



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Early Release Reports

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-56  
Date: May 28, 2021

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**Subject:**

Durham Vision Zero Status Report

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a status report on the Durham Vision Zero (DVZ) program.

**2. Background**

2.1 Vision Zero is a road safety program that originated in Sweden that has spread to many other jurisdictions around the globe. The program has three basic tenets; i) life and health are paramount and cannot be exchanged for any other benefits within society; ii) collisions don't happen by accident and all collisions are preventable; iii) humans will make mistakes but road design should accommodate those mistakes in a way that does not lead to a loss of life.

2.2 At their meeting held on April 24, 2019, Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council endorsed a Vision Zero approach to Road Safety for the Region and recommended that staff report back on a semi-annual basis with steps taken towards achieving Vision Zero.

2.3 Due to challenges associated with obtaining complete, accurate and current collision data, COVID-19 related data issues and a desire to wait until Automated

Speed Enforcement (ASE) and Red Light Camera (RLC) deployments were complete, the first DVZ status report has been delayed until now. Going forward, staff propose that an annual report be submitted to Council detailing the Region's contributions towards road safety in Durham at the end of each year.

### **3. COVID-19 Impacts**

- 3.1 COVID-19 impacts were evident after March 15, 2020 when orders for social distancing and closures of non-essential workplaces were put into place. During this time, vehicle volumes on Regional roads were recorded as dropping on average by 45 per cent representing 400,000 to 500,000 fewer vehicles on major arterial roads each week. Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) also observed a corresponding drop in collisions, recording a 46 per cent reduction (from 2,243 to 1,214 collisions) in the second quarter of 2020 compared to the same time period in 2019. Based on DRPS collision dashboard data, total injury and fatal collisions decreased by 29 per cent between 2019 and 2020 (from 1,522 to 1,081).
- 3.2 As a result of this decrease in traffic volume and reduced congestion on Regional roadways, an increase in excessive speed in some areas has been reported. The Region's radar speed feedback devices (at 13 locations) showed a 5 per cent increase in the number of drivers driving 15 km/h or more above the posted speed limit in April 2020 compared to the previous year
- 3.3 The significant reduction in vehicle volumes experienced on Regional roads due to COVID-19 has not translated into a corresponding significant decrease in the number of fatal collisions. Records indicate that 18 fatal collisions occurred in 2020 within the Region (excluding Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) roads) compared to 20 fatal collisions in 2019.
- 3.4 As a result of COVID-19 impacts to collision data, statistical analysis of year 2020 (i.e. year two of DVZ) will be deferred until traffic volumes stabilize and measures of effectiveness can accurately be assessed. Depending on data collection results in 2021, staff will assess whether collision statistics for 2021 can be considered representative of typical conditions.

### **4. Collision Data**

- 4.1 The Strategic Road Safety Action Plan (SRSAP) assessed injury collision data between 2012 and 2017 to establish emphasis areas and develop countermeasures comprising the Action Plan. Attachment #1 and Attachment #2

illustrate fatal and injury collision data on Regional and Local Municipal roads from 2012 to 2020.

- 4.2 To establish a baseline to measure the effectiveness of DVZ, it was determined that averaging the 2014 to 2018 data would be the most appropriate method to smooth out any year to year variation. On average, 21 fatal collisions per year occurred on Regional and Local Municipal roadways within the Region of Durham over that five-year period. The average number of collisions resulting in injury was 1,601 collisions per year during that same time period. DVZ has an established the goal of reducing fatal and injury related collisions by a minimum of 10% in a five-year period starting in 2019 (with 2020 data excluded) or 160 collisions annually. To meet the goal, the five-year average injury and collision number for a five-year period starting in 2019 (with any anomaly years excluded) will need to be less than 1,441 collisions.
- 4.3 Collision data is received automatically from DRPS daily. While this process has improved over the years, receiving accurate, timely and complete collision data continues to be a challenge. As collision data is the foundation of any successful Vision Zero program, DRPS and the Road Safety Group will continue efforts to improve the timeliness and accuracy of available data sets.

## **5. Durham Vision Zero Action Plan**

- 5.1 The Vision Zero approach to road safety includes the implementation of engineering, education and enforcement countermeasures in an effort to reduce injury and death on the Region's transportation system. A summary of safety countermeasures implemented to date is provided in Attachment #3.

## **6. Automated Enforcement Update**

- 6.1 Two key components of the Vision Zero action plan in 2020 were the implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement and Red-Light Cameras in the Region. Twelve (12) Red Light Camera locations were commissioned near the end of 2020. Four mobile Automated Speed Enforcement units are now operational and are being rotated through 23 community safety zones/school zones across the Region. Four additional fixed location speed enforcement cameras are planned for 2021 as approved in the 2021 budget.
- 6.2 It is clear from initial data that incidents of speeding at the automated speed enforcement locations have decreased as a result of this program. Red-Light running incidents at the twelve red light camera locations have also decreased

since the start of the program; however, the volume of incidents overall is much less than the automated speed enforcement program and therefore more time is needed to assess the impacts.

- 6.3 Due to the effects of COVID-19 and the fact that the program is still in the early stages of implementation, it is too soon to confirm whether this change in driver behavior is having a positive and sustained safety impact as expected. To date, there is no evidence to suggest that the ASE or RLC programs have resulted in an increase in rear-end collisions where deployed. Additional details on Automated Enforcement operations are provided in Attachments #4, 5 and 6.

## 7. Durham Vision Zero Reserve Fund

- 7.1 A DVZ Reserve Fund was established to accelerate capital programs in 2020 through to 2024 allowing more countermeasures to be delivered and implemented in the field. A total of \$5 million dollars was allocated to the fund. Table 1 summarizes how these funds were allocated in 2020 and staff continue to implement these measures in 2021. In addition to this funding, separate funding has been approved for specific initiatives such ASE, RLC, roadside protection (guardrail) and safety engineering studies.

**Table 1: 2020 & 2021 DVZ Reserve Funding Allocation**

<b>Countermeasure</b>	<b>DVZ Emphasis Area</b>	<b>2020 Budget Allocation</b>	<b>2021 Budget Allocation</b>
Uninterruptable Power Supplies	Intersections	\$150,000	\$100,000
Line Marking Improvements	Intersections, Pedestrians, Cyclists Aggressive Driving, Distracted Driving	\$350,000	\$500,000
Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Devices	Pedestrians, Cyclists, Schools Areas	\$150,000	\$200,000
Speed Management Devices	All	\$100,000	\$100,000
Roadside Protection	Distracted Driving, Impaired Driving	\$250,000	\$100,000
Cycling Infrastructure	Cyclists, Intersections	\$50,000	\$100,000
Other Safety Measures	All	\$100,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Funding Allocation</b>		<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>

7.2 Annual funding provisions outside of the DVZ reserve fund allows several countermeasures in all areas (engineering, education and enforcement) to be implemented in the Region's efforts to achieve a further reduction in fatal and injury collisions.

## **8. Conclusion**

8.1 Staff will continue to collaborate with road safety partners to implement the Durham Vision Zero Action Plan and promote road safety across the Regional Municipality of Durham. Success was achieved in 2019/20 through building of teams and collaboration with road safety partners. These partnerships will continue to help us move forward with countermeasures and achieve our vision of zero fatal and injury collisions for all road users.

8.2 In a future report, Regional staff will present information on program costs and revenue from our automated enforcement programs.

8.3 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department.

8.4 For additional information, contact: Steven Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, at 905-668-7711, extension 4701.

## **9. Attachments**

Attachment 1: Fatal Collision Data Summary (2012-2021)

Attachment 2: Injury Collision Data Summary (2012-2021)

Attachment 3: Road Safety Initiatives Implemented to Date

Attachment 4: Red Light Camera Statistics

Attachment 5: Automated Speed Enforcement – Charges by Month

Attachment 6: Automated Speed Enforcement – Speed Data

Respectfully submitted,

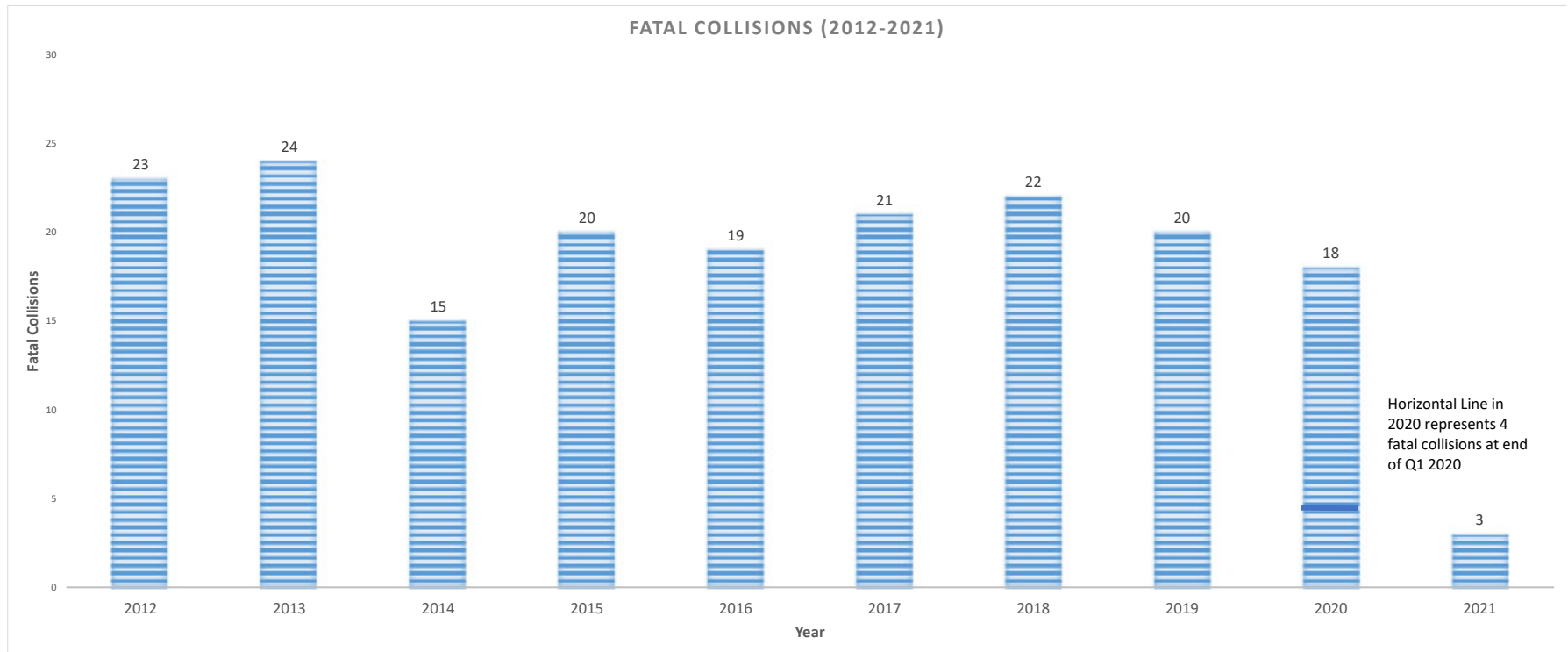
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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works

# Attachment 1

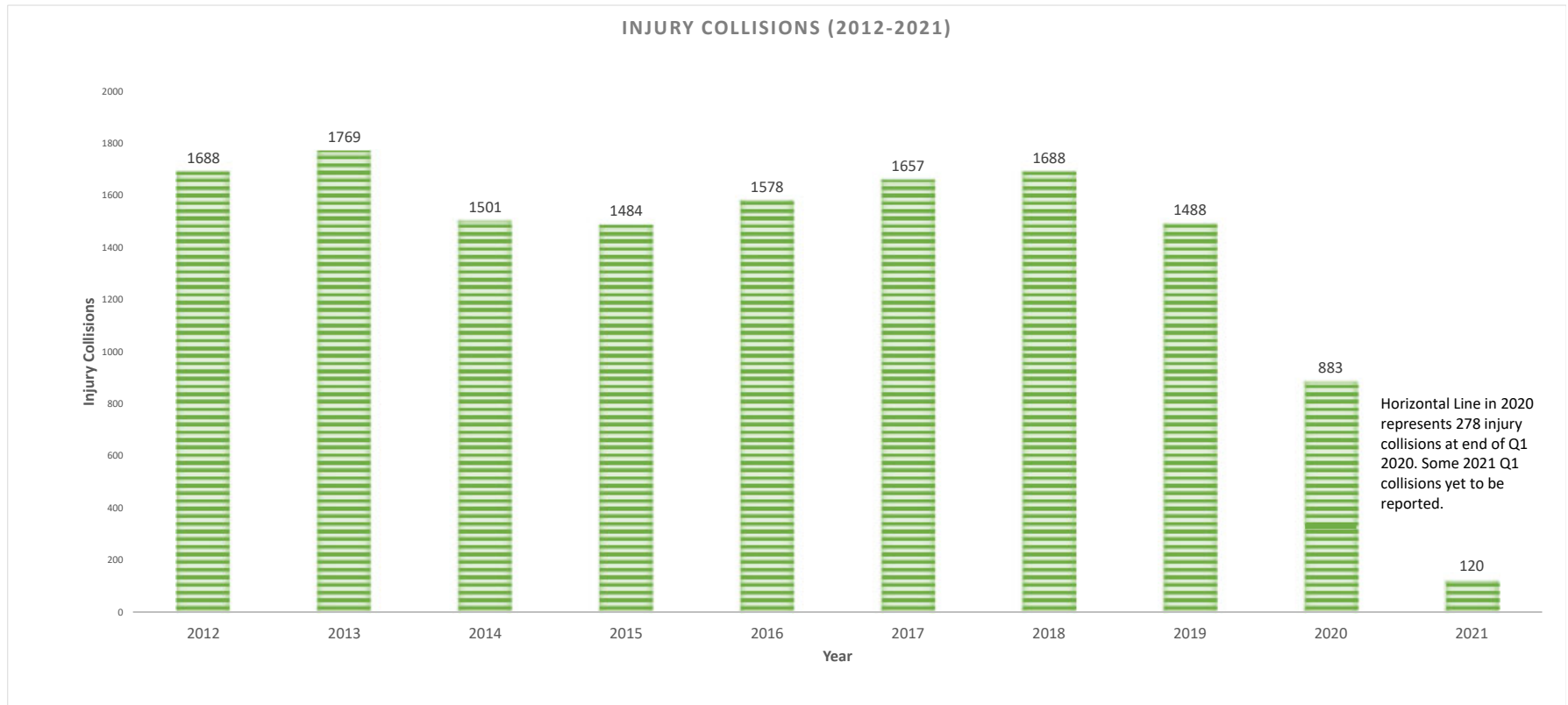
## Fatal Collision Data Summary (2012-2021)





## Attachment 2

### Injury Collision Data Summary (2012-2021)



## **Attachment 3**

### **Road Safety Initiatives Implemented to Date**

Road Safety Initiatives (also referred to as Road Safety Countermeasures) are generally divided into three categories – sometimes referred to as the three Es; Engineering (changes to the physical environment), Education (influencing road user behavior through information sharing); and Enforcement (influencing road user behavior through penalties). A summary of Road Safety Countermeasures implemented through the Durham Vision Zero program to date is provided as follows:

#### **Engineering Countermeasures**

Engineering Countermeasures include any modification to the physical environment intended to either change driver behaviour, reduce the consequences of driver error, or reduce the likelihood of collisions occurring. Engineering countermeasures implemented to date include:

- Red Light Cameras (RLC) at 12 intersections
- Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) was deployed using four mobile units on a rotational basis in 23 community safety zone and school sites
- Line marking enhancements at several locations
- Roadside protection improvements to replace 3-cable guiderail with steel beam guiderail at several locations
- Cycling initiatives to install cross rides, signs, delineate bike lanes and expand data collection program
- Island Road in-service safety review and countermeasure implementation
- County Curve in-service safety reviews and countermeasure implementation
- Converting two-way stop-controlled intersections to all-way stop controlled intersections at locations such as: River Street (Regional Road 10)/Church Street in Sunderland and Cameron Street (Regional Road 12)/Laidlaw Street in Cannington.
- Speed management initiatives expanding our radar speed feedback sign program by purchasing 15 additional signs and approximately 15 to 20 additional speed tracking devices to record and monitor speeds on Regional Roads.
- Controlled pedestrian crossovers (PXOs), intersection pedestrian signals (IPS) and mid-block pedestrian signals (MPS) installed at several locations including: Regional Road 58 (Manning Road)/Hazelwood Drive, Regional Road 16 (Ritson)/Kedron Public School, Regional Road 8 (Reach Street)/Testa Road
- Protected-only left turn operations at Thickson/Consumers, Highway 7/Island Road and Liverpool/Bayly
- Leading pedestrian interval operations at Simcoe/Ritson and Ritson/Coldstream

- Construction of Region's second roundabout in Brock Township at Regional Road 23 and Regional Road 12.

### **Education Countermeasures**

In partnership with others, key road safety education campaigns were launched including the following:

- Be Alert! Be seen! – a pedestrian safety campaign that targeted the GO Transit stations and UOIT campus. MTO, DRPS, Metrolinx and Durham Vision Zero collaborated to raise awareness of pedestrian collisions associated with daylight savings time change.
- PARTY (Prevent Alcohol & Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Program – a one day injury awareness and prevention program for youth (age 15 and up).
- Kids Safety Village – Durham Vision Zero attended several events to help promote pedestrian and cycling safety.
- Project Red Ribbon Festive Ride Program – attended launch event in support of reducing impaired driving.

### **Enforcement Countermeasures**

Enforcement Countermeasures include both traditional police and automated enforcement. They focus on achieving better compliance with existing rules of the road, with the secondary aim of educating drivers about the consequences of their actions. Implemented enforcement countermeasures include:

- Automated enforcement programs including red light camera and automated speed enforcement operations.
- Distracted driving campaign targets drivers stopped at intersections observed using their cell phones.
- Durham Vision Zero anti-aggressive driving public awareness campaign.
- ERASE (Eliminate Racing Activity on Streets Everywhere) – Police Services joint initiative to combat street racing
- Distracted Walking Program implemented by DRPS Auxiliary Unit to educate students on the dangers of texting and walking.
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Blitzes are a collaborative effort between DRPS, several other Police Services and MTO to inspect, lay charges and remove non-compliant commercial vehicles.
- 'In the zone' traffic safety blitz around neighborhood schools in Durham.

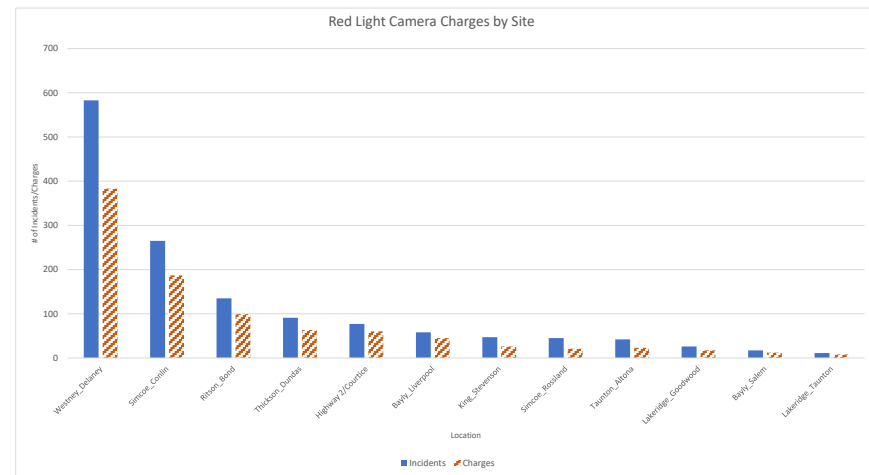
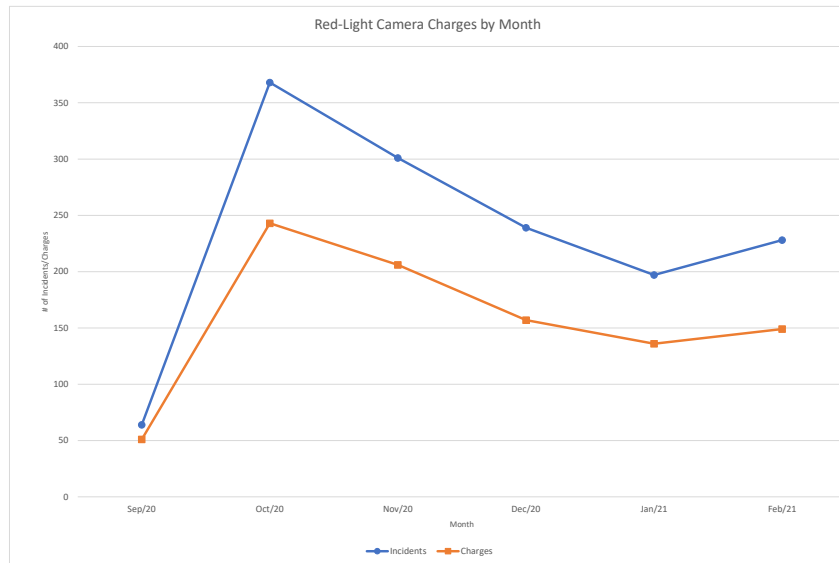
## Attachment 4 Red Light Camera Statistics

### Red Light Camera Program - Incidents and Charges

Location	ID	Dir	Active Date	2020												2021						Total Images	Total Chrgs	Total %
				September			October			November			December			January			February					
				Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%			
Thickson_Dundas	3411	NB	18-Sep	9	5	55.6	14	11	78.6	26	23	88.5	21	15	71.4	9	6	66.7	12	3	25.0	91	63	69.2
Westney_Delaney *	3407	NB	25-Sep	55	46	83.6	267	165	61.8	89	44	49.4	58	39	67.2	53	40	75.5	61	47	77.0	583	383	65.7
Lakeridge_Goodwood	3400	NB	2-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9	7	77.8	8	6	75.0	3	1	33.3	4	2	50.0	2	1	50.0	26	17	65.4
Simcoe_Conlin	3403	NB	5-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	72	56	77.8	59	43	72.9	42	29	69.0	51	30	58.8	41	29	70.7	265	187	70.6
Taunton_Altona *	3410	WB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	2	0	0.0	13	9	69.2	13	7	53.8	5	3	60.0	9	4	44.4	42	23	54.8
Bayly_Liverpool	3405	EB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	1	1	100.0	17	13	76.5	12	9	75.0	6	5	83.3	22	17	77.3	58	45	77.6
Simcoe_Rossland *	3404	SB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	2	2	100.0	8	6	75.0	13	5	38.5	12	5	41.7	10	3	30.0	45	21	46.7
King_Stevenson	3402	SB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	1	1	100.0	11	7	63.6	11	3	27.3	12	10	83.3	12	5	41.7	47	26	55.3
Ritson_Bond	3408	SB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	0	0	0.0	43	35	81.4	39	27	69.2	22	16	72.7	31	21	67.7	135	99	73.3
Highway 2/Courtyce *	3406	EB	30-Oct	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	0	0	0.0	27	20	74.1	16	15	93.8	12	11	91.7	22	14	63.6	77	60	77.9
Bayly_Salem	3409	EB	2-Dec	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	5	3	60.0	7	5	71.4	5	4	80.0	17	12	70.6
Lakeridge_Taunton	3401	NB	2-Dec	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	6	4	66.7	4	3	75.0	1	1	100.0	11	8	72.7
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>67.6</b>

\* Approach has no dedicated right turn lane and therefore charges may include right turns on red without stopping. Other locations are through moves only in the direction indicated.

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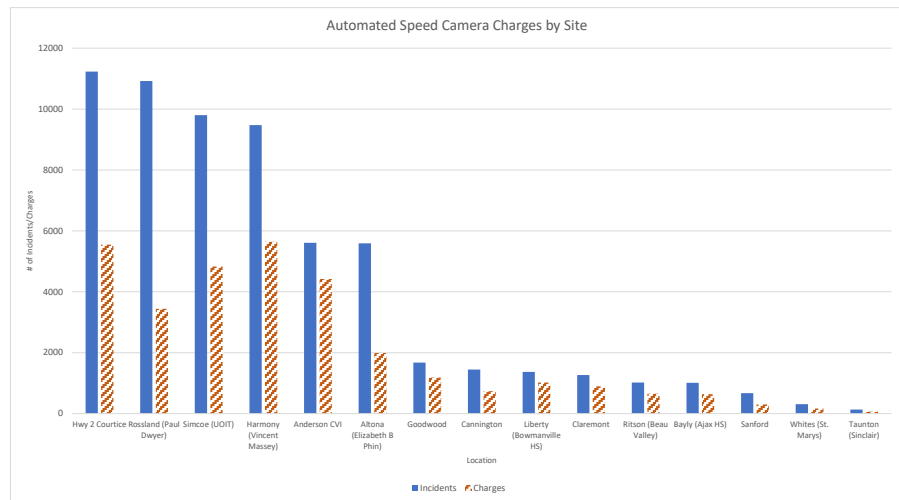
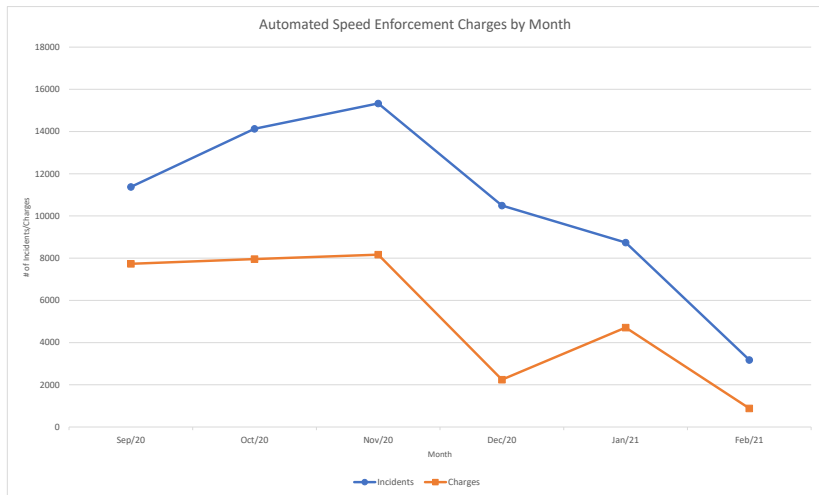


## Attachment 5 Automated Speed Enforcement - Charges by Month

### Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program - Incidents and Charges

Location	ID	Dir	Active Dates	2020												2021			Total Images	Total Chrgs	Total %						
				September			October			November			December			January						February					
				Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%	Images	Chrgs	%				Images	Chrgs	%			
Hamlet of Claremont	G001	EB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	778	650	83.5	488	410	84.0														1266	898	70.9		
Simcoe (UOIT)	G002	NB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	6149	3829	62.3	3652	1000	27.4															9801	4829	49.3	
Anderson (South of Manning) – Anderson CVI	G003	SB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	3722	2804	75.3	1887	1617	85.7															5609	4421	78.8	
Bayly East of Harwood (Ajax High School)	G004	EB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	727	448	61.6	286	189	66.1															1013	637	62.9	
Harmony South of Adelaide (Vincent Massey)	G005	NB	Oct 19 – Dec 2				4168	2781	66.7	5218	2845	54.5	89	17	19.1										9475	5643	59.6
Highway 2 (Main Street Courtice)	G006	EB	Oct 19 – Dec 2				2961	1618	54.6	7818	3835	49.1	451	94	20.8										11230	5547	49.4
Hamlet of Cannington (East Entrance to Hamlet)	G007	WB	Oct 19 – Dec 2				479	173	36.1	965	564	58.4	5	0	0.0										1449	737	50.9
Hamlet of Goodwood (RR47 Near Front Street)	G008	WB	Oct 19 – Dec 2				207	170	82.1	1332	923	69.3	137	92	67.2										1676	1185	70.7
Rossland W of Stevenson (Paul Dwyer)	G010	WB	Dec 3 – Jan 19										6111	767	12.6	4809	2674	55.6							10920	3441	31.5
Sandford (Central Scott)	G011	EB	Dec 3 – Jan 19										301	75	24.9	370	226	61.1							671	301	44.9
Altona (Elizabeth B Phin)	G009	NB	Dec 3 – Mar 23										2708	705	26.0	2883	1285	44.6	1714	1005	58.6				5591	1990	35.6
Liberty (Bowmanville HS)	G012	SB	Dec 3 – Jan 19										689	493	71.6	682	529	77.6							1371	1022	74.5
Ritson Rd North of Rossland (Beau Valley)	G013	NB	Feb 16 - Mar 23																1023	655	64.0				1023	655	64.0
Whites Rd South of Finch (St. Mary HS)	G014	NB	Feb 19 - Mar 24																308	167	54.2				308	167	54.2
Taunton Rd West of Anderson (Sinclair HS)	G016	WB	Feb 16 - Mar 24																135	63	46.7				135	63	46.7
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>11376</b>	<b>7731</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>14128</b>	<b>7958</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>15333</b>	<b>8167</b>	<b>53.2642</b>	<b>10491</b>	<b>2243</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>8744</b>	<b>4714</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>3180</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>55.7</b>				<b>61403</b>	<b>31473</b>	<b>51.3</b>

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## Attachment 6 Automated Speed Enforcement - Speed Data

### Automated Speed Enforcement Camera Program - Traffic Speed Data

Location	ID	Dir	Active Dates	% Compliance Improvement	Maximum Speed (km/hr)
Hamlet of Claremont	G001	EB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	27%	113
Simcoe (UOIT)	G002	NB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	40%	170
Anderson (South of Manning) – Anderson CVI	G003	SB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	94%	158
Bayly East of Harwood (Ajax High School)	G004	EB	Sep 8 – Oct 18	25%	196
Harmony South of Adelaide (Vincent Massey)	G005	NB	Oct 19 – Dec 2	63%	137
Highway 2 (Main Street Courtice)	G006	EB	Oct 19 – Dec 2	14%	84
Hamlet of Cannington (East Entrance to Hamlet)	G007	WB	Oct 19 – Dec 2	17%	85
Hamlet of Goodwood (RR47 Near Front Street)	G008	WB	Oct 19 – Dec 2	11%	79
Rossland W of Stevenson (Paul Dwyer)	G010	WB	Dec 3 – Jan 19	14%	96
Sandford (Central Scott)	G011	EB	Dec 3 – Jan 19	47%	93
Altona (Elizabeth B Phin)	G009	NB	Dec 3 – Mar 23	59%	121
Liberty (Bowmanville HS)	G012	SB	Dec 3 – Jan 19	27%	109
Ritson North of Rossland (Beau Valley)	G013	NB	Feb 16 - Mar 23	NA	NA
Whites South of Finch (St Mary)	G014	NB	Feb 19 - Mar 24	NA	NA
Taunton West of Anderson (Sinclair)	G016	WB	Feb 16 - Mar 24	NA	NA
Finch West of Dixie (St Isaac Jogues)	G015	EB	Mar 31 -	NA	NA
Simcoe South of Rossland (SJ Philips)	G017	NB	Apr 1 -	NA	NA
Stevenson South of Rossland	G018	NB	Apr 8 -	NA	NA
Simcoe North of Taunton (CSZ)	G019	NB	Apr 6 -	NA	NA
<b>AVERAGE</b>				<b>37%</b>	<b>120.1</b>

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-57  
Date: May 28, 2021

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**Subject:**

COVID-19 Implications to Durham York Energy Centre Operations

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides information regarding the implications from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) as well as contingency measures being employed.

**2. Background**

2.1 COVID-19 has created conditions which have produced increased amounts of waste being handled curbside and from multi-residential facilities in many jurisdictions including the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region).

2.2 During 2020, the Region received an approved Emergency ECA amendment, permitting the DYEC to process up to 160,000 tonnes of material until December 31, 2020. This allowed the operator greater opportunity to map out the DYEC operations and the waste bypass to ensure uninterrupted operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.3 As social distancing measures and school closures continue to be in affect into 2021 to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Region continues to see an increase

in residential waste generation (average 10 per cent), as many individuals continue to work remotely.

- 2.4 As part of the 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study, Report #2019-COW-3, Regional Council authorized staff to seek Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approval to increase the current processing limit of 140,000 tonnes per year to 160,000 tonnes per year on a go forward basis. This will reduce the need to utilize other disposal options and to optimize the operation of the facility.
- 2.5 This permit increase requires the completion of a streamlined Environmental Assessment (EA) and ECA amendment process which is ongoing. Once the Screening Process and ECA are approved, the facility will be able to process up to 160,000 tonnes of waste per year.
- 2.6 The additional waste will be processed using the existing facility equipment, nominal operating conditions, and emissions will comply with the facilities existing permit limits. Based on the current waste characteristics, which includes a notable increase in the energy content, likely as a result of an increase in plastics, the DYEC would be anticipated to process 145,000 tonnes of material assuming ongoing operations at full design load.
- 2.7 In response to the increased waste numbers and in the event that the streamlined EA and ECA amendment process is not complete by October 2021, the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York (Regions) have notified the MECP of the potential need for a second Emergency Amendment for a DYEC capacity increase up to 160,000 tonnes per year to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of waste collection and disposal services. Other than the capacity increase request, the DYEC will continue to operate within current ECA restrictions for all conditions.

### **3. DYEC Operations**

- 3.1 The DYEC continues to operate normally and the most recent compliance source test for the facility was completed from November 9 to 11, 2020, with results summarized in Report #2021-INFO-35.
- 3.2 Covanta, as the DYEC operator, has put in place routine screening of staff, limited the number of non-essential staff within the facility, suspended site tours, and has taken steps to minimize interaction between staff on site, as well as mandating



masks. Operators are required to be in the facility continuously to oversee the safe operation of the boilers.

- 3.3 Waste generation numbers remain elevated and staff are closely monitoring collection data to determine if waste collection trends will remain elevated or return to more seasonal values. Despite impacts of normal seasonal peaks, overall collection has remained elevated when compared to previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 In response to the continued uncertainty surrounding the impacts of COVID-19 and as a result of increased waste generation by residents, the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York have notified the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks of the anticipated timeline in which an emergency approval to process up to an additional 20,000 tonnes of waste in 2021 would be sought to help ensure uninterrupted waste disposal services would occur during the pandemic.
- 4.2 Health and safety measures and site restrictions remain in place to ensure the protection of workers and the public. Contingency measures beyond what is currently in place have been developed in the event of disruption to one or more components of the integrated waste management operations. Staff continue to monitor collection numbers and waste characteristics and will make adjustments as needed.
- 4.3 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello. Director, Waste Management, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-58  
Date: May 28, 2021

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**Subject:**

Facts about the Regional Municipality of Durham's Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide additional information on the planned Mixed Waste Pre-sort (MWP) and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility to ensure Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council has accurate information when discussing the project with members of the public.

**2. Background**

2.1 At its meeting on May 27, 2020, Regional Council approved the preferred location for the MWP and AD Facility in Report #2020-COW-20. The preferred location, adjacent to the existing Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) in the Municipality of Clarington (Clarington), provides financial and logistical benefits to the Region.

2.2 Some residents in Clarington and the City of Oshawa (Oshawa) do not support the project or the selected location and have engaged in a public campaign regarding the project and the selected location.

2.3 Some of the information published in newspaper advertisements and direct mail flyers by these individuals is not accurate or contains misleading information, making connections that are incorrect. This report provides factual information

about the technologies currently in use or planned for the Region's waste management needs. This report supplements previous reports posted on the [project website](#) that provide information on the project and AD.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

3.1 In 2020, multiple information reports and memos were issued to provide background information and details on Mixed Waste Pre-sort and AD to Regional Council and the public:

- Report #2020-INFO-80 Anaerobic Digestion Facilities;
- Report #2020-INFO-76 The Regional Municipality of Durham's Evolving Waste Management System;
- Report #2020-INFO-70 Environmental Assessment Trigger for the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Project;
- July 10, 2020 Interoffice Memorandum Current Waste Tonnage: Organics and Mixed Waste;
- July 3, 2020 Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Informational Resources and Communication; and
- June 15, 2020 Mixed Waste Pre-sort Facilities.

3.2 More recently, Report #2021-INFO-10 Odour Mitigation Strategies for the MWP and AD Facility provided an overview of odour mitigation strategies that could be utilized to minimize odours from the MWP and AD facility.

### **4. Facts about the MWP and AD Facility**

4.1 The MWP and AD Facility will help the Region meet the waste disposal needs of a growing population. Organics and recyclables will be removed from the garbage bag by the MWP equipment. The organics separated from the MWP stage and Green Bin organics will both be processed into renewable biogas and digestate at the AD stage.

4.2 The MWP and AD Facility will not replace the Blue Box or Green Bin programs but will enhance capture rates for materials incorrectly placed in the garbage.

4.3 Regional staff are increasing communication with the public on the MWP and AD Facility in effort to ensure all residents are aware of what is planned and the benefits to the Region.

## **5. Misinformation from opponent's recent flyers**

5.1 Common misconceptions provided below have also been addressed in a recent 'Ask Katherine' waste management article (Attachment #1) in Metroland newspapers and in a direct mailing to residents of Clarington.

### **Misconception One: The MWP and AD Facility is a second incinerator**

5.2 The MWP and AD Facility is not a second incinerator. MWP and AD is a series of sorting technologies that will operate indoors to separate garbage, organics, and certain recyclable materials from Durham resident's garbage. After sorting, the facility will process the organics to make fertilizer and renewable natural gas. There is no incineration involved with sorting or anaerobic digestion.

### **Misconception Two: The MWP and AD Facility will result in more garbage going to the DYEC**

5.3 No additional waste is going to the DYEC. The DYEC will continue to be limited in the amount of garbage processed by its approval permit. In fact, the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility will reduce waste going to the DYEC (by removing what should have been composted or recycled) and thereby delay the need to expand the DYEC.

### **Misconception Three: The MWP and AD Facility will accept waste from York Region and the City of Toronto**

5.4 The MWP and AD Facility will only accept waste from Durham Region. As partners in the DYEC, York Region waste will continue to go directly to the DYEC for processing. The MWP and AD Facility will not accept any waste from outside of Durham Region.

### **Misconception Four: There has been no opportunity for public input**

5.5 The AD facility has been approved by Regional Council as the best option for removing organics from the garbage stream and increasing processing capacity for the Region's organic waste. A Public Information Centre on the siting options for the facility was held in early 2020 to obtain public input. There is a dedicated webpage [durham.ca/ADProject](http://durham.ca/ADProject) for the AD facility that includes links to all Council reports and Information reports, a FAQ section, and a dedicated email for the

public to submit questions or comments to the AD technical team  
[ADProject@durham.ca](mailto:ADProject@durham.ca).

### **Misconception Five: There needs to be a full Environmental Assessment**

5.6 The Environmental Assessment Act in Ontario does not require an environmental assessment for waste sorting or AD facilities. These types of operations are recognized as being low risk for environmental pollution and do not generate air emissions. The facility will obtain an Environmental Compliance Approval issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that will establish the requirements for the quantity of waste the facility can receive each day, operating hours, waste storage requirements and monitoring obligations.

## **6. Conclusion**

6.1 The Mixed Waste Pre-Sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility will help the Regional Municipality of Durham manage the waste generated by a growing population while increasing diversion, generating a renewable biogas and delaying the need for more waste processing capacity at the Durham York Energy Centre.

6.2 Staff are providing additional information on the Mixed Waste Pre-Sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility to residents via direct mailing, social media, the Regional website and local media outlets. Efforts are focused on providing accurate and reliable information on the Regional Municipality of Durham's plans for Mixed Waste Pre-Sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility and the benefits to the Regional Municipality of Durham.

6.3 This report has been reviewed by Legal Services – Corporate Services Department and Corporate Communications.

6.4 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello. Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

## **7. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Ask Katherine Article for April 22, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

### **Original signed by:**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works

## **Getting the facts about Anaerobic Digestion**

Durham's population continues to grow and is expected to reach more than 1 million people in the next decade. More residents will mean more organic waste, recyclables, and garbage to manage.

To plan for this growth, the Region is developing a Mixed Waste Pre-sort (MWP) and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility that will convert organic waste into a renewable natural gas which will be a valuable resource of renewable energy, and digestate (a compost-like product), a beneficial agricultural fertilizer.

To help reduce transportation the new facility will be located next to the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) in Clarington with operations planned for 2024.

The MWP part of the facility will remove materials—such as food scraps and recyclables—from garbage collected at the curb and from multi-residential buildings. This will not replace or eliminate the current Green Bin or Blue Box programs. Instead, the MWP will sort out organics and recyclables from the garbage bags that should have gone into into the green bin or blue box. This will help Durham maximize diversion efforts.

AD is a natural process that uses microbes found in the environment to break down waste in the absence of oxygen. This process naturally produces methane, which can be collected and cleaned for use as a renewable natural gas; essentially converting organic materials, such as food scraps, into a renewable energy source that can offset the use of fossil fuel. This will assist in our battle against Climate Change

**It is important to know the facts when it comes to Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion.**

### **Common misconceptions**

**1. Misconception:** The Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility is a second incinerator.

**Truth:** There is a mistaken belief that the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion facility is a second incinerator. It is not. The facility is a series of sorting technologies that will operate indoors to separate garbage, organics, and certain recyclable materials from Durham resident's garbage. After sorting, the facility will process the organics to make fertilizer and renewable natural gas. There is no incineration involved with sorting or anaerobic digestion.

**2. Misconception:** The Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility will result in an increase in the amount of garbage processed at the DYEC.

**Fact:** No additional waste is going to the DYEC, it will continue to be limited in the amount of garbage processed by its approval permit. In fact, the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility will remove waste from the DYEC (that should have been composted or recycled) and thereby delay the need to expand the DYEC beyond 2030.

**3. Misconception:** There has been no opportunities for public input.

**Fact:** The AD facility has been approved by Regional Council as the best option for getting organics out of the garbage stream and increasing processing capacity for the Regions organic waste. A Public Information Centre on the siting options for the facility was held in early 2020 to obtain public input. There is a dedicated webpage [durham.ca/ADProject](http://durham.ca/ADProject) for the AD facility that includes links to all Council reports and Information reports, a FAQ section, and a dedicated email for the public to submit questions or comments to the AD technical team [ADProject@durham.ca](mailto:ADProject@durham.ca).

**4. Misconception:** There has been no open disclosure, or a full environmental assessment.

**Truth:** The Environmental Assessment Act in Ontario does not require an environmental assessment for waste sorting or AD facilities. These types of operations are recognized as being low risk for environmental pollution and do not generate air emissions. The facility will obtain an Environmental Compliance Approval issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that will establish the requirements on

the quantity of waste the facility can receive each day, operating hours, waste storage requirements and monitoring obligations.

Learn more about this project and the environmental leadership underway in Durham Region at [durham.ca/ADProject](http://durham.ca/ADProject). Still have questions? Reach out to our technical team at [ADProject@durham.ca](mailto:ADProject@durham.ca).



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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2021-INFO-59  
Date: May 28, 2021

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**Subject:**

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the May 10, 2021 meeting and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report summarizes the decisions on consent applications made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to By-law 29-2020 and decisions made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meeting of May 10, 2021 (see Attachment #1). The applications approved by the Commissioner are deemed to be non-controversial in that no comments or concerns were raised during the circulation process. All approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. For the applications approved by the Land Division Committee, no appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are recommended.
- 1.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

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

**3. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

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

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

**4. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart from the May 10, 2021 Meeting and Consent Decisions Made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



# Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, May 10, 2021 and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, June 01, 2021

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 023/2018	Gervais, Steve	Part lot 13, Conc. 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 571.4 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 22,176.8 m <sup>2</sup> residential and commercial parcel of land with one existing dwelling and two retail buildings to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 024/2018	Gervais, Steve	Part lot 13, Conc. 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 571.4 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a 21,605.4 m <sup>2</sup> residential and commercial parcel of land with one existing dwelling and two retail buildings to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 052/2021	Sutherland, Rodrick	Part lot 16, Conc. 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 4,816.5 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 12,712.2 m <sup>2</sup> residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 054/2021	Rocha, Lou	Part lot 27, Conc. 2 Twp. of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a 0.89 ha non-farm rural residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling, retaining a 208.56 ha golf course.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health  
Report: #2021-INFO-60  
Date: May 28, 2021

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**Subject:**

Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To provide an update on the report: [Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), released by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN), Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service and Public Health Ontario (PHO) on May 19, 2021.

**2. Background**

2.1 The report, prepared by ODPRN in partnership with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, and PHO, is a follow up to the ODPRN report titled, [Preliminary Patterns in Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), released in November, 2020.

2.2 The report compares pre-pandemic circumstances (i.e., March 16, 2019 to December 31, 2019) and pandemic-time circumstances (i.e., March 16, 2020 to December 31, 2020) surrounding opioid-related deaths.

2.3 ODPRN released an [infographic](#) to accompany the report and summarize key highlights.

### 3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 [#2019-INFO-14](#): *Developing a Proposal for a Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) in Oshawa*, dated March 1, 2019 and [#2019-INFO-20](#): *Update on a Proposal for a Consumption and Treatment Service in Oshawa*, dated April 5, 2019.
- a. On March 26, 2019, Oshawa City Council declined to endorse the proposal ([City Council Minutes](#)), therefore ending the proposal process.
- 3.2 Presentation re: *The Opioid Crisis: A Complex, Multifaceted Health and Social Issue*, delivered by Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) staff to Regional Council at the October 23, 2019 meeting ([Council Minutes](#), page 2 to 3).
- 3.3 Notice of motion re: Opioid Overdose Emergency Resolution, carried at the October 23, 2019 Regional Council Meeting ([Council Minutes](#), page 18).
- 3.4 [#2019-INFO-89](#): *Opioid Information Videos to Help Address Stigma*, dated November 29, 2019.
- 3.5 [#2020-INFO-114](#): *Report on Opioid Related Deaths During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.
- 3.6 [#2021-INFO-41](#): *Joint Statement on Latest National Data on the Opioid Crisis*.

### 4. Key Findings

- 4.1 In 2020, 2,426 Ontarians died of an opioid-related overdose, a 60 per cent rise from 1,517 in the prior year.
- a. The proportion of opioid-related deaths among people experiencing homelessness has risen significantly, more than doubling, with 135 deaths pre-pandemic and 323 deaths during the pandemic.
- b. Approximately half of the deaths occurred among people who were unemployed at the time.
- c. One third of those who were employed at the time of their death worked in the construction industry (similar to pre-pandemic trends).
- d. Among people aged 25 to 44, the number of deaths increased from 501 pre-pandemic to 1,109 deaths during the pandemic.
- e. Most deaths (76 per cent) during the pandemic were among men, similar to pre-pandemic trends.
- 4.2 During the pandemic, statistically significant increases in opioid-related deaths were observed in half (17 of 34) of Ontario's public health units.
- 4.3 Larger urban centres like Toronto, Ottawa and Peel exhibited the largest absolute increases in the number of deaths; however, some of the largest relative increases occurred among northern and rural parts of the province, such as North Bay, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timmins.

- 4.4 In Durham Region, although there was an increase in the rate per 100,000 of opioid-related deaths from 52 pre-pandemic to 75 during the pandemic, the increase was not statistically significant.
- 4.5 During the pandemic, there have been small shifts in the location of opioid-related deaths. Proportionally fewer deaths have occurred within private residences and public indoor spaces, and more deaths have occurred outdoors, and within supportive and alternative housing (i.e., hotels, rooming houses, and shelters/supportive living).
- 4.6 Most confirmed opioid-related deaths in Ontario are accidental in nature, and this has increased significantly during the pandemic (i.e., from 92.6 per cent pre-pandemic to 95.7 per cent during the pandemic).
- 4.7 Drugs involved in opioid-related deaths included:
  - a. Fentanyl, which directly contributed to 87 per cent of deaths during the pandemic compared to 75 per cent pre-pandemic.
  - b. Benzodiazepines, which were detected in nearly half of deaths (46 per cent), compared to only 30 per cent pre-pandemic.
  - c. Stimulants, which contributed to 58 per cent of deaths during the pandemic, compared to 50 per cent pre-pandemic. This was largely driven by increases in the involvement of cocaine and methamphetamines.
- 4.8 The reasons for the increasing rates of opioid-related deaths during the pandemic are multi-faceted, and likely reflect:
  - a. The underlying volatility in the unregulated drug supply.
  - b. Changing access to health care services, community-based programs and supports for people who use drugs.
  - c. Early release of people from prisons.
  - d. Increased isolation due to public health measures to limit COVID-19 transmission.
  - e. Changing patterns of substance use that have been attributed to increased anxiety during the pandemic.

## 5. DRHD Opioid Response Initiatives

- 5.1 In 2017, DRHD completed a situational assessment with 95 stakeholders/agency staff and people with lived experience. The results and the strategic planning session conducted with numerous partner agencies which followed, helped to create [Durham Region's Opioid Response Plan](#) (DRORP).
- 5.2 The actions identified in the DRORP were completed in 2020. In 2021, the Opioid Task Force will participate in a strategic planning session to inform an update to the DRORP and identify new actions to address the local opioid crisis.

- 5.3 The [Durham Region Opioid Information System \(DROIS\)](#) provides detailed information on:
- a. Calls to Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) associated with suspected opioid overdoses; in 2020, approximately 725 suspected opioid overdose calls were received by RDPS, which is an increase compared to 591 calls in 2019.
  - b. A map of RDPS opioid overdose calls.
  - c. Annual numbers of opioid-related deaths; preliminary data show there were approximately 89 opioid-related deaths between January to December 2020.
  - d. Monthly and annual opioid overdose Emergency Department visits.
- 5.4 While the COVID-19 pandemic has required a significant response by DRHD resulting in a temporary suspension of several health promotion activities, the following opioid response activities have continued:
- a. Providing naloxone to eligible local community agencies for distribution to their clients.
  - b. Issuing alerts to partners and the community regarding opioid-related overdoses or tainted drugs.
  - c. Maintaining surveillance data related to hospital visits, calls to RDPS and opioid-related deaths.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 6.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan: Community Vitality, 2.3 influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 The escalation of opioid-related deaths in Ontario demonstrates the need for rapid action and investment in programs to support people who use drugs.
- 7.2 The current worsening of the overdose crisis is attributable to increasingly toxic drug supply, greater barriers in accessing health and social supports, increasing feelings of isolation, stress, anxiety, and depression, and changing patterns of substance use.
- 7.3 Increasing trends of opioid-related deaths among people experiencing homelessness reinforces the importance of safe, affordable housing and widespread integration of harm reduction services and healthcare partners in the shelter and supportive housing systems during and after the pandemic.
- 7.4 One of DRHD's priorities is to update the DRORP in collaboration with community partners, service providers and people with lived experience.

7.5 DRHD intends to host a strategic planning session in 2021 to inform the update to the DRORP. Timelines will depend on the status of COVID-19 and DRHD's capacity to respond to COVID-19, including immunization.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health





May 25, 2021

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Dear Mr. Coutts,

**Re: Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting # 019-3471  
Eliminating Renewable Energy Requirements**

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Durham Region staff appreciate the opportunity to respond to the proposal to repeal three sets of legislative provisions in the *Electricity Act, 1998* and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* that promote and prioritize renewable energy generation projects.

Last month, Durham Regional Council endorsed and submitted to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines a response to the review of Ontario's long-term energy planning framework (ERO # 019-3007) for increasing the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of energy decision-making in Ontario (Report #2021-COW-07). Recommendations made in this report provide the basis for our position on ERO posting # 019-3471 regarding the proposed elimination of renewable energy requirements.

Notably, Durham Region recommended that the province:

- Support decarbonization of Ontario's energy system, transportation system, economy and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as top priorities. Continued development of Ontario's supply of nuclear, hydro and renewable energy generation will support this objective.
- Support the role that municipalities can play in achieving energy system goals and targets through community energy planning.
- Embed in the long-term energy planning framework, mechanisms to ensure provincial responsibility and accountability for energy equity, affordability, sustainability and consumer safety to protect human health, community well-being and environmental protection.

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- Direct the IESO and OEB to prioritize decarbonization of the energy system in their respective roles. The IESO could work to integrate distributed energy resources across the system to match regional supply with regional demand, reducing long distance transmission. The OEB role should be focused on delivering broader benefits to consumers (e.g. economic, environmental, social, health benefits) rather than being primarily cost-oriented. This will allow for more innovation and modernization in the sector.

Many Ontario municipalities, including Durham Region, have declared climate emergencies and set GHG emissions reduction targets which reflect a strong desire to decarbonize their communities. The proposed legislative amendments would impede implementation of the Durham Community Energy Plan and the Region's ability to meet the climate emergency commitments to reduce GHG emissions.

Durham Region does not support the Province's proposed changes to the *Electricity Act, 1998* and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* outlined in ERO # 019-3471.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director, Strategic Initiatives

cc. Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Durham  
Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, Region of Durham  
Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, Region of Durham

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# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** May 28, 2021

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – May 23, 2021

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Health  
Department

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

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

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

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

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**May 23, 2021**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/vs54utnr](https://tinyurl.com/vs54utnr)**

- AstraZeneca Vaccine – On Pause (May 12)

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

- Health Department declares north Oshawa L1L as a hot spot postal code area (May 17)

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

- Health Department begins 2021 West Nile surveillance activities (May 18)

**[tinyurl.com/f67yrmrk](https://tinyurl.com/f67yrmrk)**

- Lyme disease is still here! (May 19)

**[tinyurl.com/bpszkn87](https://tinyurl.com/bpszkn87)**

- Health Department begins heat monitoring for 2021 summer season (May 19)

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**[tinyurl.com/5axr5wkn](https://tinyurl.com/5axr5wkn)**

- Up to \$1,200 more per child for 1.6 million families across Canada (May 12)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/49f69k28](https://tinyurl.com/49f69k28)**

- Government of Canada invests in skills training to help get Canadians back to work (May 18)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/6fa78st6](https://tinyurl.com/6fa78st6)**

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (May 10)

**[tinyurl.com/2hhb8xyw](https://tinyurl.com/2hhb8xyw)**

- Health Canada announces new measures for use of neonicotinoid pesticide imidacloprid (May 19)

**[tinyurl.com/36dan7zu](https://tinyurl.com/36dan7zu)**

- Health Canada authorizes more flexible storage conditions for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (May 19)

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/uajs3v3w](https://tinyurl.com/uajs3v3w)**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (May 12)

**[tinyurl.com/7uuvjsaz](https://tinyurl.com/7uuvjsaz)**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (May 19)

**Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/vcva7aky](https://tinyurl.com/vcva7aky)**

- Government of Canada continues to strengthen Canada's biomanufacturing sector (May 18)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/2h25jvwa](https://tinyurl.com/2h25jvwa)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on National Nursing Week (May 10)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2artus49](https://tinyurl.com/2artus49)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 10, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/48bsassb](https://tinyurl.com/48bsassb)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 12, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/8f4yt585](https://tinyurl.com/8f4yt585)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 13, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/63bs6ebk](https://tinyurl.com/63bs6ebk)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 15, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/yjy4pep6](https://tinyurl.com/yjy4pep6)**

- Government of Canada launches new "Ripple Effect" advertising campaign to encourage COVID-19 vaccination (May 17)

**[tinyurl.com/bfa297a4](https://tinyurl.com/bfa297a4)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 17, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/2ysyz5e8](https://tinyurl.com/2ysyz5e8)**

- Statement from the Public Health Agency of Canada (May 17)

**[tinyurl.com/4er94xxn](https://tinyurl.com/4er94xxn)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 19, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/5ef37ma9](https://tinyurl.com/5ef37ma9)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 20, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/eruxsh4w](https://tinyurl.com/eruxsh4w)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 22, 2021

**Privy Council Office**

**[tinyurl.com/p6xm5e8r](https://tinyurl.com/p6xm5e8r)**

- Statement – Minister LeBlanc addresses questions about border restrictions (May 18)

## **Transport Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/hu2v49z9](https://tinyurl.com/hu2v49z9)**

- Minister of Transport investing in railway safety while growing the economy (May 20)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**

**[tinyurl.com/237mud8d](https://tinyurl.com/237mud8d)**

- Ontario Continues to Expand Access to Rapid Testing in Workplaces (May 12)

### **Ministry of Education**

**[tinyurl.com/8u2bxffw](https://tinyurl.com/8u2bxffw)**

- Ontario Supports Safe and Reliable Student Transportation (May 11)

### **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

**[tinyurl.com/bmmyn7mx](https://tinyurl.com/bmmyn7mx)**

- Ontario Making it Easier to Report Polluters (May 19)

### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/3uh69dn4](https://tinyurl.com/3uh69dn4)**

- Ontario Continues to Expand Booking Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccines to More Ontarians (May 10)

**[tinyurl.com/4sx55phv](https://tinyurl.com/4sx55phv)**

- Ontario Expanding Access to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs for Vulnerable Seniors (May 11)

**[tinyurl.com/bde667bc](https://tinyurl.com/bde667bc)**

- Ontario Pauses Administration of AstraZeneca Vaccine (May 11)

**[tinyurl.com/4u9uhvmj](https://tinyurl.com/4u9uhvmj)**

- Over 50 per cent of Ontario Adults Receive First Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine (May 12)

**[tinyurl.com/6vrsmjua](https://tinyurl.com/6vrsmjua)**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Expanding to Ontarians 18+ Ahead of Schedule (May 17)

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

- Ontario Proceeding with Second Dose Administration of AstraZeneca (May 21)

**[tinyurl.com/a7v7tb52](https://tinyurl.com/a7v7tb52)**

- Protect Yourself from Tick Bites and Lyme Disease (May 21)

**[tinyurl.com/4juewbpc](https://tinyurl.com/4juewbpc)**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Expanding to Youth 12+ Ahead of Schedule (May 21)

### **Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development**

[tinyurl.com/524d73bj](https://tinyurl.com/524d73bj)

- Ontario Carrying Out More Inspections at Workplaces in Hot-Spot Regions (May 18)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

[tinyurl.com/84z2xkep](https://tinyurl.com/84z2xkep)

- Ontario adding 2,000 nurses to the health care system (May 14)

### **Office of the Premier**

[tinyurl.com/27jtd4fd](https://tinyurl.com/27jtd4fd)

- Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order Until June 2 (May 13)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

[tinyurl.com/yfdr45x4](https://tinyurl.com/yfdr45x4)

- Reopening Schools Letter (May 20)

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

[tinyurl.com/3mccddab4](https://tinyurl.com/3mccddab4)

- FAO projects health sector spending shortfall of \$61.9 billion over nine years (May 10)

### **Food Banks Canada**

[tinyurl.com/y4bkfpvb](https://tinyurl.com/y4bkfpvb)

- Food Banks Canada Release COVID-19 Response Fund Impact Report (May 11)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/8mnej5z5](https://tinyurl.com/8mnej5z5)

- Delay in Pandemic Pay for Essential Workers; Inconsistent and Late Reporting of Actual Spending on Initial COVID-19 Emergency Relief Programs: Auditor General (May 12)

### **Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/hbze8z5x](https://tinyurl.com/hbze8z5x)

- Commissioner: Reform bill “a step back overall” for privacy (May 11)

[tinyurl.com/wsb6sec](https://tinyurl.com/wsb6sec)

- Vaccine passports must meet highest level of privacy protection (May 19)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/8h5unk](https://tinyurl.com/8h5unk)

- Ombudsman Recommends Overhauling “Complicated, Overburdened” Ambulance Oversight System to Protect Patient Safety (May 20)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/2wej8nkx](https://tinyurl.com/2wej8nkx)

- OHA Fully Supports Extension of Stay-at-Home Order (May 13)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

**[tinyurl.com/6664kbst](https://tinyurl.com/6664kbst)**

- Ontario's doctors urge government to commit necessary resources to clear pandemic backlog (May 11)

**[tinyurl.com/5tx2hk6h](https://tinyurl.com/5tx2hk6h)**

- Ontario "not ready yet" to end lockdown, doctors say (May 12)

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

- Ontario's doctors support extending lockdown (May 13)

### **Ontario Power Generation**

**[tinyurl.com/5hwr2kjh](https://tinyurl.com/5hwr2kjh)**

- Canadian Nuclear Leaders Collaborate on Nuclear Decommissioning (May 13)

**[tinyurl.com/h5xztpk](https://tinyurl.com/h5xztpk)**

- Canada's First Small Modular Reactor Project Achieves Licensing Milestone (May 19)

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

**[tinyurl.com/26km2s8w](https://tinyurl.com/26km2s8w)**

- Nurses wrap up Nursing Week with a call to government to increase paid sick days and boost minimum wage (May 14)

### **Unity Health Toronto**

**[tinyurl.com/a9h3yybj](https://tinyurl.com/a9h3yybj)**

- Report shows opioid-related deaths surged during pandemic, impacting vulnerable populations most (May 19)





May 28, 2021

**The Regional  
Municipality  
of Durham**

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Mr. Ralph Walton  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
P.O. Box 623  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mr. Walton:

Pursuant to Section 72 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, I am submitting the attached notice regarding funding for public health programs and services to the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham.

I would appreciate it if you could bring this notice to the attention of the Regional Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Robert Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

cc Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance

**NOTICE TO THE  
CORPORATION OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM**

RE: *FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES*

Pursuant to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA), the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham is hereby given notice by the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham pursuant to the Council's duties under the HPPA as the Board of Health for the Durham Regional Health Unit, that the estimated Regional funding required for the 2021 fiscal year is \$22,382,885. The corresponding annualized Regional funding is estimated to be \$22,280,985. This funding is required to enable Council to fulfill its obligations under the HPPA including to provide or ensure the provision of public health programs and services and to otherwise comply with the HPPA and the regulations.

The Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Durham is further given notice that it is obligated to ensure that this funding is made available to the Council to fulfill its duties under the HPPA throughout the course of the 2021 fiscal year.


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May 20, 2021

Via Email:

Ralph Walton  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
[clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca)

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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Re: Region of Durham Council Resolution Re: Anti-Asian Hate

Please be advised that at a meeting held on May 17, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 142-21:

That the Council of the Town of Whitby endorse the resolution adopted by the Council of the Region of Durham at its meeting held on April 28, 2021 regarding Anti-Asian Hate.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

Kevin Narraway  
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Attach: Region of Durham Council Resolution Re: Anti-Asian Hate

Copy: C. Harris, Town Clerk - [clerk@whitby.ca](mailto:clerk@whitby.ca)

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada - [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)  
Honourable Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth - [Bardish.Chagger@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Bardish.Chagger@parl.gc.ca)  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario - [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
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April 30, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
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The Regional  
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of Durham

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**Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.**  
Commissioner of Corporate  
Services

Dear Prime Minister:

**RE: Anti Asian Hate, Our File: A00**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 28, 2021, adopted the following recommendations:

“Whereas widespread reports, surveys and personal experiences from across the Asian community have indicated a disturbing increase in Anti-Asian discrimination, infringements on basic human rights and acts of violence in Canada and around the world – impacting Asians of all nationalities including a Filipino-American woman beaten in NYC, the six Asian-Americans of Chinese and Korean descent murdered in the Atlanta spa shootings, and many more – sparking protests across Canada and the United States in March 2021;

And Whereas the Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto chapter compiled feedback from the Asian community through two online (self-reporting) surveys, that together reported over 1,150 instances of Anti-Asian racism between March 10, 2020 and February 28, 2021 (with approximately half of those incidents reported since January, and nearly 40% having occurred in Ontario), which is believed to have been exacerbated and aggravated due to widespread scapegoating and racialization of the Covid-19 pandemic;

And Whereas according to an Angus Reid study (2020), 43% of surveyed Canadians of Asian-descent reported feeling threatened or intimidated as a direct result of Covid-19;

And Whereas racism in Canada is an ugly part of our ongoing history, and we must as a community stand together to condemn these acts and commit to taking positive action to correct misinformation and ensure the safety of our neighbours, friends and families;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Durham Regional Council formally stands beside its residents of Asian descent, and with all Asian community members across Canada to condemn and denounce these deplorable, racist and hateful acts, and encourages victims and bystanders to report these incidents; and
2. Durham Regional Council supports the Chinese Canadian National Council's calls for immediate action, and urges the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to lead and support meaningful education, engagement and Anti-racism efforts, fostering understanding and correcting misinformation for all targeted under-represented groups in Canada, including the Asian community; and
3. This motion be distributed to Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth; Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Durham Region Municipalities; the Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto chapter; the Korean Canadian Cultural Association; Japanese Canadian Cultural Association; and the Durham Chinese Cultural Centre."

*Ralph Walton*

Ralph Walton,  
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/ks

- c: Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social  
Services  
Nicole Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax  
Clerk, Township of Brock  
June Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington  
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
Susan Cassel, Clerk, City of Pickering  
Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Scugog  
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge  
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter

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May 21, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health  
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9  
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Dear Minister Hajdu:

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**Re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative**

At its Regular meeting held on May 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-210517-009 as follows:

R-210517-009

**"WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and**

**WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and**

**WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10- digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;**

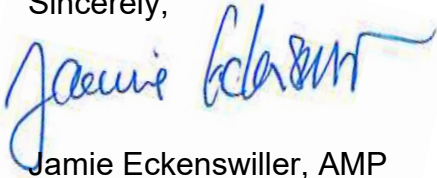
**THEEFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and**

**THAT a letter demonstrating City Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Alex Ruff MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, the Honourable Bill Walker MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario."**



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,




Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound

cc. Hon. Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Hon. Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Ian Scott, Chairperson and CEO, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications  
Commission  
All Ontario Municipalities

“Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)”

May 19, 2021  
The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Reopening of Greenwater Provincial Park**

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

**“Resolution No.: 123-2021**

**Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle    Seconded by: Councillor Robert Hutchinson**

**WHEREAS** the pandemic has caused people to stay indoors for an extended period of time; and

**WHEREAS** there is an extreme demand for camping and RVing from Ontarians wanting to go and enjoy our great outdoors; and

**WHEREAS** in 2013 approximately 10 Provincial Parks were closed by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in the North; and

**WHEREAS** Northerners have very little areas to be able to enjoy the outdoors, as the closest Provincial Park are Kettle Lakes and Rene Brunelle; and

**WHEREAS** these Provincial Parks will be fully booked with nowhere for Cochranites to go camping nearby;



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call on Premier Ford and the Minister of Natural Resources to reopen the Greenwater Provincial Park;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane establish an Ad Hoc Committee to petition the Provincial Government;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the MP, Charlie Angus, MPP John Vanthof and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for their endorsement and support

**CARRIED”**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**



Alice Mercier

Clerk

/am

c.c.:

Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay  
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming - Cochrane  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities





# PORT COLBORNE

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May 21, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Sent via E-mail: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Request to Delay Official Plan Review**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of May 10, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:


That correspondence from the Town of Pelham regarding Request to Delay Official Plan Review, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe  
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Jeff Burch, MPP, Niagara Centre  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West  
Jennifer Steves, MPP, St. Catharines  
Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Niagara Local Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities

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April 23, 2021

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk  
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Thorold ON L2V 4T7  
[ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca)

Attention: Ms. Norio,

**Item 14.1 Motion re: Request to Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update**

Please be advised that at their regular meeting of April 19, 2021 Council of the Town of Pelham passed the following:

**WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Planning Act, requires that the Region of Niagara conduct a municipal comprehensive review (MCR) of its Official Plan whereby decisions must be made as to how all of the population and employment growth is to be accommodated in the local municipalities for the years 2031 to 2051;**

**AND WHEREAS since June 2019 the Province has amended a number of Provincial Statutes and policies that impact how municipalities plan for growth including the following:**

- The Provincial Policy Statement,
- A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe,
- The Development Charges Act,
- The Planning Act,
- The Environmental Assessment Act, and
- The Conservation Authorities Act;

**AND WHEREAS these significant Provincial changes include:**

- reduced density targets in new greenfield development from 80 persons and jobs per hectare to 50 persons and jobs per hectare,
- reduced intensification targets from 60% beyond 2031 to 50%,
- setting minimum population and employment growth forecasts that can be exceeded subject to Provincial approval,
- extended the planning horizon from 2041 to the year 2051,
- introduced market demand as a consideration in determining the housing mix, and

- revisions to how municipalities fund growth;

**AND WHEREAS** these Provincial changes signal an abrupt shift from the emphasis on creating compact and complete communities to a planning regime that facilitates lower density and car dependent communities;

**AND WHEREAS** several Regions throughout Ontario have declared climate change emergencies and must consider the role of land use planning in their strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;

**AND WHEREAS** these Provincial changes create pressure to convert more class 1, 2 and 3 farmland in to urban uses than would otherwise be necessary which is contrary to Niagara's Official Plan as it relates to the protection of the agricultural system in Niagara;

**AND WHEREAS** ensuring that Ontarians have access to healthy safe food in the future requires thoughtful consideration of the long term impact of converting thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to urban uses;

**AND WHEREAS** the change of the planning horizon to 2051 by the Province means that future municipal councils and the public will have little power to change decisions where they will grow after 2031 to the 2051 planning horizon;

**AND WHEREAS** in the rural areas internet service is often poor, making it difficult for rural residents to participate in zoom calls;

**AND WHEREAS** Niagara Region has adopted a public engagement initiative for the Niagara Official Plan review that includes public surveys, stakeholder input, direct public input and a Planning Advisory Committee;

**AND WHEREAS** the current pandemic is making effective, in person public consultation impossible at a time when robust, informed public consultation is needed more than ever;

**AND WHEREAS** the nature of work has evolved in response to the pandemic which may cause long term changes to the assumptions underlying the province's Land Needs Assessment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Pelham Council request the Niagara Regional Chair to write to request the Province to allow the Region to delay its final report on

**its Official Plan Review until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public has been conducted on the growth concepts and the preferred growth concept;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to allow the new Regional Official Plan which identifies non-discretionary components of a Regional Urban Structure that support local plans and priorities inside the current urban boundaries, exempt from the requirement for in-person consultation with the public;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement to ensure that the public can fully participate in the process of planning their communities for the growth planning period covering 2031 to 2051;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Province suspend the deadlines it has set for conformity until the Land Needs Assessment Framework can be revisited to adjust to the significant changes to the nature of work that are reducing office space and parking space needs.**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the leaders of the Provincial opposition parties, Niagara's MPP's, and the Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities.**

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Holly Willford, BA  
Acting Town Clerk

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)  
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**Sent:** May 27, 2021 4:30 PM

**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"

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On May 27, 2021 Regional Council adopted the following:

WHEREAS over 70% of the adult population in York Region has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS over 65% of the adult population in Ontario has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates have all declined and continue to trend downward; and,

WHEREAS Step One of the Provincial roadmap states “may begin after 60 per cent of Ontario’s adults receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and if, and only if, public health indicators, such as hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates indicate the province can safely move to this step of the roadmap.”; and,

WHEREAS according to an independent modelling company, a fourth wave for York Region is not on the cards if we re-open after June 2, 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Province “Stay at Home” order originally was to expire June 2, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT York Regional Council request the province consider entering Step 1 of the “Provincial Roadmap to Reopen” as of 12:01 am May 31, 2021; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Dr Dave Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario, and all Heads of Council.

Regards,

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