



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2019-INFO-55](#)
Date: August 9, 2019

Subject:

2018 Annual Building Activity Review, File: D03-02

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarizes the key findings of the 2018 Annual Building Activity Review. This annual report includes building permit and construction activity for Durham Region and the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) for 2018, with comparisons to 2017.

2. Background

2.1 The Planning and Economic Development Department conducts on-going monitoring activities to assess the effectiveness of the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP) and other Regional policies. These monitoring activities assist in identifying emerging issues and trends.

2.2 Building activity is monitored as an indicator of Regional housing and employment activity, the level of local investment, and economic performance. This report provides a comprehensive analysis of construction activity including residential building activity from the start of the process (i.e. issuance of building permit), to the construction and ultimate sale of new residential units into the market. It also provides an analysis of non-residential construction activity. The report concludes with a comparison of Durham's building activity with GTHA municipalities.

2.3 The 2018 Annual Building Activity Report (Attachment 1) presents key findings in both the residential and non-residential sectors along with trends, forecasts, and housing market information. Attachment 2 to this report provides the background data and analysis used to produce the annual report.

3. Key Highlights

The following summarizes key highlights from the 2018 Annual Building Activity Review:

Durham

- The total value of building permits issued in Durham increased by 5% from \$1.96 billion in 2017, to \$2.06 billion in 2018.
- Residential building permit value increased by 7.3% from \$1.38 billion in 2017, to \$1.48 billion in 2018.
- The total number of permits issued for new residential units in Durham increased 5.8% from 4,468 units in 2017, to 4,729 units in 2018, surpassing the 2018 forecast of 3,764 units.
- A total of 62% of new residential units in Durham were in multiple residential forms including row houses and apartments.
- There was a 7.6% decrease in the number of housing starts from 4,550 in 2017 to 4,205 in 2018. At the same time, completions increased by 1.5% from 3,494 to 3,545; and absorptions increased by 9.7% from 2,926 to 3,210.
- The average cost of a new single-detached dwelling in Durham Region increased 18.1% from \$626,256 in 2017 to \$739,821 in 2018.
- The average price of a resale dwelling (all dwelling types) in Durham decreased 5.4% from \$628,005 in 2017, to \$593,902 in 2018.
- The value of non-residential building permits decreased by 0.3% from \$583 million 2017, to \$581 million in 2018.
- Major non-residential construction projects over \$10 million initiated in 2018 included:
 - new seniors care facility in Whitby (\$64.4 million);

- new foodservice distribution centre in Ajax (\$49.5 million);
- new long-term care home in Whitby (\$29 million);
- new self storage and commercial building in Oshawa (\$26.2 million);
- new maintenance building in Pickering (\$21 million);
- new spa in Whitby (\$11 million);
- renovations to a school in Whitby (\$11 million);
- new commercial building in Uxbridge (\$10.5 million);
- two new elementary schools in Oshawa (\$10.5 million; and \$10.3 million);
- new industrial building in Whitby (\$10.3 million); and
- new commercial building in Whitby (\$10 million).

4. Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area

- The total value of building permits issued (residential and non-residential) in the GTHA decreased by 0.8% from \$22 billion in 2017, to \$21.8 billion in 2018.
- In 2018 there were 47,425 building permits issued for new residential units in the GTHA, compared to 38,572 units in 2017 (+23%).
- The total value of residential building permits in the GTHA declined by 2.4% from \$14.2 billion in 2017 to \$13.9 billion in 2018.
- The value of non-residential building permits issued in the GTHA decreased from \$8.9 billion in 2017, to \$7.9 billion in 2018.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 In 2018, Durham's residential sector experienced an increase in the value of building permits (+7.3%) as well as an increase in the number of permits for new residential units (+5.8%).
- 5.2 Non-residential building permit value decreased (-0.3%) compared to 2017, particularly in the governmental sector.
- 5.3 CMHC notes that “Condominium apartment starts will dominate construction” in 2019, and that “new home starts in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) are expected to slow considerably throughout the forecast horizon mainly due to fewer single-detached home starts”.¹ In addition, there will be a strong rental demand due to

¹ CMHC Housing Market Outlook – Greater Toronto Area, Fall 2018

rising homeownership costs, but “sales of resale homes are expected to recover in 2019 as buyers and sellers adjust to new market conditions”.²

5.4 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: 2018 Annual Building Activity Review

Attachment #2: Background Data and Analysis

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Economic Development

August 2019



2018

Annual Building Activity Review

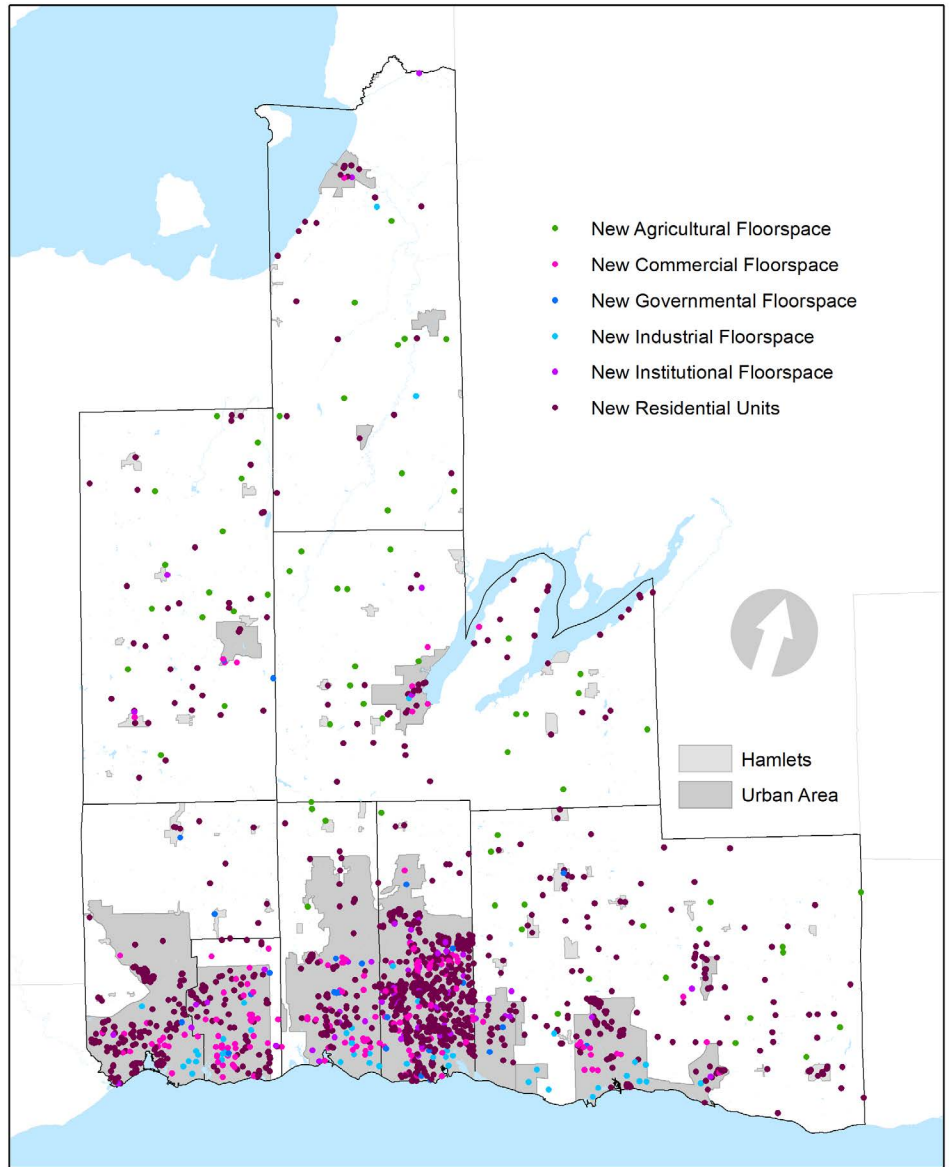
Planning and Economic Development Department

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The value of non-residential building permits decreased (-0.3%) compared to 2017.

The Planning and Economic Development Department conducts on-going monitoring activities to assess the effectiveness of the Durham Regional Official Plan and other Regional policies.

Building activity is also an indicator of regional housing and employment activity, the level of local investment and economic performance.



2018 Highlights

\$2,058,659,635 +5.0%

Total value of building permits issued

\$1,478,017,741 +7.3%

Total value of residential permits

\$580,641,894 -0.3%

Total value of non-residential permits

4,729 +5.8%

Permits issued for new residential units

Total value of permits issued in 2018 by municipality

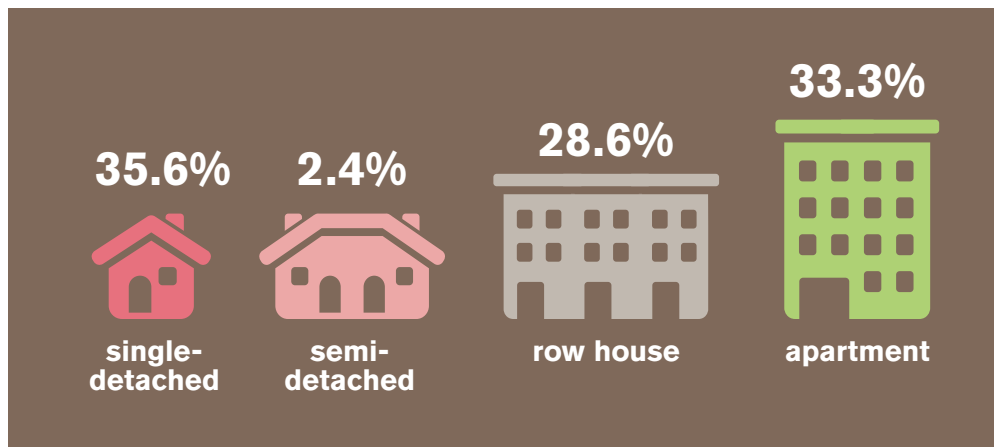
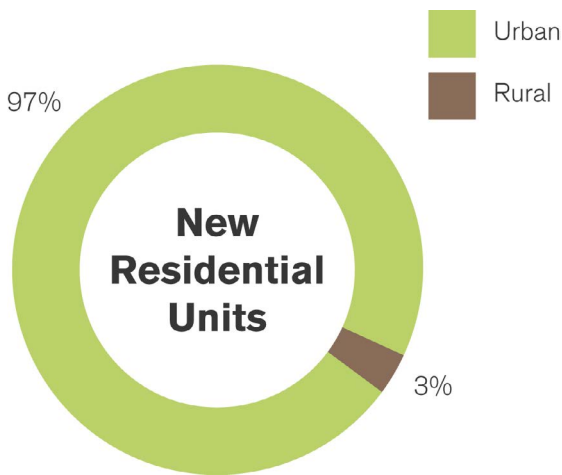
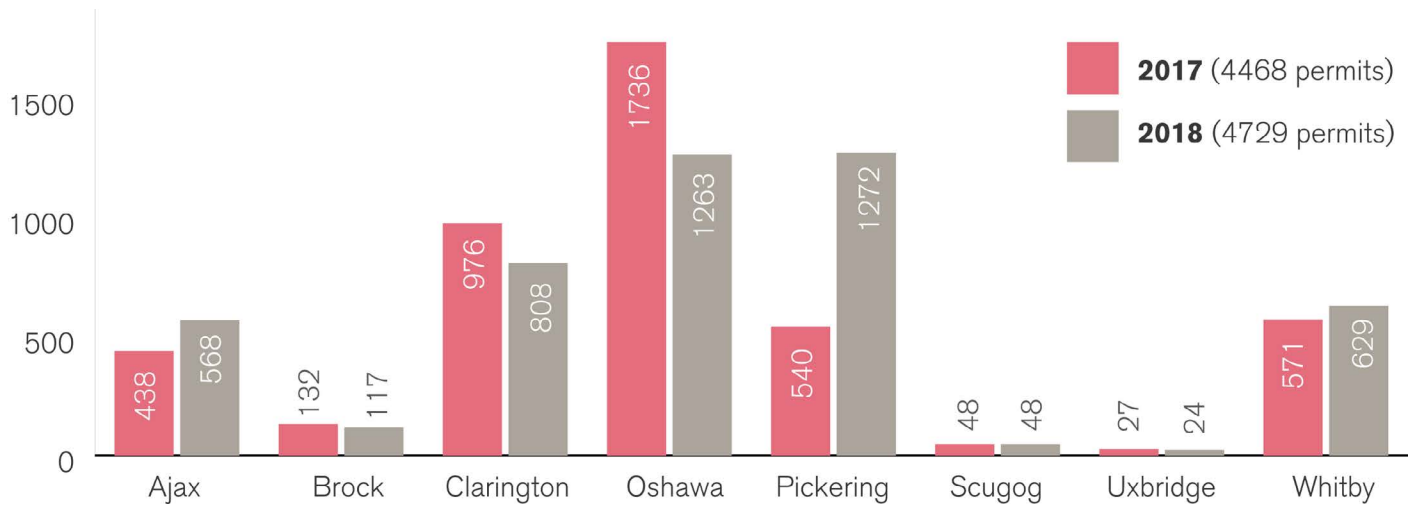


Residential



\$1.48 billion of **residential investment** in Durham last year.

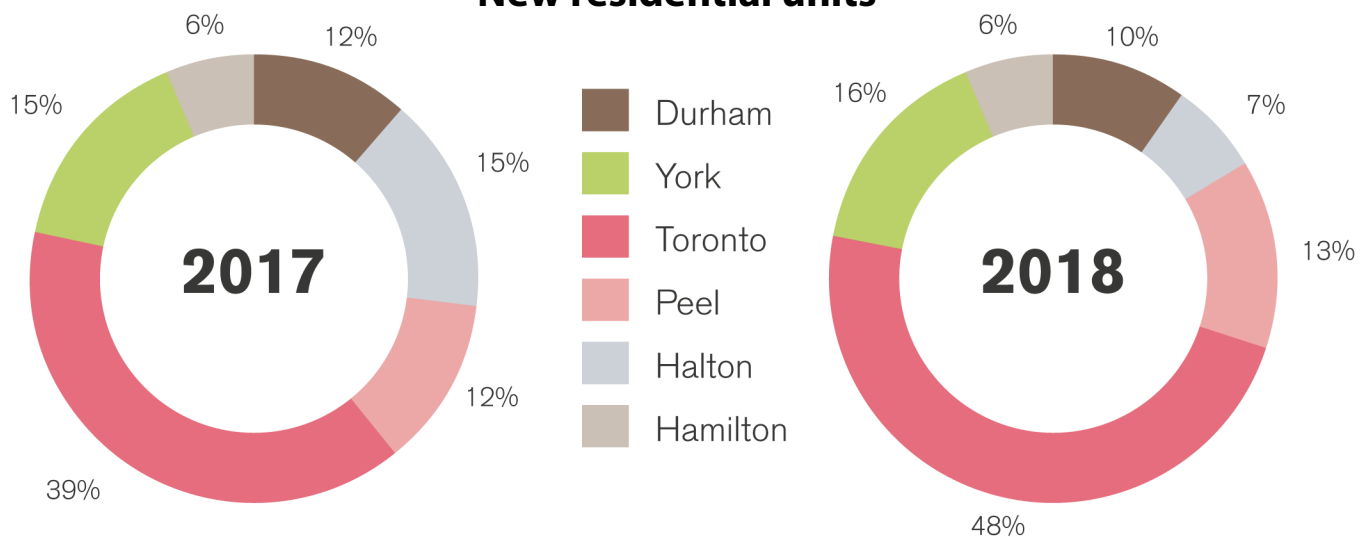
Number of permits for new residential units



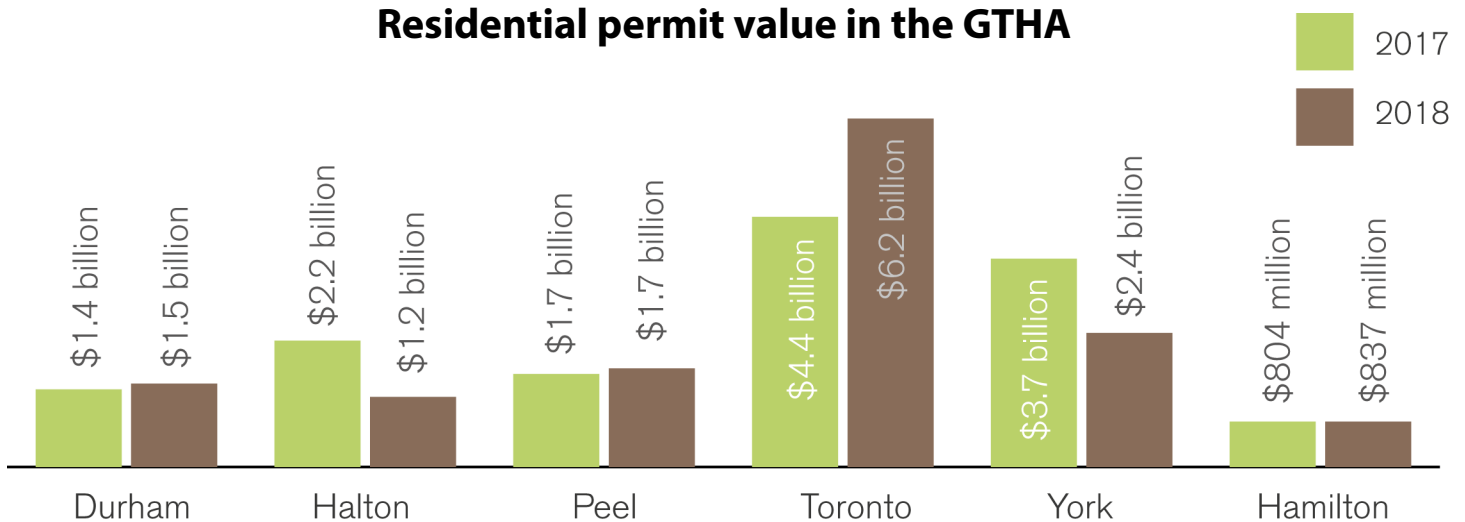
How does Durham compare to the GTHA?

In the **GTHA**, residential permits valued at **\$13.9 billion** were issued.

New residential units



Residential permit value in the GTHA

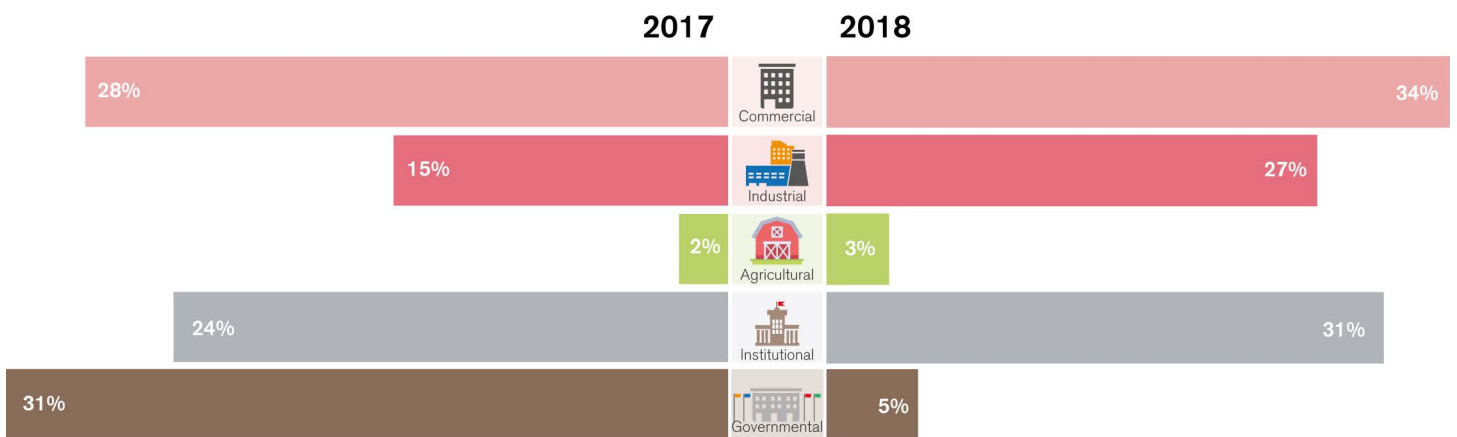


Non-Residential

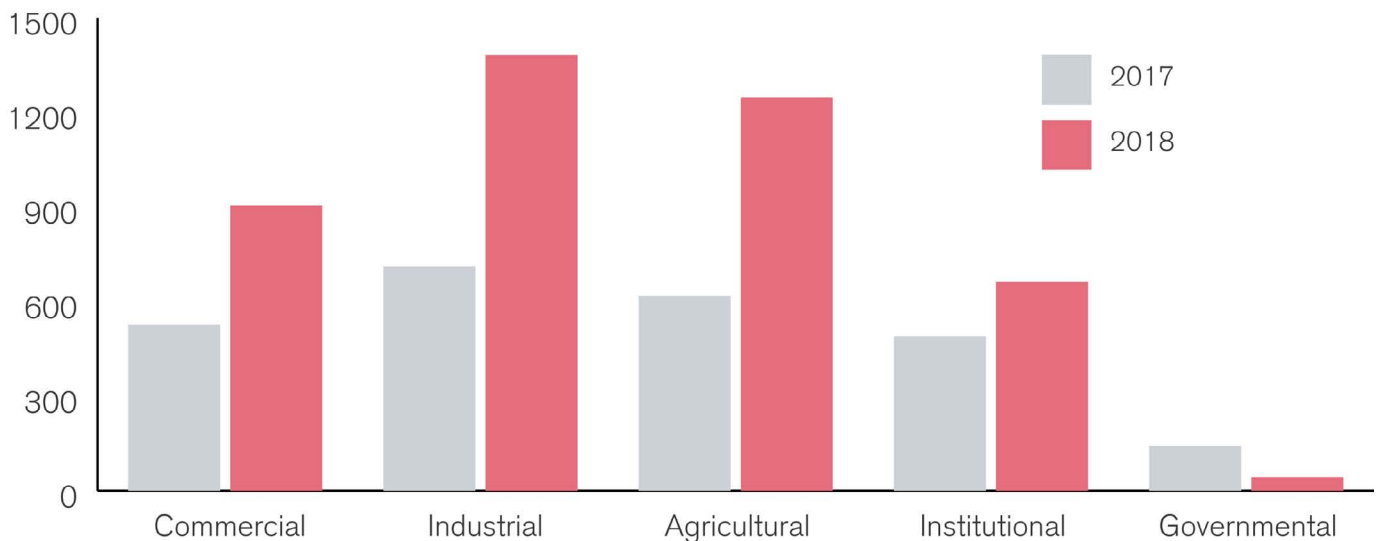


\$581 million of non-residential investment in Durham last year.

Non-residential value by sector

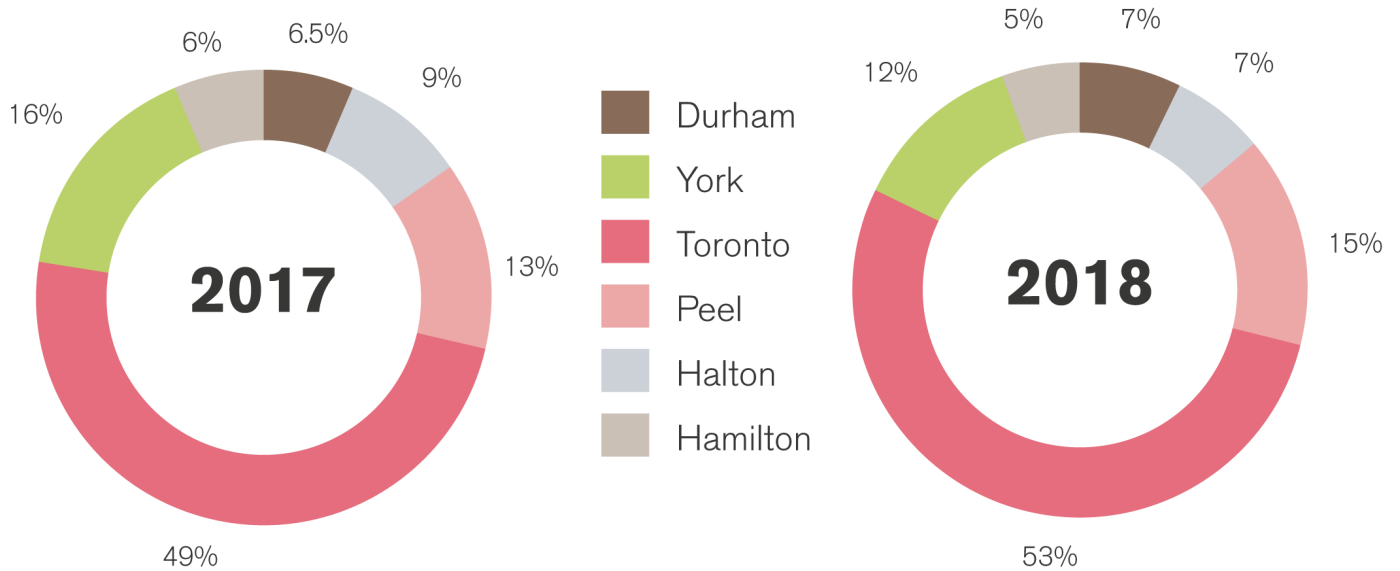


New non-residential floor space ('000 sq. ft.)

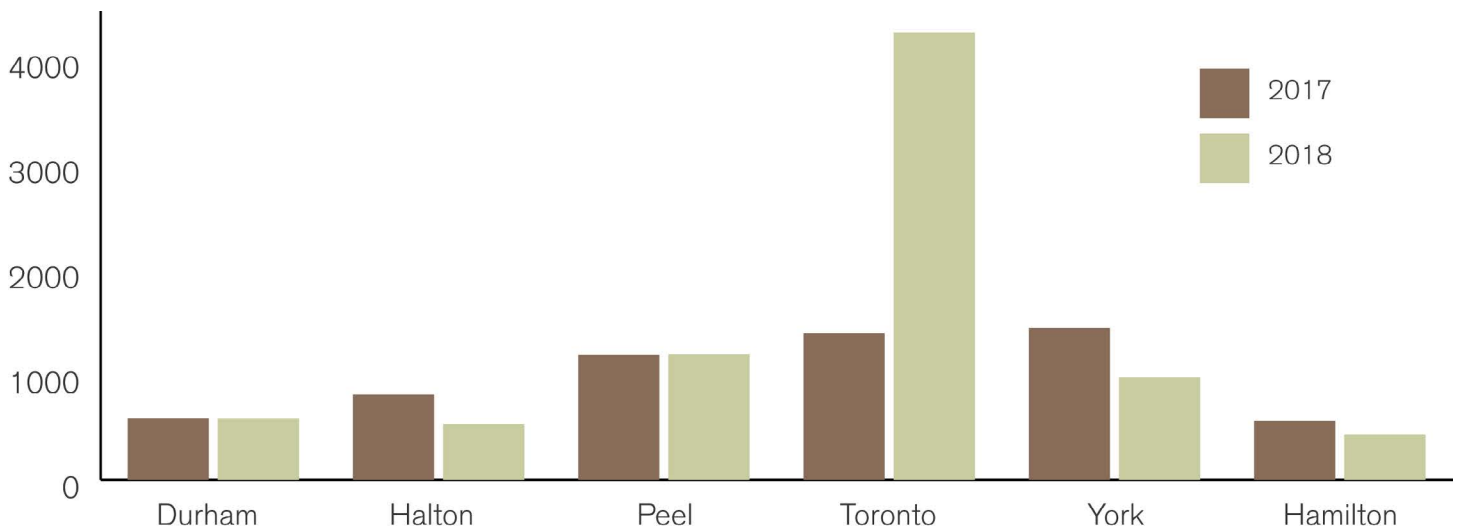


How does Durham compare to the GTHA? \$8 billion of investment in the GTHA

Non-residential investment

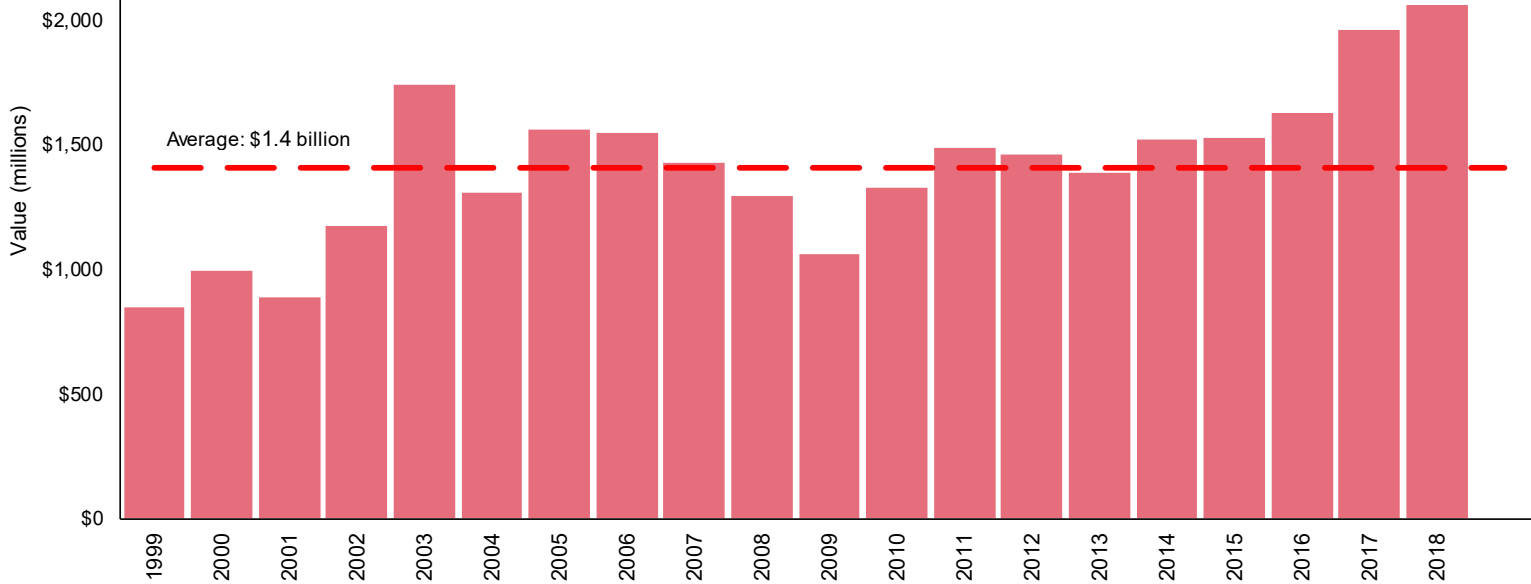


Non-residential building permit values (\$ millions)

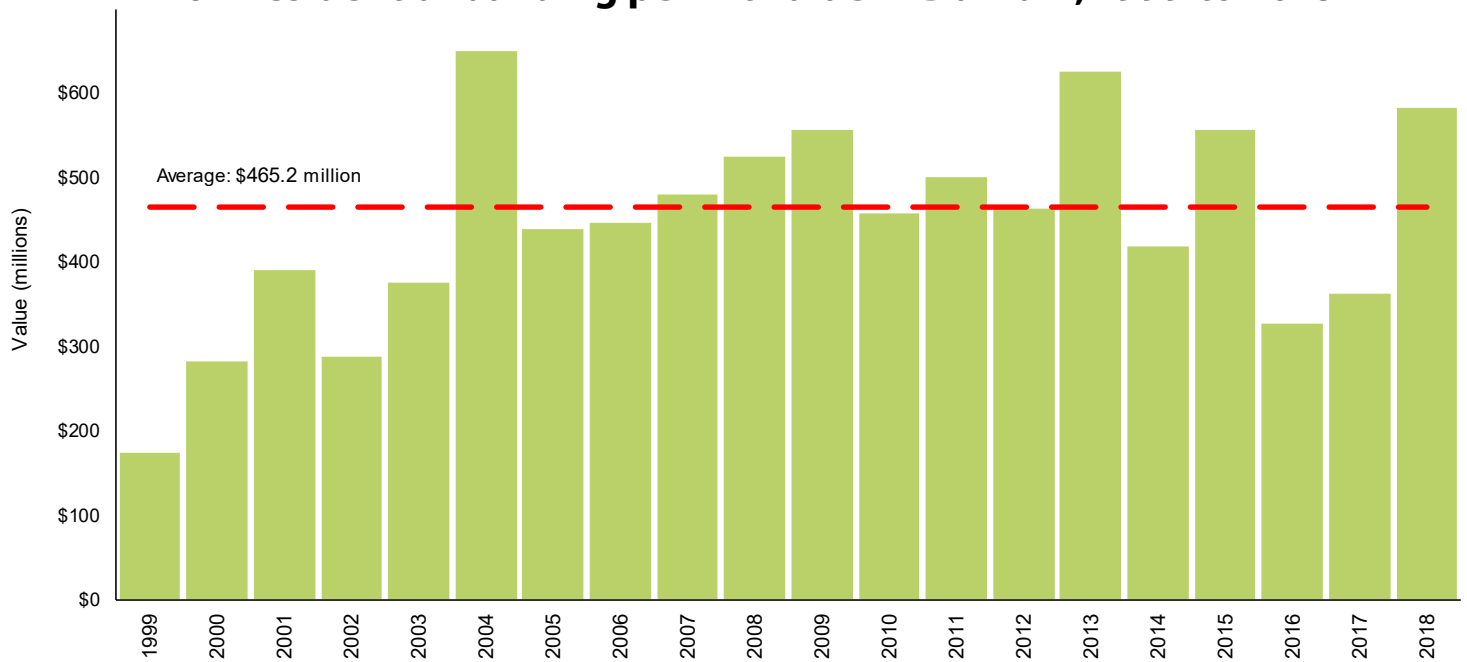


Trends

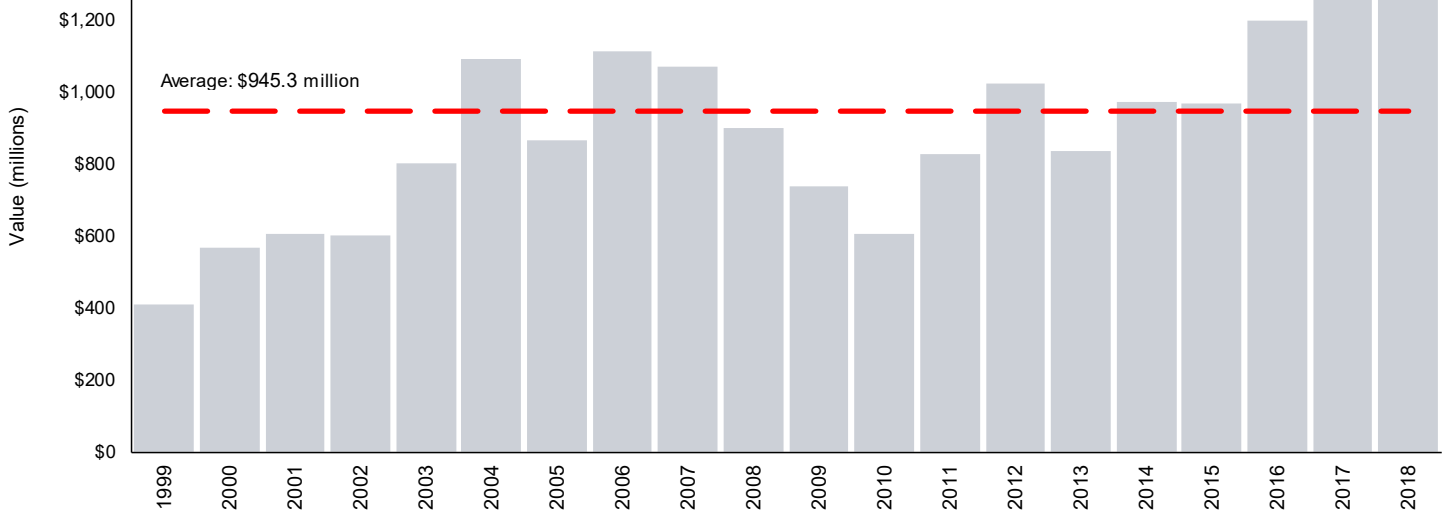
Total building permit value in Durham, 1999 to 2018



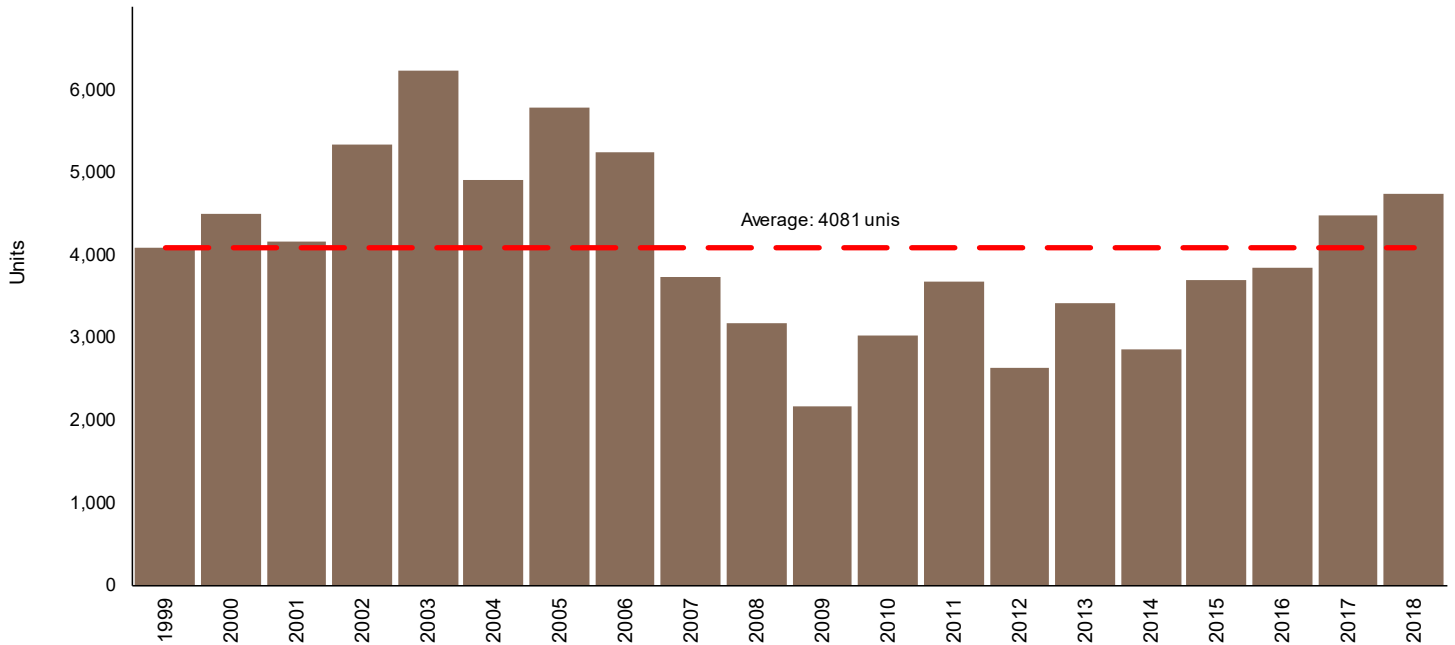
Non-residential building permit value in Durham, 1999 to 2018



Residential building permit values in Durham, 1999 to 2018



New residential units approved for construction, 1999 to 2018

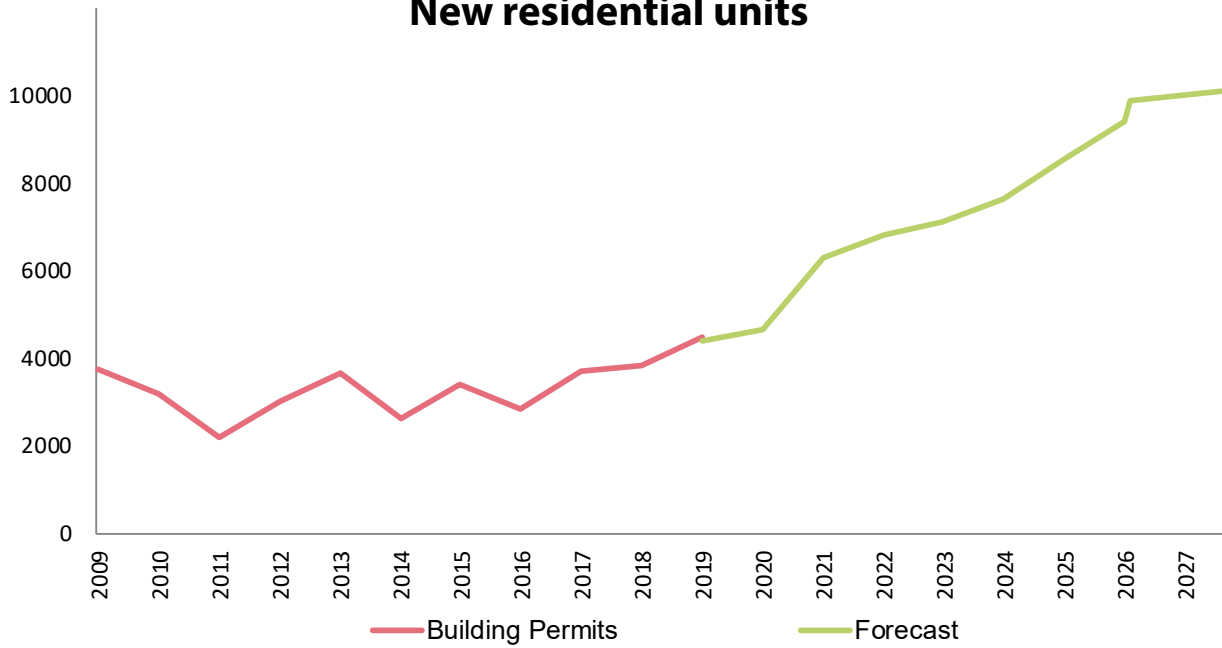


Forecast

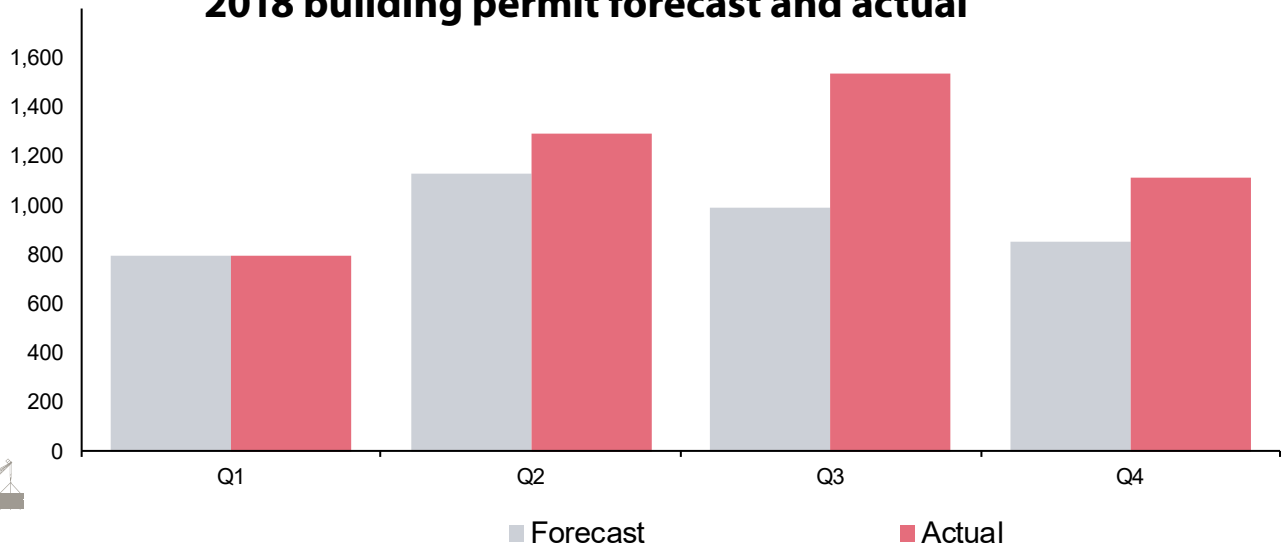


5,428 building permits
for new residential units expected in 2019

New residential units



2018 building permit forecast and actual



Housing Market

In 2018,

the average price of a **resale**

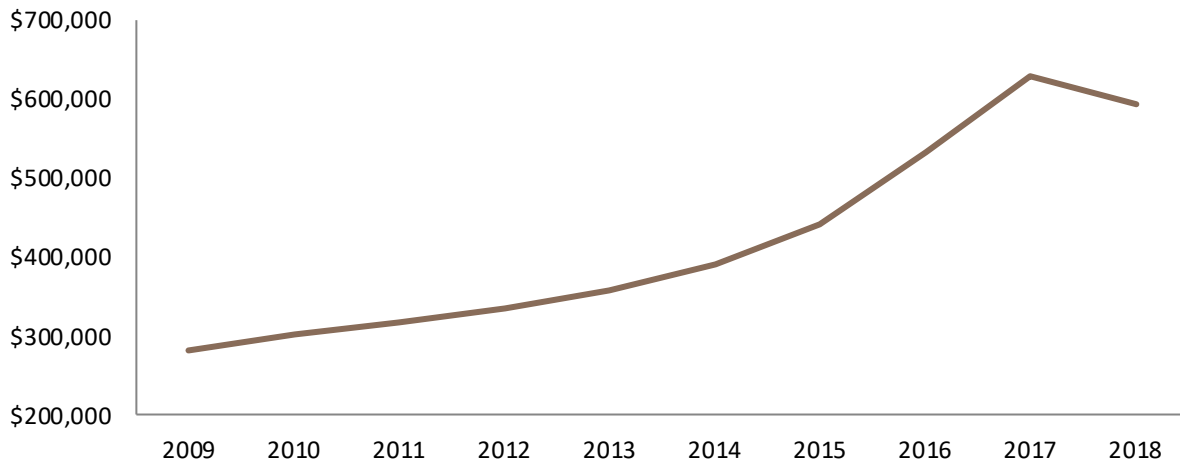
home was **\$593,902**



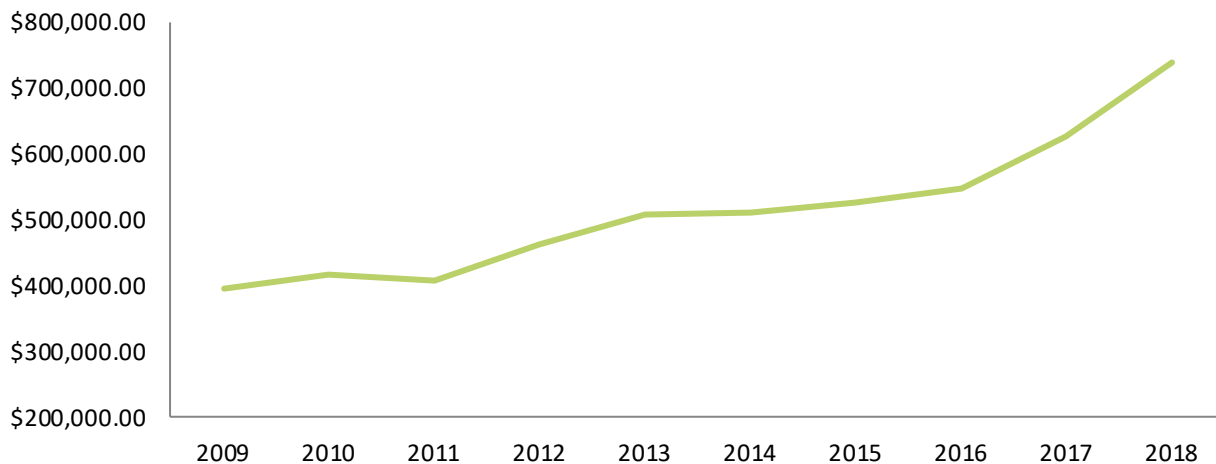
and the average price of a **new**

home (single) was **\$739,821**

Average resale price in Durham (all home types)



Average new home price in Durham (singles)





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Building Permit Activity in Durham – January to December 2018

Table 1
Total value of building permits by area municipality (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Ajax	\$245.5	12.5	\$174.4	8.5	-29.0
Brock	\$71.1	3.6	\$43.3	2.1	-38.9
Clarington	\$378.1	19.3	\$381.0	18.5	0.8
Oshawa	\$614.3	31.3	\$426.9	20.7	-30.5
Pickering	\$283.3	14.5	\$446.9	21.7	57.7
Scugog	\$30.6	1.6	\$38.4	1.9	25.6
Uxbridge	\$38.8	2.0	\$56.1	2.7	44.6
Whitby	\$299.0	15.2	\$491.6	23.9	64.4
Total	\$1,960.7	100%	\$2,058.7	100%	5.0

Table 2
Total value of building permits by type (\$ millions)

Permit type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Residential	\$1,378.1	70.3	\$1,478	71.8	7.3
Non-Residential	\$582.6	29.7	\$580.6	28.2	-0.3

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 3
Value of residential permits by area municipality (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Ajax	\$149.7	10.9	\$100.2	6.8	-33.1
Brock	\$65.4	4.7	\$37.1	2.5	-43.2
Clarington	\$329.4	23.9	\$343.5	23.2	4.3
Oshawa	\$483.6	35.1	\$308.6	20.9	-36.2
Pickering	\$189.0	13.7	\$365	24.7	93.1
Scugog	\$28.0	2.0	\$24.4	1.6	-12.9
Uxbridge	\$23.6	1.7	\$26.0	1.8	10.3
Whitby	\$109.4	7.9	\$273.3	18.5	149.8
Total	\$1,378.1	100%	\$1,478	100%	7.3

Table 4
Total value of residential permits by construction type (\$ millions)

Construction type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
New residential units	\$1,254.1	91.0	\$1,369.8	92.7	9.2
Renovations, additions and improvements	\$123.9	9.0	\$108.2	7.3	-12.7

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 5
Permits issued for new residential units by unit type (# of units)

Unit type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Single	1,538	34.4	1,683	35.6	9.4
Semi	161	3.6	115	2.4	-28.6
Town	1,625	36.4	1,354	28.6	-16.7
Apartment	1,144	25.6	1,577	33.3	37.8
Total	4,468	100%	4,729	100%	5.8

Table 6
Permits issued for new residential units by area municipality (# of units)

Municipality	2017 #	2017 %	2018 #	2018 %	% change
Ajax	438	9.8	568	12.0	29.7
Brock	132	3.0	117	2.5	-11.4
Clarington	976	21.8	808	17.1	-17.2
Oshawa	1,736	38.9	1,263	26.7	-27.2
Pickering	540	12.1	1,272	26.9	135.6
Scugog	48	1.1	48	1.0	0.0
Uxbridge	27	0.6	24	0.5	-11.1
Whitby	571	12.8	629	13.3	10.2
Total	4,468	100%	4,729	100%	5.8

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 7
Permits issued for new residential units by urban/rural area (# of units)

Area	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Urban	4,330	96.9	4,583	96.9	5.8
Rural	138	3.1	146	3.1	5.8
Total	4,468	100%	4,729	100%	5.8

Table 8
Value of non-residential building permits by sector (\$ millions)

Sector	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Commercial	\$162.6	27.9	\$198.3	34.2	22.0
Industrial	\$84.6	14.5	\$156.1	26.9	84.6
Agricultural	\$12.4	2.1	\$19.9	3.4	60.3
Institutional	\$140.3	24.1	\$177.3	30.5	26.4
Governmental	\$182.7	31.4	\$29.1	5.0	-84.1
Total	\$582.6	100%	\$580.6	100%	-0.3

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 9
Value of non-residential building permits by area municipality (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Ajax	\$95.7	16.4	\$74.2	12.8	-22.5
Brock	\$5.7	1.0	\$6.4	1.1	11.0
Clarington	\$48.7	8.4	\$37.6	6.5	-22.8
Oshawa	\$130.8	22.4	\$118.2	20.4	-9.6
Pickering	\$94.3	16.2	\$81.9	14.1	-13.2
Scugog	\$2.6	0.4	\$14.0	2.4	441.0
Uxbridge	\$15.2	2.6	\$30.1	5.2	97.8
Whitby	\$189.5	32.5	\$218.3	37.6	15.2
Total	\$582.6	100%	\$580.6	100%	-0.3

Table 10
Non-residential floor space by sector (thousand sq. ft.)

Sector	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Commercial	526.2	21.2	903.7	21.3	71.8
Industrial	710.6	28.6	1,381.4	32.6	94.4
Agricultural	618.6	24.9	1,246.7	29.4	101.5
Institutional	490.2	19.7	661.7	15.6	35.0
Governmental	142.0	5.7	42.0	1.0	-70.4
Total	2,487.7	100%	4,235.5	100%	70.3

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 11
Non-residential floor space by municipality (thousand sq. ft.)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Ajax	362.1	14.6	358.1	8.5	-1.1
Brock	174.2	7.0	661.9	15.6	280.0
Clarington	401.1	16.1	801.4	18.9	99.8
Oshawa	304.1	12.2	538.0	12.7	76.9
Pickering	298.7	12.0	262.6	6.2	-12.1
Scugog	106.3	4.3	350.1	8.3	229.3
Uxbridge	329.3	13.2	257.6	6.1	-21.8
Whitby	512.0	20.6	1,005.8	23.7	96.5
Total	2,487.7	100%	4,235.5	100%	70.3

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Durham Region Planning Division Building Permit Summaries

Table 12
Total value of building permits issued (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
GTHA	\$22,017.9	100.0	\$21,832.8	100.0%	-0.8
Durham	\$1,960.7	8.9	\$2,058.7	9.4%	5.0
Halton	\$3,052.4	13.9	\$1,773.5	8.1%	-41.9
Peel	\$2,838.7	12.9	\$2,943.4	13.5%	3.7
Toronto	\$8,835.4	40.1	\$10,436.2	47.8%	18.1
York	\$3,966.5	18.0	\$3,356.4	15.4%	-15.4
Hamilton	\$1,364.1	6.2	\$1,264.8	5.8%	-7.3

Table 13
Total value of residential building permits issued (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
GTHA	\$14,206.9	100.0	\$13,865.8	100.0%	-2.4
Durham	\$1,378.1	9.7	\$1,592.4	10.7%	7.3
Halton	\$2,242.0	15.8	\$1,242.2	9.0%	-44.6
Peel	\$1,650.9	11.6	\$1,749.8	12.6%	6.0
Toronto	\$4,437.6	31.2	\$6,181.0	44.6%	39.3
York	\$3,694.6	26.0	\$2,377.8	17.1%	-35.6
Hamilton	\$803.8	5.7	\$837.0	6.0%	4.1

Note: May contain estimated values by Statistics Canada and are subject to change
Source: Statistics Canada (Halton, Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton) and Durham Region Planning

Table 14
New residential units in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)
by type (# of units)

The “2017%” and “2018%” columns represent the breakdown of units by type within its municipality; while the “total” percentage noted for each municipality represents its breakdown within the GTHA.

Municipality	Type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
GTHA	Total	38,572	100.0	47,425	100.0	23.0
GTHA	Single	9,614	24.9	7,487	15.8	-22.1
GTHA	Semi	1,187	3.1	919	1.9	-22.6
GTHA	Town	9,321	24.2	7,019	14.8	-24.7
GTHA	Apartment	18,450	47.8	32,000	67.5	73.4
Durham	Total	4,468	11.6	4,729	10.0	5.8
Durham	Single	1,538	16.0	1,683	22.5	9.4
Durham	Semi	161	13.6	115	12.5	-28.6
Durham	Town	1,625	17.4	1,354	19.3	-16.7
Durham	Apartment	1,144	6.2	1,577	4.9	37.8
Halton	Total	5,948	15.4	3,160	6.7	-46.9
Halton	Single	2,032	21.1	994	13.3	-51.1
Halton	Semi	252	21.2	131	14.3	-48.0
Halton	Town	1,849	19.8	965	13.7	-47.8
Halton	Apartment	1,815	9.8	1,070	3.3	-41.0

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Municipality	Type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Peel	Total	4,715	12.2	6,424	13.5	36.2
Peel	Single	1,609	16.7	1,214	16.2	-24.5
Peel	Semi	294	24.8	138	15.0	-53.1
Peel	Town	849	9.1	760	10.8	-10.5
Peel	Apartment	1,963	10.6	4,312	13.5	119.7
Toronto	Total	15,091	39.1	22,714	47.9	50.5
Toronto	Single	1,283	13.3	1,316	17.6	2.6
Toronto	Semi	111	9.4	91	9.9	-18.0
Toronto	Town	1,896	20.3	934	13.3	-50.7
Toronto	Apartment	11,801	64.0	20,373	63.7	72.6
York	Total	5,934	15.4	7,440	15.7	25.4
York	Single	2,590	26.9	1,641	21.9	-36.6
York	Semi	230	19.4	286	31.1	24.3
York	Town	2,112	22.7	2,063	29.4	-2.3
York	Apartment	1,002	5.4	3,450	10.8	244.3
Hamilton	Total	2,416	6.3	2,958	6.2	22.4
Hamilton	Single	562	5.8	639	8.5	13.7
Hamilton	Semi	139	1.4	158	17.2	13.7
Hamilton	Town	990	10.3	943	13.4	-4.7
Hamilton	Apartment	725	7.5	1,218	3.8	68.0

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Source: Statistics Canada (Halton, Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton) and Durham Region Planning

Table 15
Total value of non-residential building permits issued (\$ millions)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
GTHA	\$8,982.6	100.0	\$7,967.1	100.0	-11.2
Durham	\$582.6	6.5	\$580.6	7.3	-0.3
Halton	\$810.4	9.0	\$531.3	6.7	-34.4
Peel	\$1,187.9	13.2	\$1,193.6	15.0	0.5
Toronto	\$4,397.8	49.0	\$4,255.2	53.4	-3.2
York	\$1,443.6	16.1	\$978.6	12.3	-32.2
Hamilton	\$560.4	6.2	\$427.8	5.4	-23.7

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Table 16
Absorptions by unit type (# of units)

By unit type	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Single	1,474	50.4	1,409	43.9	-4.4
Semi	96	3.3	98	3.1	2.1
Row/Town	840	28.7	1,001	31.2	19.2
Apartment	516	17.6	702	21.9	36.0
Total Supply	2,926	100%	3,210	100%	9.7

Table 17
Absorptions by area municipality (# of units)

Municipality	2017	2017 %	2018	2018 %	% change
Ajax	377	12.9	302	9.4	-19.9
Brock	52	1.8	73	2.3	40.4
Clarington	652	22.3	687	21.4	5.4
Oshawa	658	22.5	1,130	35.2	71.7
Pickering	474	16.2	644	20.1	35.9
Scugog	11	0.4	4	0.1	-63.6
Uxbridge	99	3.4	56	1.7	-43.4
Whitby	603	20.6	314	9.8	-47.9
Total	377	12.9	302	9.4	-19.9

Source: Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC),
Local Housing Market Tables, 2017/18

Table 18
Average interest rates (%)

Conventional Mortgage Rates	2017	2018	% change
1 Year Term	3.16	3.48	10.1
3 Year Term	3.49	4.25	21.9
5 Year Term	4.78	5.27	10.2
Bank Rate (%):	0.96	1.69	76.3

Sources: Bank of Canada website: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/>
 CMHC, Housing Now - Greater Toronto Area, December 2017/18
 Toronto Real Estate Board - Market Watch, January - December 2017/18

Table 19
Average cost of a new single detached dwelling

Municipality	2017	2018	% change
Ajax	\$672,956	\$751,099	11.6
Brock *	--	--	--
Clarington	\$536,039	\$649,114	21.1
Oshawa	\$585,041	\$745,060	27.4
Pickering	\$851,520	\$815,201	-4.3
Scugog *	--	--	--
Uxbridge	--	--	--
Whitby	\$793,000	\$922,588	16.3
Durham Region	\$626,256	\$739,821	18.1
City of Toronto	\$1,846,322	\$1,990,584	7.8
York Region	\$1,255,448	\$1,246,262	-0.7
Peel Region	\$728,633	\$790,546	8.5
Halton Region	\$1,282,893	\$1,273,853	-0.7
Hamilton	\$622,853	\$726,866	16.7

* Data is suppressed by Statistics Canada where sales are relatively low due to privacy concerns.

Note: May contain estimated values by Statistics Canada and are subject to change
Source: Statistics Canada (Halton, Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton) and Durham Region Planning

Table 20
Resale housing market in Durham

Key Indicator	2017	2018	% change
Number of Sales	11,136	8,941	-19.7
Number of New Listings	21,160	18,233	-13.8
Average Price (all dwelling types)	\$628,005	\$593,902	-5.4

Note: May contain estimated values by Statistics Canada and are subject to change
Source: Statistics Canada (Halton, Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton) and Durham Region Planning



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: August 9, 2019

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – August 2, 2019

Health
Department

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

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

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

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups (including performance reports), business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 2, 2019

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/yyqrpap7>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2cvohmd>

- Rifampin Shortage (Jul 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3dfo7xr>

- Durham Region Health Department reminds residents about important summer water safety guidelines (Jul 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ortt37>

- Durham Region Health Department launches free online prenatal classes (Jul 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6775g4c>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/yylvsuoz>

- Heat warning issued for Durham Region (Jul 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3pjks02>

- What's Up Doc? Vol 12, No 2 (Jul 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5w2wzlb>

- Durham Region Health Department launches DROIS – a new tool to track local opioid overdose-related statistics (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/yx9mbz6n>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 25)

<https://tinyurl.com/y57nf232>

- World Hepatitis Day, July 28, 2019 (Jul 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxw6swf8>

- Heat Warning issued for Durham Region (Jul 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2oxlucw>

- Heat Warning upgraded to an extended heat warning (Jul 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4phdnta>

- Breastfeeding Questions? We Can Help! (Jul 29)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyws7t6z>

- Extended heat warning terminated (Jul 30)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5wz86pr>

- Rabies Products Shortages (Jul 31)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6p3p6vp>

- Health Department recognized World Breastfeeding Week Aug. 1-7 (Aug 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4hoks2q>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 1)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxqs6pme>

- Canada's first federal accessibility legislation comes into force (Jul 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3z5bqo2>

- Supporting the next generation of middle-class workers in the green sector (Jul 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4qyp8ru>

- Increased Canada Child Benefit means more money for middle-class families (Jul 18)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxhoxvpo>

- Canada is investing in important climate change research (Jul 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4qpedta>

- Government of Canada invests \$1.6 billion to continue cleaning up contaminated sites (Jul 24)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yyaak8tb>

- Health Canada reminds pregnant women of the importance of food safety (Jul 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5xtrca6>

- Government of Canada invests in new measures to address opioid crisis and emerging drug threats (Jul 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ryf57w>

- Statement from Health Canada on the supply of EpiPen 0.3mg auto-injectors (Jul 19)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyyhebpk>

- Update on New Drug and Medical Device Authorizations (Jul 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3e99ynu>

- Bringing more treatment options to children and youth in Canada (Jul 25)

Infrastructure Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3e7o7u4>

- Canadian Communities Receive Federal Support for Clean Solutions and Infrastructure Planning (Jul 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6bs26x4>

- Government of Canada launches a new project to improve data for Canadian cities (Jul 26)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y4e4xtoe>

- Government of Canada works to improve rural connectivity (Jul 23)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yysqt5hf>

- Government of Canada Launches Road Map for Ending Violence Against Children (Jul 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6htv7s3>

- Government of Canada Launches Action Plan on Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (Jul 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y575wan7>

- Government of Canada supports projects to address and prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in Canada (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyssgq9d>

- Government of Canada supports efforts to better understand how substance use affects Indigenous communities (Jul 25)

Public Safety Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y4u8ujwu>

- Federal support for 61 Ontario flood mitigation projects (Jul 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2scy6dr>

- Individuals convicted of simple possession of cannabis can now apply for no-fee, expedited pardons (Aug 1)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yyrqmaob>

- Sale of zero-emission vehicles jump after launch of federal incentive program (Aug 1)

Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5wuwgsa>

- Minister Murray launches new *Policy on Service and Digital*, strengthening commitment to digital government (Aug 2)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y6dwod4t>

- Ontario is Working Towards a Needs-Based and Sustainable Autism Program (Jul 29)

Ministry of Education

<https://tinyurl.com/y29fsdtp>

- Government Launches Effort to Strengthen Math Skills & Improve Job Prospects (Jul 9)

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<https://tinyurl.com/yyq2cfmb>

- Statement from Minister Yurek on Receiving the Special Advisor's Report on Recycling and Plastic Waste (Jul 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5v6c7yr>

- Ontario Parks 30X30 Challenge Begins Today (Aug 1)

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

<https://tinyurl.com/yyebra7j>

- Ontario Releases First Discussion Paper on Promoting Public Trust and Confidence in Ontario's Data Economy (Jul 31)

Ministry of Health

<https://tinyurl.com/y2otjp5h>

- Ontario Expanding Midwifery Services (Jul 8)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3hvr5c>

- Ontario Expanding Life-Changing Treatment for Patients with Essential Tremors (Jul 15)

Ministry of Infrastructure

<https://tinyurl.com/y2j3xnrf>

- Ontario Improving Public Transit Across the GTHA (Jul 22)

Ministry of Labour

<https://tinyurl.com/y6d8qxqa>

- Inspection Blitz to Support New and Worker Safety (Jul 15)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

<https://tinyurl.com/y4szfvcd>

- Ontario Taking Immediate Action to Improve Long-Term Care System (Jul 31)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

<https://tinyurl.com/yxqjqblz>

- Ontario Launches Consultation on Building More Homes that People Need and Can Afford (Jul 22)

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

<https://tinyurl.com/y4aco75r>

- Ontario Names Special Advisor on Flooding (Jul 18)

Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility

<https://tinyurl.com/y3oburtt>

- Ontario Investing in New Program to Support Seniors' Mental Health (Jul 16)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

<https://tinyurl.com/y23v7aco>

- Ontario's Government Strengthening Fire Protection for the People (Jul 29)

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

<https://tinyurl.com/y6a3xueq>

- Ontario Ensuring All Students Reach Their Full Potential (Jul 29)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zgvfpb>

- Indigenous Engagement Letter (Jul 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yy6xtsdc>

- Climate Change Letter (Jul 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6j435qq>

- Drug Policy Letter (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4d424ak>

- Asbestos Letter (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3kvc7rl>

- Hydromorphone Letter (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5ulq5bn>

- Immunization Letter (Jul 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/yys6yu3k>

- Children Count Letter (Jul 25)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ty6myq>

- Early Childhood Development Letter (Jul 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxoa6eu5>

- Child Care Letter (Jul 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4h8jsdw>

- Childhood Obesity Letter (Jul 26)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

<https://tinyurl.com/y6o55476>

- Falls and vehicle collisions to causes of injury hospitalizations for seniors (Jul 11)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://tinyurl.com/y2wjzeqa>

- Government of Canada invests close to \$101M in Indigenous health research across the country (Jul 16)

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

- Government of Canada invests more than \$32M in research into sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (Jul 18)

[**https://tinyurl.com/y6t3hhhw**](https://tinyurl.com/y6t3hhhw)

- Government of Canada invests \$26 million to prevent patients from falling through the cracks (Jul 19)

Cancer Care Ontario

[**https://tinyurl.com/y2zp3n3f**](https://tinyurl.com/y2zp3n3f)

- Same place, new test: Ontario launches a new test to check for colon cancer (Jun 24)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

[**https://tinyurl.com/y2uyv6sn**](https://tinyurl.com/y2uyv6sn)

- Financial Accountability Officer of Ontario (FAO) Releases 2018-2019 Annual Report (Jul 31)

IC/ES

[**https://tinyurl.com/y5knabe6**](https://tinyurl.com/y5knabe6)

- More than 52,000 sexual assault cases treated in Ontario hospitals during 15-year period (Jul 18)

[**https://tinyurl.com/yyl6fgka**](https://tinyurl.com/yyl6fgka)

- Alcohol-related ED visits disproportionately increasing in women and young adults (Jul 22)

[**https://tinyurl.com/y579hxd6**](https://tinyurl.com/y579hxd6)

- One in six with intellectual and developmental disabilities newly prescribed an antipsychotic (Jul 31)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

[**https://tinyurl.com/y4c3cvah**](https://tinyurl.com/y4c3cvah)

- Andrew Hayes is appointed Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Jul 16)

Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario

[**https://tinyurl.com/y3zx23dz**](https://tinyurl.com/y3zx23dz)

- Integrity Commissioner Releases 2018-2019 Annual Report (Jun 26)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

[**https://tinyurl.com/y2yxgkrn**](https://tinyurl.com/y2yxgkrn)

- OPC launches investigation into Capitol One breach (Aug 1)

Ombudsman Ontario

[**https://tinyurl.com/yyyy2faek**](https://tinyurl.com/yyyy2faek)

- School consolidation decision process should be redone, Ombudsman tells Near North school board (Jul 31)

Public Health Ontario

[**https://tinyurl.com/yyyy2kw44**](https://tinyurl.com/yyyy2kw44)

- PHO Connections (Jul 24)

Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the Long-Term Care Homes System

<https://tinyurl.com/yyo5hfwr>

- Commissioner's Remarks on the Public Release of the Inquiry Report (Jul 31)



Interoffice Memorandum

The Regional Municipality of Durham
Planning and Economic Development Department
Planning Division

To: Mr. Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Regional Clerk

From: Heather Finlay, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

Date: July 29, 2019

Re: **New Application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment**
File Number: **OPA 2019-003**
Applicant: ~~Werrcroft Farms Ltd.~~
Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 8
Municipality: Clarington

This is to advise that we have circulated the above application.

The application was deemed complete on August 8, 2019.

The purpose of the application is to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Municipality of Clarington.

If your department receives any submissions regarding this application, please forward the original copies to the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Please call me if you have any questions.


Heather Finlay, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

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Encl. Application package

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July 18, 2019

Re. Lake Ontario water levels
Our File 10.4.99

As an urban city on the shores of Lake Ontario, the City of St. Catharines has a vested interest in the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes. Like many waterfront communities in Canada and the United States, St. Catharines has also experienced record-high water levels and significant flooding in two of the past three years, which has resulted in accelerated shoreline erosion and damage to public and private property.

At this time the City of St. Catharines is also working with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to rehabilitate the Port Dalhousie piers. The project has heightened our community's awareness to the negative economic, social and environmental impacts that high water levels have on infrastructure and access to the waterfront. While we are continuing to work with the DFO on the rehabilitation, City Council has also expressed concern about water policy regulations as set forth by the International Joint Commission.

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At its meeting held on July 15, 2019, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion calling on the Government of Canada and its partners to address Plan 2014 and its impacts on Great Lakes communities:

That the City of St. Catharines calls on the Government of Canada to work with the International Joint Commission and its U.S. partners on a new plan to help prevent flooding and protect the interests of municipalities, private property owners, and public infrastructure in Great Lakes communities; and

That the City of St. Catharines supports other local municipalities in Ontario and New York State in pursuing changes to Plan 2014 by the International Joint Commission; and

That the Provincial government review and increase the funding programs for municipalities for flood prevention, mitigation, response and recovery.

The City of St. Catharines is committed to investing in infrastructure and maintaining our public waterfront. Before we make further investments in infrastructure, we are asking our government partners to review the policies and human decision-making practices that influence the water levels on the Great Lakes and any opportunities to prevent future flooding. This includes a review of the IJC's Plan 2014.

If Lake Ontario continues to have record water levels the impacts for cities like ours will be devastating – impacts that we did not experience before the implementation of Plan 2014. On behalf of the City of St. Catharines, I urge you to review Plan 2014 and the impacts that the policies of the IJC are having on Great Lakes communities, and possible policy changes can reduce the high water levels across the Great Lakes.

Regards,



Walter Sendzik,
Mayor

cc: MP Chris Bittle, St. Catharines
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