-block arterial road, north of Conlin Road.
Henry Street (RR 45)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Henry Street. Active transportation improvements are being proposed by Town staff (see Table 2).
Corridor Improvements on Hopkins Street (RR 36) between Dundas Street and Consumers Drive; widening to 3 lanes with rail grade separation	Prior to 2031	Corridor improvements on Hopkins Street, between Dundas Street and Consumers Drive, are in the 2017 and 9-Year Capital Road Program for overpass construction in 2024 and property acquisition for road improvements in 2026. A traffic signal at the intersection of Burns Street and Hopkins Street is anticipated to be included in the improvements. Given the existing 4 lane cross-section on Anderson Street north of Dundas Street and the proposed 4/5 lane cross-section south of Consumers Drive, it is recommended that a 4/5 lane cross-section be considered for Hopkins Street between Dundas Street and

Proposed Improvement(s)	Timing	Comments/Notes
		Consumers Drive.
Hopkins Street (RR 36) widening (4/5 lanes) between Consumers Drive and realigned Victoria Street	Prior to 2031	Proposed improvements are noted. Public Works staff support the extension of Hopkins Street. This corridor will be a key active transportation corridor across Highway 401.
Lake Ridge Road (RR 23) widening (4/5 lanes) between Victoria Street and Rossland Road	Prior to 2031	Public Works comments as part of PW 30-16 remain valid. It was requested that the Region initiate the Lake Ridge Road Environmental Assessment process in 2017 (Victoria Street – Highway 407). The need for the advanced planning and required upgrades are based on: the increased traffic flows related to the Highway 401, 407, 412 and lack of high capacity alternative north-south routes. Provincial toll facility such as Highway 412 is expected to carry provincial and it should not be relied upon to carry the local or regional traffic.
Widening of Lake Ridge Road (RR 23) between Winchester Road and Brawley Road	Beyond 2031	As part of the Brooklin Transportation Master Plan, the Town of Whitby preliminary recommendations include the widening of Lake Ridge Road. It is recommended that the transportation network improvement plans and phasing strategy included in the Draft Brooklin Secondary Plan and TMP be incorporated in the Region's TMP update. Advancing the widening of Lake Ridge Road is expected to be needed before 2031 to support growth in Brooklin.
Manning Road (RR 58)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Manning Road. Active transportation improvements are being proposed by Town staff (see Table 2).
Myrtle Road (RR 5)	Not	No proposed improvements to Myrtle

Proposed Improvement(s)	Timing	Comments/Notes
	Applicable	Road. Note that Myrtle Road is being considered as a potential alternate route for Highway 7/12.
Rossland Road (RR 28)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Rossland Road.
Taunton Road (RR 4) widening (6/7 lanes) between Lake Ridge Road and East Town Limit	Prior to 2031	Staff support the widening of Taunton Road and note that the Region's widening will accommodate high frequency bus service in HOV lanes.
Thickson Road (RR 26) widening (5 lanes) between Taunton Road and South of Highway 407	Prior to 2031	<p>The Region's 2017 Capital Budget and Nine Year Forecast includes Thickson Road, between Taunton Road and Highway 407, to be widened to 4/5 lanes by 2023.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Region should complete post Highway 407 and 412 traffic assessments of Regional Roads to reaffirm improvement requirements (e.g. Winchester Road, Lake Ridge Road) and advance the widening of Thickson Road North between Taunton Road East and Highway 407 prior to the 2023 timeframe.</p>
Thickson Road (RR 26) widening (4/5 lanes) between Winchester Road and Baldwin Street	Prior to 2031	Staff support the proposed widening of Thickson Road. It is recommended that the alignment of the Thickson Road/Baldwin Street intersection be consistent with the Region of Durham Official Plan (June 2015) and the Town of Whitby's Draft Brooklin TMP and Brooklin Secondary Plan Study (to be issued June 2017). It is further recommended that the Region consider this intersection as a potential location for a roundabout.
Thickson Road (RR 26) widening	Prior to 2031	Staff support the proposed roadway improvement on Thickson Road. It is

<b>Proposed Improvement(s)</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
(6/7 lanes) between Dundas Street and Consumers Drive		suggested that the Region should explore opportunities to provide enhanced pedestrian/cycling facility to cross Highway 401 interchange on Thicksen Road.
Thicksen Road (RR 26) widening (4/5 lanes) between CN Rail Overpass and Wentworth Street	Prior to 2031	Proposed improvements are noted.
Realignment and Widening of Victoria Street (RR 22) to 4/5 lanes between South Blair Street and East Town Limit	Prior to 2031	As per Region's 2017 Capital Budget and Nine Year Forecast, widening of Victoria Street from South Blair Street to East Town Limit is expected to be completed by 2019. It is proposed that a multi-use path be provided on the south side of Victoria Street to align with the planned multi-use path to the west.
Wentworth Street (RR 60)	Not Applicable	No proposed improvements to Wentworth Street.
Winchester Road (RR 3) widening (4/5 Lanes) between Baldwin Street and Anderson Street	Prior to 2031	As per Region's 2017 Capital Budget and Nine Year Forecast, the proposed widening is expected to occur in 2020. It is staff's understanding that the proposed widening of Winchester Road is a mapping error and 2/3 lanes cross-section will be proposed as part of their TMP update. A roundabout should be considered at the intersection of Queen Street and St Thomas Street.
Winchester Road (RR 3) widening (5 Lanes) between Anderson Street and Garrard Road	Prior to 2031	Proposed improvements are noted.
Improvements identified in the	Incorporate and/or	Staff requests that the Region develop an implementation plan for the 5, 10 and

<b>Proposed Improvement(s)</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
2010 TMP and the 2017 Brooklin TMP	advance the timing of improvements consistent with the 2010 TMP and the 2017 Brooklin TMP.	20 year planning horizons for improvements identified in the Regions TMP, and consistent with the Town's TMP (2010) and the Brooklin 2017 TMP (to be issued June 2017).

**Table 2: Active Transportation and Short Term Cycling Projects**

<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
Anderson Street between Crawforth Street and Rossland Road	2017-2026	Staff support improved active transportation in this area as there are several schools in the vicinity. Improved active transportation will align with the current on-road cycling facility on Anderson Street north of Rossland Road.
New connection on Ashburn Road between Columbus Road to south of Spencers Road	2017-2026	The cycling connection on Ashburn Road between Columbus Road to south of Spencers Road was constructed in 2016. As part of the Town's cycling strategy, the Town has provided bike lane pavement marking and signage from Columbus Road to Winchester Road/Highway 7 and paved shoulders on Ashburn Road from the South Limit of Highway 407 to Spencers Road. In 2017 the connection to Heber Down Conservation Area will be constructed.
Cochrane Street (RR 43) between Dundas Street and Rossland Road	2017-2026	The implementation of an on-road cycling facility on Cochrane Street between Dundas Street and Ferguson Street was completed as part of the Region's road reconstruction project. Public Works Staff strongly recommend that the Region advance the timing of the proposed active transportation on Cochrane Street from Ferguson Street to Rossland Road to 2017/2018 as this is a missing link within the Town's primary north-south cycling



Proposed Improvement	Timing	Comments/Notes
		route connecting the Waterfront Trail and the Greenbelt Cycling Route.
Henry Street (RR 45) between north of Highway 401 and Victoria Street	2017-2026	Implementation of the cycling route is proposed to be advanced to 2018. A multi-use path is proposed on the west side of the road to accommodate recreation traffic and improved access to Whitby GO Station.
Rossland Road (RR 28) between Cochrane Street and East Town Limit	2017-2026	Staff support the proposed active transportation route. Note that a multi-use path on one side of the road will be installed as part of West Whitby development and the Rossland Road works. It is recommended that the Region's proposed Short Term Cycling Route map be updated to reflect the construction of multi-use path on Rossland Road.
Off-road Trail connection between Spencers Road and Taunton Road through Heber Down Conservation Area and Cullen Central Park	2017-2026	It is expected that the proposed off-road trail connection between Spencers Road and Taunton Road will be completed in 2017.
Taunton Road (RR 4) between Lake Ridge Road and Country Lane	2017-2026	Staff support the proposed active transportation route along Taunton Road and note that the section of the proposed route on Taunton Road between Baycliffe Drive and Country Lane will be completed Summer 2017, with a multi-use path on one side of the road. It is recommended that the Regions' proposed Short Term Cycling Route Map be updated to reflect the Town's ongoing/proposed construction of multi-use path on Taunton Road and the remaining section of the proposed facility should be provided by 2019/2020.

Proposed Improvement	Timing	Comments/Notes
Thickson Road (RR 26) between CN Rail Overpass and Wentworth Street	2017-2026	Staff support the proposed active transportation route. It is suggested that the timing for the implementation should coincide with the construction of a multi-use path on Victoria Street.
Victoria Street (RR 22) between Lake Ridge Road and East Town Limit	2017-2026	Staff support the proposed cycling route, however the Region be requested to include a pedestrian overpass on Victoria Street to facilitate movement to/from Victoria Fields, Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC) and the Whitby GO Station.
Baldwin Street (Reg. Hwy. 12) between Taunton Road and Winchester Road	2026-2031	Staff support the accommodation of active transportation on Baldwin Street.
Consumers Drive (RR 25) between Hopkins Street and Thickson Road	2026-2031	Staff support the proposed active transportation route. It is further proposed that the cycling facility be advanced to 2017-2026 and extended westerly to Brock Street and easterly to the East Town Limit and consider provision of a cycling facility between Thickson Road and East Town Limit as part of the Champlain Avenue realignment project. Staff also recommends that Consumers Drive be included in the Primary Cycling Network linking the proposed Oshawa GO Station, Durham College and Whitby GO Station.
Dundas Street between Lake Ridge Road to east of Fothergill Court	2026-2031	Staff support active transportation on Dundas Street.
Hopkins Street (RR 36) between Dundas Street and Consumers Drive	2026-2031	Public Works requested that the Region of Durham initiate the Environmental Assessment (EA) process in 2018 for the widening of Hopkins Street and CP Rail Grade Separation between Consumers Drive and Dundas Street to improve cycling

Proposed Improvement	Timing	Comments/Notes
		and pedestrian accommodation and support development of the Port Whitby area (See Whitby Report PW 30-16).
Taunton Road (RR 4), west of Brock Street to Garden Street and west of Thickson Road to East Town Limit	2026-2031	Staff support the proposed cycling route and note that the construction of a multi-use path is expected to be built by Summer 2017. It is recommended that the Regions' proposed Short Term Cycling Route Map be updated to reflect the Town's ongoing/proposed construction of multi-use path on Taunton Road.
Croxall Boulevard and Columbus Road	Not Applicable	It is noted that the Short Term Cycling Routes Map includes a cycling route that connects existing cycling facilities on Anderson Street/Watford Street and Ashburn Road through Croxall Boulevard and Columbus Road as a municipal infill project. Town staff are requesting that the cycling route on Croxall Boulevard and Columbus Road to Ashburn Road be removed and include Carnwith Drive to Ashburn Road.

In addition to the above noted specific comments/recommendations on active transportation and short term cycling projects, staff request the Region establish a 5 and 10 year active transportation implementation plan and also consider the following general recommendations:

- On-road and in-boulevard cycling facilities be constructed in accordance with Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18, particularly through intersections.
- Continue to explore bike-sharing opportunities in the Region, in consultation with the local municipalities.
- The Region be fully responsible for the design and construction of all cycling infrastructure on Regional Roads contained within the Primary Cycling Network.

It is noted that the existing primary cycling routes in Whitby include sections of Ashburn Road, Anderson Street, Cochrane Street, Conlin Road, Garrard Road, Henry Street, Kendalwood Road, Taunton Road and Victoria Street. Staff recommends that the following additional Regional/Town roads be considered as

key cycling routes within the Town and be included in the Primary Cycling Network (PCN):

- Manning Road/Bonacord Avenue Extension;
- Thicksen Road between Burns Street and Consumers Drive;
- Future east-west mid-block arterial road north of Conlin Road; and
- Baldwin Street, between Spencers Road to Robert Attersley Drive, to connect the Town's existing cycling network on Garden Street and Ashburn Road.

### **Transit Network Improvement Plans**

A summary of the draft proposed 2031 Higher-Order Transit Network improvement plans within Whitby are provided below. Service frequency describes how often transit vehicles arrive at a particular stop during the hour. High frequency represents a lower length of time between two successive bus departures at a particular stop.

- Rapid Transit corridor with exclusive lanes for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Dundas Street;
- High frequency bus service in shared lanes on Rossland Road;
- High frequency bus Service in shared lanes on Brock/Baldwin Street between Whitby GO Station and Brawley Road;
- High frequency bus service in HOV lanes on Taunton Road; and
- High frequency bus service in shared lanes on Victoria Street.

It is noted that the proposed improvements through Downtown Whitby will be a challenge and will not be able to accommodate exclusive lanes for BRT on Dundas Street. Any road widening of Dundas Street through Downtown Whitby is not supported. At this time no widening of Dundas Street through Downtown Whitby has been identified.

In general, staff support the higher-order transit network improvement plan. However, it is suggested that the Region be requested to include local commuter routes or micro/community transit service within the Town to connect and support the proposed higher-order transit network. Moreover, as part of a Five Year Service Strategy for Durham Region Transit, the Region should initiate feasibility studies of early service agreements in the early stages of new developments to ensure that transit service are provided to the new developments on their first day of occupancy.

It is also suggested that the Region should consider the provision of bicycle parking facilities such as bike lockers or bike racks at all transit shelters or

intersection locations on major commuter routes to promote active modes of transportation within the Region.

### **Roadway Classification System**

It is important to note that as part of the Region of Durham TMP Update Study, current roadway classifications will be reviewed and potential changes will be included in the Region's Draft TMP report based on the results of beyond 2031 transportation network analysis and requests received from area municipalities to change designations identified through respective Official Plan processes or TMPs. As such, it is expected that the road classification changes identified in the 2010 TMP and the Brooklin 2017 TMP will be incorporated in the Region's TMP.

The following changes are also requested:

1. Implement a parkway classification in the Region's roadway classification system and include Water Street, west of South Blair Street, as a parkway.
2. Remove Water Street, east of South Blair Street, from the Region's arterial road network.

A parkway is anticipated to be a landscaped roadway thoroughfare with wide right-of-way that focuses on integration of natural areas. Adjacent land uses include large natural parks, waterways, or special public institutions. Typically trucks and other heavy vehicles are excluded and active transportation modes are given highest priority. On-street parking may be available.

### **Strategic Goods Movement Network**

The Region of Durham TMP team also completed a comprehensive review of the Regional Official Plan designated Strategic Goods Movement Network (SGMN) to identify potential changes to support improved goods movement across the Region. Currently, Lake Ridge Road and Thickson Road north of Highway 401 are part of the Region's goods movement network. Thickson Road, north of Winchester Road is currently identified through positive truck route signage as part of the SGMN.

The proposed additional SGMN routes in Whitby are provided below:

- Victoria Street;
- Southerly extension of Lake Ridge Road from Highway 401 to Victoria Street; and
- Southerly extension of Thickson Road from Highway 401 to Victoria Street.

As part of the SGMN, Town staff propose that the Region be requested to identify and include additional east-west strategic goods movement routes in north Whitby to cater to the needs of commercial traffic generated by the future development of

employment lands along Highway 407 and 412 corridors. It is also recommended that the Region installs positive guidance signage on all SGMN routes to provide advance notification to drivers.

### **Network Phasing and Costs**

The cost estimates and a phasing strategy for the construction timing of recommended network improvements are under development. However, it is expected that based on its priority, each project will be assigned to one of the following time frames:

- Phase 1: 2017- 2021
- Phase 2: 2022- 2026
- Phase 3: 2027- 2031
- Phase 4: Beyond 2031

Region staff have noted that while the TMP will propose the general phasing strategy for the projects, their actual construction and implementation timing will be subjected to the Region's future Business Planning and Budget processes.

It is suggested that the transportation network improvement plans included in the Region's TMP Update for Whitby need to be flexible in terms of phasing strategy and implementation to support the future development growth in Brooklin that is expected to occur prior to 2031 timeframe. The Region should recognize the requirement for Brooklin expansion and include those infrastructure improvements in the Region's Draft TMP report. The Town of Whitby is also working towards obtaining ownership of Highway 7/12 through Downtown Brooklin, which could result in an alternate provincial route. It is further recommended that the Region should update their TMP within 5 years from final adoption.

The Region should ensure that the TMP is flexible and able to consider, at the time they are developed, emerging technologies in transportation such as intelligent transportation systems (ITS), for all new roads and mobility corridors.

## **6. Considerations:**

### **6.1. Public**

Residents were given opportunities to provide their input at the completion of each important phase of the study through Public Information Centres (PICs) as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Master Planning Process.

### **6.2. Financial**

N/A

### **6.3. Impact on and input from other Departments/Sources**

Planning and Development staff provided input into PW 16-17 to ensure consistency with the Official Plan.

### **6.4. Corporate and/or Department Strategic Priorities**

Town of Whitby Council Goals 2014-2018:

To ensure Whitby is clearly seen by all stakeholders to be business- and investment-friendly and supportive; and to strive to continuously improve the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery.

### **7. Summary and Conclusion:**

The transportation network improvements proposed by the Region of Durham as part of their Transportation Master Plan update will provide greatly needed road, transit, and active transportation infrastructure improvements for our community. The Town appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the draft transportation networks proposed by the Region.

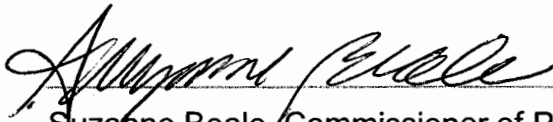
### **8. Attachments:**

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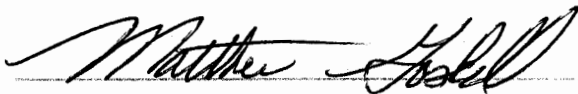
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Re: Town of Ajax – Changes to Council Composition and Ward Boundaries for 2018

This letter is to advise that the Town of Ajax by-laws #25-2017 and #26-2017 have now come into full force and effect, being by-laws to change the composition of Council and re-divide the wards in the Town of Ajax, respectively. Council for the Town of Ajax adopted both by-laws on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and notice of the appeal period for the new ward boundaries was published in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act. The appeal period officially expired on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, with no appeals received. As a result, for the 2018 municipal elections the Town of Ajax Council will consist of the Mayor, three regional councillors, and three ward councillors, and will utilize a three-ward system wherein each ward elects one ward councillor and one regional councillor. This change is in accordance with the revised composition of Durham Regional Council that will take effect as of the 2018 municipal elections.

Included with this letter you will find copies of both by-laws, as well as the associated maps for the new ward boundaries. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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**Being a By-law to change the composition of the Municipal Council of the Town of Ajax**

**WHEREAS** Section 217 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes a local municipality to change the composition of its Council; and

**WHEREAS** Ajax Council consented to the Regional Municipality of Durham's By-law 40-2016 and will receive one additional seat on Durham Regional Council beginning as of the 2018 Municipal Elections; and

**WHEREAS** Ajax Council considered potential changes to the composition of Town Council given the pending changes to Regional Council Composition, and resolved to maintain the size of Council at seven (7) members;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Ajax hereby enacts as follows:

1. Ajax Council shall be comprised of seven (7) members of Council as follows:
  - a. The Mayor, who shall serve as Head of Council and be elected at large in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, and shall have the duties and the responsibilities of the head of municipal Council as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25;
  - b. Three (3) Regional Councillors, who shall be elected by ward vote in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as follows:
    - One (1) Regional Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 1;
    - One (1) Regional Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 2; and
    - One (1) Regional Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 3.
  - c. Three (3) Ward Councillors, who shall be elected by ward vote in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as follows:
    - One (1) Ward Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 1;
    - One (1) Ward Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 2; and
    - One (1) Ward Councillor elected by the eligible electors in Ward 3.
2. That this By-law shall come into force on the day the new council of the Town of Ajax is organized following the regular municipal elections in 2018.
3. That notwithstanding Clause 2 of this By-law, in accordance with Section 217 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, the regular municipal election scheduled for 2018 shall be conducted as if this By-law was already in force.

**READ a first and second time this  
Eighteenth day of April, 2017.**

**READ a third time and passed this  
Eighteenth day of April, 2017.**

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**Mayor**

## Being a By-law to Re-divide the Wards in the Town of Ajax

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax is authorized by Section 222 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to divide or re-divide the Town into wards or to dissolve existing wards;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ajax enacts as follows:

1. That the Town of Ajax shall be divided into three wards, as described below and as also shown on the map attached as Schedule 'A' to this By-law:

### Ward 1

Commencing at the centrepoint of Rossland Road where it intersects with the western boundary of the municipality and continuing easterly along the centre line of Rossland Road to the centrepoint of the intersection of Rossland Road and Harwood Avenue, then southerly along the centre line of Harwood Avenue to the intersection point of Harwood Avenue and the northern limit of Plan 465, then westerly along the northern boundary of Plan 465 to the centrepoint of Knapton Avenue, then southerly along the centre line of Knapton Avenue to Highway 401, then westerly along the centre line of Highway 401 to the western boundary of the municipality, then northerly along the western boundary of the municipality to the point of commencement.

### Ward 2

Commencing at the centrepoint of Rossland Road where it intersects with the western boundary of the municipality and continuing easterly along the centre line of Rossland Road to the centrepoint of the intersection of Rossland Road and Harwood Avenue, then southerly along the centre line of Harwood Avenue to the centrepoint of the intersection of Harwood Avenue and Highway #2 (Kingston Road), then easterly along the centre line of Highway #2 to the eastern boundary of the municipality, then northerly along the eastern boundary of the municipality to the northern boundary of the municipality, then westerly along the northern boundary of the municipality to the western boundary of the municipality, then southerly to the point of commencement.

### Ward 3

Commencing at the centrepoint of Highway 401 where it intersects with the western boundary of the municipality and continuing easterly along the centre line of Highway 401 to Knapton Avenue, then northerly along the centre line of Knapton Avenue to the northern limit of Plan 465, then easterly along the northern boundary of Plan 465 to the centrepoint of Harwood Avenue, then northerly along the centre line of Harwood Avenue to the centrepoint of the intersection of Harwood Avenue and Highway #2 (Kingston Road), then easterly along the centre line of Highway #2 to the eastern boundary of the municipality, then southerly along the eastern boundary of the municipality to the southern boundary of the municipality, then westerly along the southern boundary of the municipality to the western boundary of the municipality, then northerly along the western boundary of the municipality to the point of commencement.

2. That By-law 26-2009 is hereby repealed.
3. That this By-law shall come into force on the day the new council of the Town of Ajax is organized following the regular municipal elections in 2018.
4. That notwithstanding Clause 3 of this By-law, in accordance with Section 222 (9) of the Municipal Act 2001 S.O. 2001 c. 25 the regular municipal election scheduled for 2018

Eighteenth day of April, 2017.

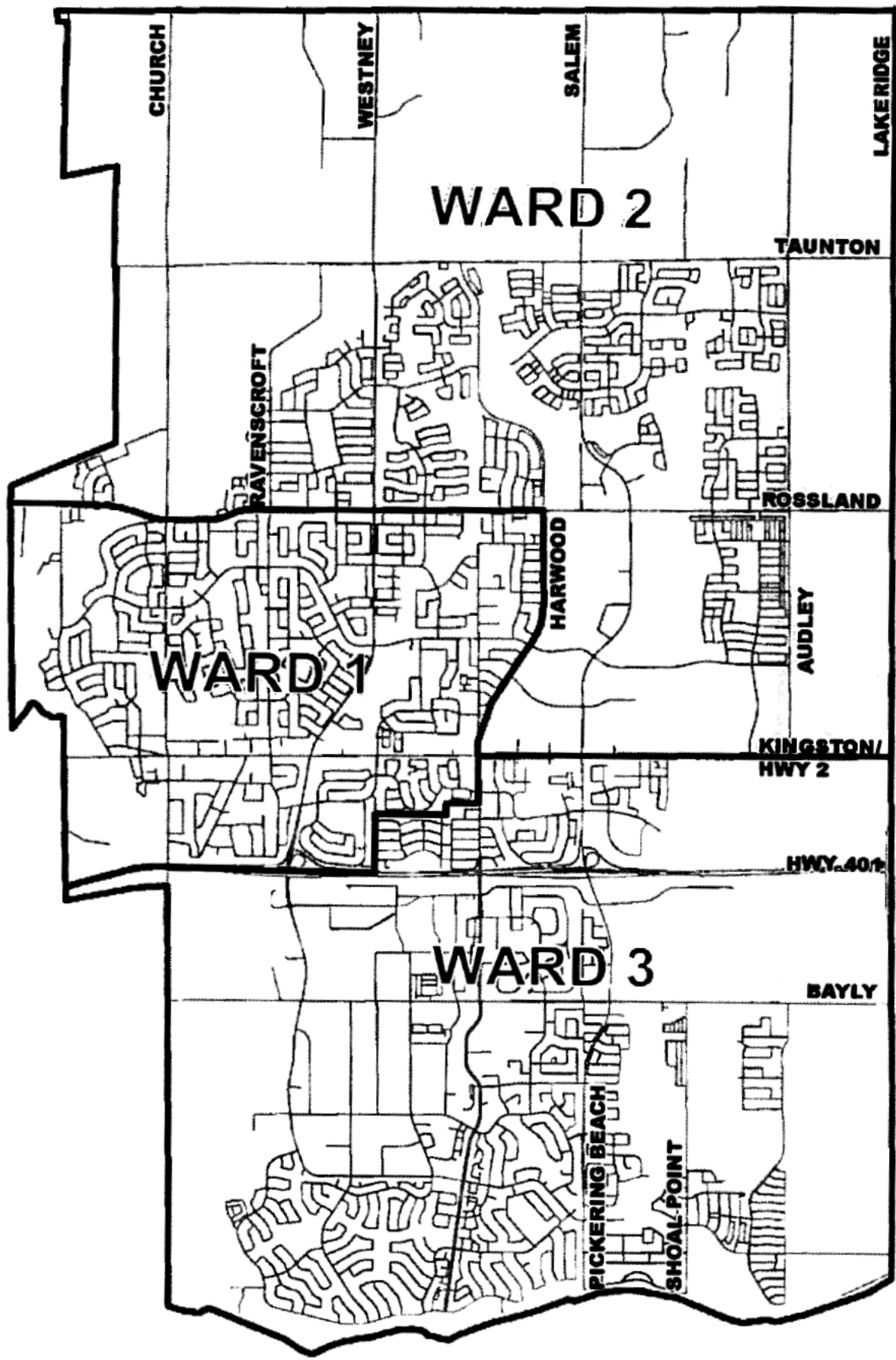


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**Sent:** June-06-17 3:46 PM  
**To:** Todd, Lesley  
**Cc:** Bolton, Andrea  
**Subject:** Resolution re: Speed Reduction on 400 Series Highways in Inclement Weather  
**Attachments:** Resolution re Truck Traffic on 400 Series Highways in Poor Weather.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find a resolution passed by the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville requesting the MTO to examine measures to reduce speed and enforce these speed reductions on 400 series highways when severe storm conditions exist.

If you require anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,  
Sheena

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The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC-040 -2017

Date: April 20, 2017

Moved by Joe BaptistaSeconded by Doug Malanka

**WHEREAS** the 400 series of highways travels through municipalities within Leeds and Grenville; and

**WHEREAS** there is an ever growing amount of truck traffic that travels on these highways along with an ever increasing amount of dangerous goods that are transported on those trucks; and

**WHEREAS** it has been identified that high rates of speed during inclement weather events have contributed to accidents in our region including the recent accident that resulted in a chemical spill; and

**WHEREAS** a policy of speed reduction during severe storms has been successfully deployed in other North American jurisdictions and has reduced traffic incidents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville hereby ask that the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario look at measures to reduce speed and enforce these speed reductions on 400 series highways when severe storm conditions exist; and

**FURTHER THAT** this motion be sent to separated municipalities, counties and cities that have 400 series highways that travel through their region for endorsement and

**FURTHER THAT** this motion be brought to the Leeds and Grenville Joint Services Committee for endorsement.

Carried  Defeated

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Robin Jones, Warden



**From:** Electrification <Electrification@metrolinx.com>  
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**Subject:** Notice of Commencement and Public Meetings - GO Rail Network Electrification  
**Attachments:** Metrolinx Electrification TPAP\_Notice of Commencement\_JUNE142017.pdf

Please find attached the Notice of Commencement for the **GO Rail Network Electrification Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP)** (dated June 14, 2017).

Metrolinx and Hydro One are co-proponents jointly carrying out the TPAP in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08 - Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*) to examine the environmental impacts of converting several GO rail corridors from diesel to electric propulsion. As part of this process, a Notice of Commencement is being issued to formally commence the Transit Project Assessment Process.

Consultation with the public, review agencies and Indigenous and Métis communities is a key component to the GO Rail Network Electrification Project. Building on the first and second rounds of public consultation held in February/March 2016 and November 2016, a third round of public consultation is scheduled for June/July 2017 and will present the findings of the environmental studies undertaken for the project. Included in the attached Notice of Commencement are details regarding the dates, times and locations for the public meetings, as well as a location map and additional project information.

Regards,

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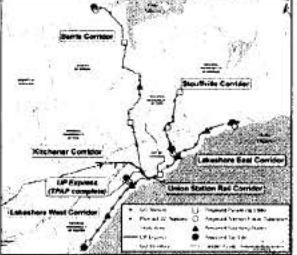
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# Notice of Commencement and Public Meetings GO Rail Network Electrification Transit Project Assessment Process

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is upgrading its commuter rail system into Regional Express Rail. The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) is now home to nearly 7 million people and heading towards 10 million by 2041. To address the urgent transit needs of the GTHA, the Province of Ontario committed to implement Regional Express Rail and make other investments to the GO system. By 2025, electrified lines will be carrying nearly 15 million passengers a day, all day and in both directions, within the most heavily travelled sections of the GO network.

**The Process**  
Metrolinx and Hydro One are co-developing, jointly carrying out the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 213/04. Transit Projects and Metrolinx undertakings made under the Environmental Assessment Act to examine the environmental impacts of converting several GO rail corridors from diesel to electric propulsion.

**The Project**  
As part of Regional Express Rail, Metrolinx is proposing to electrify GO rail corridors. The GO Rail Network Electrification undertaking will ensure design and implementation of a traction power supply system and power distribution components located along and within the vicinity of the rail corridors.  
The Study Area (see key map) includes six GO rail corridors, as well as proposed locations for the traction power facilities (i.e., Traction Power Substations, Proliferating Stations, Switching Stations) and ancillary components:  
• Union Station Rail Corridor  
• Lakeshore West Corridor - West of Bathurst St. to Burlington  
• Kitchener Corridor - UP Express Spur (at Highway 427) to Brantford  
• Berne Corridor - Parkdale Junction to Allandale GO Station  
• Stouffville Corridor - Scarborough Junction to Lincolnville GO Station  
• Lakeshore East Corridor - Don River Layover to Cobblestone GO Station



**Traction Power Supply and Distribution System**  
Electrification of the GO Network requires a connection to the provincial electrical system. It is proposed that power be supplied from Hydro One's existing 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines through the installation of five (5) Tap Stations which will bring power to the Traction Power Substations (TPS) and then feed into the power distribution system components adjacent to and along the rail corridors to be electrified.

**Consultation**  
Building on the first and second rounds of public consultation meetings held in February/March 2016 and November 2016, Metrolinx and Hydro One are now formally commencing the TPAP. A third round of public consultation is planned for June/July 2017 (details below) and will present the findings of the technical/environmental studies (posted online at [www.gotrains.com/electrification](http://www.gotrains.com/electrification)) undertaken for the GO Rail Network Electrification Project. Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in the process and/or contact the project team directly with feedback or questions. A discussion guide will be posted online at [www.gotrains.com/electrification](http://www.gotrains.com/electrification) prior to the meetings to provide key information.

We invite you to join us in person at the public meeting nearest you to find out more.

**Meeting Times: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. / Presentation: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, June 26, 2017**      **Wednesday, June 28, 2017**      **Thursday, June 29, 2017**      **Wednesday, July 5, 2017**  
Clark Memorial Hall      Aps Community Centre      Merry Hill      Newmarket Community Centre  
181 Lakeshore Road West      75 Catherine Road      55 John Street      200 Doug Duncan Drive  
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For further information on the project and studies completed to date, please visit [www.gotrains.com/electrification](http://www.gotrains.com/electrification).

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, submit a comment or question, or to receive additional information related to the Project, please send an email to the project team at [electrification@metrolinx.com](mailto:electrification@metrolinx.com) or contact:

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**NOTICE TO ALL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TRAFFIC INFORMATION MEDIA**

**ADVANCED NOTIFICATION**

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**RE: FULL CLOSURE – HIGHWAY 401 EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND FROM LAKE RIDGE ROAD TO BROCK STREET**

Please be advised that a full closure of Highway 401 eastbound and westbound from Lake Ridge Road to Brock Street is scheduled to occur from midnight on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**The above-mentioned closure will result in the following:**

- Beginning with 1 lane closed at 8:00 p.m., expanding to 2 lanes closed at 10:00 p.m.;
- Highway 401 eastbound on-ramp from Highway 412 southbound will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.;
- Highway 401 westbound on-ramp from Brock Street/Consumer's Drive eastbound and westbound will be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.;
- Highway 401 westbound on-ramp from Brock Street southbound will be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.;

This closure is required for the demolition of the bridge at Henry Street.

Motorists are advised to plan alternate routes for the duration of the closure. **Access to Highway 401 eastbound** is available via signed detour route by Lake Ridge Road southbound to Victoria Street eastbound to Brock Street northbound. **Access to Highway 401 westbound** is available via signed detour route by Brock Street southbound to Victoria Street westbound to Lake Ridge Road northbound. **Access to Highway 401 eastbound from Highway 412 southbound** is available via Dundas Street eastbound to Thickson Road southbound.

For real-time updates on these and other scheduled events in Central Region, please link to 'Traffic Reports' via the Ontario 511 website (<http://www.ontario.ca/511>).

**ATTENTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISPATCH CENTRES:**

Please ensure this information is passed along immediately to all appropriate supervisors and field units.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

Astrid Poesi, Communications Coordinator (416) 235-5340  
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**Christine Gallagher**

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**From:** POWERS Kevin -STAKEREL <kevin.powers@opg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:20 PM  
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**Subject:** Ensuring a Safe, Permanent Solution to Manage Nuclear Waste

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Ralph Walton, Director, Legislative Services/Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Whitby, ON

June 14, 2017

Dear Ralph Walton,

For 40 years, nuclear generation has provided about half of Ontario's electricity. This reliable and affordable power comes with the critical responsibility of safely storing the waste produced. Over the past 13 years, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has studied and consulted on the creation of a Deep Geologic Repository (DGR), a safe, permanent solution for Ontario's low- and intermediate-level nuclear waste.

This letter outlines our plans for the long-term management of Ontario's nuclear waste. We are working with provincial and federal regulators to develop a solution that ensures the safety of all communities.

Our long-term disposal strategy ensures the environment will be protected. We encourage you, your municipality and the residents you serve to visit these resources about OPG's DGR:

- [Input from Scientists](#)
- [Site Characteristics Naturally Isolate and Contain the Waste](#)
- [Protecting Lake Huron](#)

Currently, low- and intermediate-level waste is stored in warehouses and in-ground containers at the Bruce nuclear site. Although we could continue to securely store the waste like this, we have a responsibility to future generations to find a long-term solution.

That's why, with the support of the Municipality of Kincardine and technical experts, we have proposed the creation of a DGR. Years of research have provided scientific evidence indicating this site is ideally suited for isolating the waste.

We would like the opportunity to answer questions you may have about the DGR and discuss what it will mean for your municipality and its residents.

**If you are interested in speaking with me or a subject matter expert, I will be happy to arrange an individual briefing.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,  
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Director, Public Affairs, OPG Nuclear

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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **AFFORDABLE AND SENIORS' HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task Force Committee was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 9:00 AM

**Present:** Councillor Ballinger, Township of Uxbridge  
Councillor Carter, City of Oshawa  
Councillor Chapman, Chair, City of Oshawa  
Councillor Drew, Township of Scugog, attended the meeting at 9:04 AM  
Councillor Grant, Township of Brock, left the meeting at 10:45 AM  
Councillor Jordan, Town of Ajax  
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair, City of Pickering  
Councillor Roy, Town of Whitby  
Regional Chair Anderson

**Absent:** Councillor Foster, Municipality of Clarington  
Councillor Ryan, City of Pickering

#### **Staff**

**Present:** A. Andrews, Manager, Strategic Partnerships, Income and Employment Support, Social Services  
M. Blake, Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
J. Connolly, Director, Housing Services, Social Services  
G.H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer  
H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services  
J. Finlayson, Manager, Corporate Communications  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – Information Technology  
R. Jagoe, Policy Analyst, Housing Services, Social Services  
J. Kelly, Principal Planner, Strategic Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
M. Simpson, Director, Financial Planning and Purchasing, Finance Department  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Regional Chair Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
That the agenda for the May 17, 2017 Affordable and Seniors'  
Housing Task Force Committee meeting, be approved.  
CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
That the minutes of the Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task  
Force meeting held on April 19, 2017 be adopted.  
CARRIED

**4. Opening Remarks, Purpose and Objectives**

Chair Chapman stated that the following points will be discussed at the meeting:

- Profile the supply side of the seniors housing equation
- Demonstrate the achievements that have been realized across Durham Region from a supply lens
- Present good practices from other jurisdictions
- Identify the impacts and implications of recent Provincial Government Announcements pertaining to the delivery of affordable housing
- Collectively discuss the opportunities for Durham Region associated with increasing affordable housing supply
- Next steps

**5. Presentations**

J. Connolly provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the following:

- a) Provincial Housing Announcements
- b) The Current State of Seniors' Housing in Durham Region – A Synopsis of the Issues
- c) The Supply of the Seniors' Housing Equation in Durham Region
- d) Affordable Rental and Seniors' Housing in Durham

A copy of the presentation was provided as a handout and highlights of the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Recap – The Supply Side
  - Key Messages
- Ontario Fair Housing Plan
  - Objectives
  - Proposed Actions
  - Highlights
  - Ontario Budget 2017
  - Implications for Durham
  - Rental Units by Date of Construction
  - Average Market Rents
- The Existing Situation
  - The Canadian Picture: Seniors Housing – A Brief Recap of Demand
  - CMHC Findings – Distribution of Population Aged 45+, By Age and Supportive Housing Status
  - The Ontario Picture
  - Ontario Population Projections by Age Cohort
  - Seniors Housing Report: Ontario
  - Vacancy Rate for Standard Spaces Declines
  - Seniors 65+ in Durham Region (2016)
  - The Continuum of Care
  - Durham – Independent Living (Regional Housing Tenure)
  - Seniors' Housing under Regional Administration
  - Retirement Facilities in Durham Region
  - Retirement Living...Average Costs
  - Placement Categories for Long Term Care (LTC)
  - Dependent Living: Long-Term Care Homes (LTC)
  - LTC Waitlist Statistics (March 31/17)
  - LTC...Costs
- The Gaps
  - Affordable Rental Housing: What The Data is Showing Us
  - Seniors' Housing: What the Data is Showing Us
  - Evidence that the Region is Changing
- What is Durham Doing to Address the Issues?
  - Regional Role and Partners
  - How to Make Housing Affordable
  - Social Housing Programs Administered by the Region of Durham
  - Affordable Housing Developments
  - Current: New Council-Approved Affordable Housing Developments
  - Durham's Efforts to Date: Community Revitalization
  - Regional Revitalization Program (RRP): Summary
  - Durham's Efforts to Date: Range of Choice Relating to Seniors Housing



- What do you Think?
  - Considerations
- June Roundtable
  - Update

Discussion ensued with regards to the accuracy of the numbers provided for Average Market Rents; clarification regarding rent control; possibility of reduction and deferral of development charges; the need to look at tools to aid with the turnover of social housing; the importance of looking at the affordability factor; and, the importance of partnering with organizations. Staff was requested to provide details regarding the number of high density sites that have been reduced to medium density.

## 6. Discussion Items

### A) Facilitated Dialogue

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K. Wianecki, Director of Practice at Planning Solutions Inc., provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Examples of Municipal Approaches.

A copy of the presentation was provided as a handout and highlights of the presentation included:

- Affordable Rental Housing
- How to Make Housing Affordable
- Reduce Long-Term Operating and/or Debt Servicing Costs
- Long-Term Operating Subsidies
- Decrease Tenant's Housing Costs
- Seniors' Housing
- Innovative Land Use Planning Approaches
- Innovative Housing Design/Build

K. Wianecki stated that the following are three ways to make housing affordable: design/fund building development to reduce long-term operating and/or debt servicing costs; provide long-term operating subsidies; and reduce the tenant's housing costs or provide a rent based income subsidy.

K. Wianecki stated that other municipalities have tackled the issue of affordable housing in a number of different ways. She advised that Niagara Region has delegated its authority under the *Housing Services Act* to Niagara Regional Housing (NRH), who has recently purchased land from Carleton United Church for housing development. She also advised that the City of Cambridge has an Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) which is a tool intended to incentivize the development of affordable housing by both public and private sectors and identifies project areas where affordable housing development should be directed.

K. Wianecki further advised that Good Shepherd's Square in Hamilton is a mixed generational and mixed use development funded by three levels of government and strong community support. She stated that Hamilton Land Trust is a non-profit corporation that owns land in the name of citizens and leases it back to social-purpose organizations and individuals in order to meet needs that are prioritized by the community. She also stated that the City of Toronto has an Open Door Affordable Housing Program which was approved in 2016 to accelerate affordable housing construction by providing City financial contributions including capital funding and fees and property tax relief, fast-tracking planning approvals, and activating surplus public land.

K. Wianecki reviewed streamlined development permit systems and demolition control areas as innovative land use planning approaches. She stated that development permit systems integrates zoning, site plan and minor variance approvals into one application and approval process and can be used to improve the review and approval timelines. Demolition control areas are established to preserve affordable housing stock.

K. Wianecki also reviewed pocket housing and garden suites as innovative housing design and build solutions. She stated that pocket housing looks like single family housing but consists of multiple, smaller units with private entrances and private washroom facilities. Garden suites are temporary forms of affordable housing that do not require the purchase of land as they are supplementary to existing dwellings.

K. Wianecki requested that the Committee provide feedback with respect to the following questions:

- What are other Municipalities doing?
- What makes sense for Durham Region?
- Where could/should the Region be focusing its efforts?
- What is your one big idea to increase the supply and availability of affordable housing and seniors housing in Durham Region?

Discussion ensued and the Committee provided the following comments:

- Municipalities should be encouraged to identify surplus lands which can be used for social housing units;
- Incentives need to be provided to builders to build affordable housing;
- Look at the deferral of development charges as long as the Region gets to manage a certain number of units;
- Any adjustment of development charges should be pro-rated;
- Builders be encouraged to build homes with accessory apartments and garden suites;
- Re-use and re-design schools or other municipal facilities that have been closed or declared surplus;
- Housing needs to be accessible to retail, grocery shopping and health care;
- Encourage mixed income communities/neighbourhoods;
- Important to look at tools to aid with the turnover of housing units;
- Look at the long term capital needs of the projects invested in;
- Important to look after and secure asset management over the long term;
- Important that builders have a standard of care;
- Important for each municipality to look at the streamlined development permit system;
- That communities work together to prevent isolation of social housing communities and to prevent stigmatism;
- That developers be required to have a number of social housing and shared housing options available in developments;
- Important to keep high density sites and not downsize;
- Focus on growth, livability and viability;
- Social housing is vital to rental affordability in Durham;
- Waiting lists for Durham long term care beds is long and growing;
- There are few options for seniors for dependent and independent living;
- Important to have greater choice of housing for seniors across Durham Region;
- Look at enhancing existing programs such as the Regional Revitalization Program;
- Important to have partners; and
- Important to have a commitment to implementation.

B) The June Thought Leaders and Partners Roundtable

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K. Wianecki provided an update with respect to the Thought Leaders and Partners Roundtable scheduled for June 20, 2017. She advised that the purpose of the Roundtable is to profile exemplary practices; to share information and to invite insight for the Committee to consider. She also advised that the anticipated attendance is 60 to 80 and there will be lots of opportunity for active discussions to take place. K. Wianecki further confirmed that written submissions as well as a survey will also be encouraged after the Roundtable.

**7. Information Items**

A) Updates to the Task Force Webpage

A printout of the Changes to the Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task Force Webpage was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

B) Survey

A copy of the Survey titled, "Your Opinion Counts: share your input on affordable rental and seniors' housing" was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

C) June Roundtable Preliminary Program

A copy of the Program for the Affordable and Seniors' Roundtable was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda.

D) Wait List Statistics from Other Service Areas

A copy of the Wait List Statistics from Other Service Areas was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Jordan, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
That Information Items 7 A), B), C) and D) be received for  
information.

CARRIED

**8. Follow-up Items**

There were no Follow-up Items to consider.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9 AM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Drew, Seconded by Regional Chair Anderson,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM

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Councillor Chapman, Chair,  
Affordable and Seniors' Housing Task  
Force Committee

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

## Action Items Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to provide information on the possibility of an educational campaign designed to encourage people to sign up for subsidized housing at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. (Region of Durham's Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan for the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Program) (2016-COW-19)	Social Services / Economic Development	October 5, 2016
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Section 7 of Attachment #1 to Report #2016-COW-31, Draft Procedural By-law, as it relates to Appointment of Committees was referred back to staff to review the appointment process.	Legislative Services	First Quarter 2017
October 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole	That Correspondence (CC 65) from the Municipality of Clarington regarding the Durham York Energy Centre Stack Test Results be referred to staff for a report to Committee of the Whole	Works	
December 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff advised that an update on a policy regarding Public Art would be available by the Spring 2017.	Works	Spring 2017
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Inquiry regarding when the road rationalization plan would be considered by Council. Staff advised a report would be brought forward in June.	Works	June 2017

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
January 18, 2017	In light of the proposed campaign self-contribution limits under Bill 68 and the recent ban on corporate donations which will require candidates for the elected position of Durham Regional Chair to raise the majority of their campaign funds from individual donors, staff be directed to prepare a report examining the potential costs and benefits of a contribution rebate program for the Region of Durham.	Legislative Services	Fall 2017
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was directed to invite the staff of Durham Region and Covanta to present on the Durham York Energy Facility at a future meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Clarington.	Works	
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to advise Council on the number of Access Pass riders that use Specialized transit services.	Finance/DRT	March 8, 2017
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	A request for a report/policy regarding sharing documents with Council members.	Corporate Services - Administration	Prior to July 2017
May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion ensued with respect to whether data is collected on how many beds are created through this funding; and, if staff could conduct an analysis of the Denise House funding allocation to determine whether an increase is warranted. H. Drouin advised	Social Services	

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
	staff would investigate this and bring forward this information in a future report.		
May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion ensued with respect to whether staff track the job loss vacancies in Durham Region, in particular the retail market. K. Weiss advised that staff will follow-up with the local area municipalities and will report back on this matter.	Economic Development & Tourism	