



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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### **Advisory Committee Minutes**

There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

### **Action Items from Council (For Information Only)**

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) by 9:00 AM on the Monday one week prior to the next regular Committee of the Whole meeting, if you wish to add an item from this CIP to the Committee of the Whole agenda.



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Corporate Services  
Report: #2017-INFO-115  
Date: October 27, 2017

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**Subject:**

2018 Municipal Election

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a. Provide general information regarding the 2018 Municipal Election, and information on the changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA)*, and the impact these changes will have on the 2018 Municipal Election for the Office of Regional Chair including:
  - Important dates throughout the election year, including a shortened nomination period;
  - Additional nomination requirements;
  - Changes to campaign contribution limits and rules regarding contributors;
  - The introduction of third party advertisers; and
  - Additional responsibilities for the Clerk relating to review of financial statements.
- b. Distribute the updated Policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Regional Clerk, Legislative Services Division, is responsible for the administration of the Regional responsibilities related to the election for the Office of Regional Chair. With amendments made to the *MEA*, the election landscape has changed since the 2014 Municipal Election and Legislative Services staff has been updating election policies and procedures to reflect these revisions through

the Regional Clerk's administrative mandate.

- 2.2 The Clerks of the lower-tier municipalities are responsible for conducting the election within their respective municipality and for reporting the vote for the Office of Regional Chair to the Regional Clerk.
- 2.3 The Regional Clerk is responsible for preparing the final summary of the votes for the Office of Regional Chair from the information received from the lower-tier Clerks and announcing the result of the vote for the Office of Regional Chair.
- 2.4 A Communication Plan is being developed by the Corporate Communications Office in consultation with the Regional Clerk in order to better educate and generally provide information to the public and potential candidates about the upcoming election.

### 3. Changes to Important Dates

- 3.1 Previously, the election nomination period began in January of an election year and concluded in September. The nomination period for the 2018 Municipal Election has been substantially reduced and will commence on May 1, 2018 and end on July 27, 2018. Voting Day is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Important dates for the 2018 Municipal Election are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
May 1, 2018	First day for filing nominations.  First day to file a registration as a Third Party Advertiser (with the local area municipality).  Campaign period commences upon filing of nomination.
July 27, 2018	Nomination Day (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM).  Withdrawal of Nominations before 2:00 PM.  The local area municipalities continue to accept Third Party Advertiser registrations.
July 30, 2018	Regional Clerk to send the names of the candidates for the Office of Regional Chair to the Clerks of the area municipalities.  Acclamation to office declared if there is only one certified candidate for the Office of Regional Chair.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
October 19, 2018	Last day to accept registrations for Third Party Advertisers (with the local municipalities)
October 22, 2018	Voting Day (note different voting methods used by the local area municipalities outlined in Section 2.2)
December 1, 2018	New Term of Council begins
December 31, 2018	Campaign Period Ends.  Deadline for candidate to provide Clerk with written notification of deficit and continuation of campaign period – also applies to Third Party Advertisers (to local area Clerks).
March 29, 2019	Deadline for filing financial statements for reporting period ending December 31, 2018
September 27, 2019	Deadline for filing statement for reporting period ending June 30, 2019 (extension)

#### **4. Nomination Requirements**

- 4.1 In accordance with the *MEA*, nomination papers for the Office of Regional Chair are to be filed with the Regional Clerk. The Regional Clerk is responsible for advising the Clerks of the lower-tier municipalities of the names of the candidates to be placed on the ballots.
- 4.2 New requirements have been added to the *MEA* that necessitate endorsement of a Nomination as follows:
- a. the nomination must be endorsed by at least 25 persons who are eligible to vote in an election, and they may endorse more than one nomination
  - b. endorsees must complete a prescribed declaration
  - c. the Clerk is entitled to rely upon the information filed by the candidate in this regard and does not require further evidence of the qualifications of the endorsees
  - d. if the candidate previously filed a nomination for another office on Regional Council, for this same election, then they do not need to resubmit the 25 endorsees/declarations

## 5. New Legislation Regarding Contributions

5.1 New legislation has been introduced with respect to campaign contributions. Three of the key changes are as follows:

- a. For the 2018 municipal election, trade union and corporate donations to individual candidates are no longer permitted. Only an individual who is normally a resident of Ontario, the candidate, or their spouse may make a contribution.
- b. The limit for an individual contributor has been increased from \$750.00 to \$1,200.00 to any one candidate in an election.
- c. Based on interpreting Section 88.9.1 of the MEA and the calculation contained within the section, an upper limit of \$25,000 has been set for combined contributions from a candidate and their spouse to the candidate's own election campaign (previously there was no limit for self-contributions).

5.2 A new category of "Third Party Advertiser" has been introduced. With the introduction of Third Party Advertisers, corporations and trade unions can still spend money to support candidates by registering as a Third Party. Individuals may also register as a Third Party.

- a. According to the MEA, a 'registered third party' is an individual, corporation or trade union that is registered under section 88.6. A 'third party advertisement' is an advertisement in any broadcast, print, electronic or other medium that has the purpose of promoting, supporting or opposing a candidate (or a 'yes' or 'no' answer to a question on the ballot).
- b. Those who wish to register as a Third Party must register with the local municipality.
- c. Third party advertisements are limited to the municipality in which the Third Party has registered, therefore Third Party Advertisers who wish to promote a candidate for the Office of Regional Chair may wish to register in various area municipalities or all of them if they wish to run advertising Region wide.
- d. Contributions to a Third Party from a contributor cannot exceed \$1,200.00 (as of April 1, 2018).
- e. A contributor shall not make contributions exceeding a total of \$5,000 to two or more registered third parties registered in the same municipality.

5.3 Effective April 1, 2018, new requirements have been introduced for Clerks with respect to the review of candidates and Third Party Financial Statements. Clerks are now required to review the contributions reported on the financial statements submitted by a candidate under section 88.25 to determine whether any contributor appears to have exceeded any of the contribution limits.

Should the Clerk determine that a contributor has exceeded the limits; the Clerk must prepare a report and forward it to the Compliance Audit Committee. Within 30 days after receiving the report the Compliance Audit Committee shall consider the report and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against a contributor for an apparent contravention.

## **6. Policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes**

- 6.1 The policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes has been amended in order to update references to sections of the *MEA* where the section number has changed, and to add reference to Third Party Advertisers. Since there have been no substantial revisions made to the Council approved Policy, staff felt that there was no need to prepare a separate report in this regard, and that it would fall under the Regional Clerk's administrative mandate. The revised policy, with tracked changes, is attached to this report for information.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 Amendments made to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* will impact candidates, contributors, and Clerks. For candidates, it is best if they familiarize themselves with the new regulations. The Region will endeavor to provide as much information as possible to assist candidates for Regional Chair in this regard. A Communication Plan is being developed by the Corporate Communications Office in consultation with the Regional Clerk in order to better educate and inform the public and potential candidates about the upcoming election.
- 7.2 The Policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes, revised for the 2018 Municipal Election, has been included for information.
- 7.3 Any questions regarding this report should be direct to Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, 905-668-7711 extension 2100.

## **8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

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D. Beaton  
Commissioner of Corporate Services



## Policy on the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes

### Purpose

This policy provides guidance on the appropriate use of corporate resources during municipal, school board, provincial and federal elections, and campaigns on a question on a ballot.

### Legislative Authority

The following legislative provisions are highlighted as they relate to this policy:

The *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, s. ~~70(4)~~ 88.8 (4) 5 states that municipalities cannot make a contribution (including money, goods and services) to a candidate. The *Election Finances Act* and the *Canada Elections Act* impose similar restrictions for provincial and federal election campaigns.

*The Municipal Elections Act, 1996, s. 88.12 (4) 3 also states that municipalities cannot make a contribution to registered third party advertisers.*

As well, the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* prohibits a candidate, or someone acting on the candidate's behalf, from accepting a contribution from a person who is not entitled to make a contribution. As a contribution may take the form of money, goods and services, any use of the Corporation's resources for an election campaign could be viewed as a contribution by the Region, which is a violation of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

The *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, s. 28 states that "No landlord shall restrict reasonable access to a residential complex by candidates for election to any office at the federal, provincial or municipal level, or their authorized representatives, if they are seeking access for the purpose of canvassing or distributing election material." The Region's long term care homes fall under the definition of "residential complex" and, therefore, canvassing and distribution of election campaign materials by all candidates is permitted, except at Regional events occurring on site.

Access to Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation and Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation premises by all candidates for the purpose of canvassing and distribution of election campaign materials is also permitted under the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, except at Regional events occurring on site.

### Principles

This policy clarifies that all candidates, including members of Council, **and registered third parties**, are required to follow the provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*. The policy is also to ensure that all candidates **and registered third parties** are treated fairly and consistently.

In compliance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, public funds are not to be used for election campaigns, including the promotion of or opposition to the candidacy of a person for an elected office, or in support of or opposition to a question on a ballot.

Corporate resources including facilities, infrastructure, equipment, supplies, services, staff or any resource that belongs to or is funded by the Region may not be used for the purposes of an election campaign or for any campaign-related activities.

There can be no campaign-related activities ~~by candidates~~ in any Regional workplace or in any Regionally owned or operated buildings.

This policy recognizes that the business of the Region must continue to be carried out throughout the term of Council and that Members of Council are holders of their office until the end of their term, and supports Members of Council in continuing to fulfill their responsibilities as Members of Council. This policy does not preclude Members of Council from representing the interests of the constituents who elected them.

The following guidelines apply to all Members of Council and also apply to an acclaimed Member or a Member not seeking re-election.

## **Guidelines**

### **1. Use of Regional Facilities**

A candidate ~~or registered third party~~ may not use Regional facilities for election campaign purposes or for any campaign-related activities. Campaign signs and materials that identify a candidate may not be displayed in/at any Regional facilities. Election campaign materials means those materials that promote or oppose the candidacy of a person for elected office, or that support or oppose a question on a ballot.

### **2. Regional Events**

A candidate ~~or registered third party~~ may not campaign or distribute election campaign materials at any event/function being hosted by the Region, whether on Regional property or not.

### **3. Regional Infrastructure**

A candidate ~~or registered third party~~ may not use any Regional infrastructure and equipment for election campaign purposes or for any campaign-related activities. This includes any physical or technology systems that support the operation of the Region's programs and services including but not limited to computer and telephone networks and applications, photocopiers, fax machines, email system, voicemail, wireless equipment, internet, intranet, smart phones, tablets and Regionally provided electronic devices.

#### 4. Regional Staff

A candidate **or registered third party** may not use the services of staff during those hours in which staff receive any compensation from the Region.

#### 5. Supplies

A candidate or registered third party may not use Regional supplies for election campaign purposes.

#### 6. Printing/Distribution

A candidate **or registered third party** may not print or distribute election campaign materials using Regional funds.

#### 7. Websites/Social Media

Websites, domain names and social media sites that are funded by the Region **should may** not include any campaign material, make reference to and/or identify any individual as a candidate or profile any slogan or symbol associated with a candidate.

#### 8. Communications Material

The Region's communication materials, whether for internal or public distribution, cannot:

- i) Profile (name or photograph), make reference to and/or identify any individual as a candidate.
- ii) Advocate for or against a particular candidate.

(Communication materials include but are not limited to: news releases, media advisories, invitations for special events, flyers, posters, banners, brochures, newsletters, e-newsletters and social media accounts.)

#### 9. Photographs/Videos

Photographs and videos produced for and owned by the Region of Durham cannot be used for election campaign purposes.

#### 10. Corporate Identifiers/Logo

The Region's corporate identifiers (i.e. the Durham logo, coat-of-arms, its slogans; and the DRPS and DRT logos) may not be printed or distributed in election campaign material or included on an election campaign website. Links to the Region's website are permitted from a candidate's **or third party's** election website for the purpose of obtaining information about the municipal election or sharing Regional program/service information.

## 11. Contact Information

The Region's email addresses, telephone numbers and facility addresses are not to be used by a candidate or registered third party as his/her their election campaign contact information.

### **Exemptions to this policy:**

Municipal election information prepared, posted and maintained by Legislative Services. Names and photographs of Members of Council, their contact information, and a list of their current representation on committees that is prepared, posted and maintained by Legislative Services.

Agendas and minutes of Committee and Council meetings.

### **Administration:**

The Regional Clerk and authorized designate(s) are responsible for the administration of this policy.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 3540.



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2017-INFO-116  
Date: October 27, 2017

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### **Subject:**

Emergency Repair Work at Thickson Road South and Champlain Avenue/Consumers Drive, in the Town of Whitby

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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 information regarding emergency repair work completed by the Works Department at Thickson Road South and Champlain Avenue/Consumers Drive, in the Town of Whitby. Dollar amounts followed by an asterisk (\*) are before applicable taxes.

#### **2. Contract Issued**

2.1 BryRon Contracting was hired for an emergency repair to a 400 millimetre (mm) ductile iron watermain at the intersection of Thickson Road/ Champlain Avenue/Consumers Drive. The police closed the intersection to vehicular traffic including the ramps to the 401 due to the high volume of traffic at this intersection during the repair work.

2.2 Costs were significant due to the complexity of the repair, the close proximity of existing infrastructure, extensive road restoration and complex traffic control. All water infrastructure and most of the road impacted by the watermain break have been repaired. Permanent road restoration will be included as part of the capital construction project for the extension of Consumers Drive from Thickson Road to Thornton Road.

2.3 Total cost of the emergency repair was \$197,807\*.

2.4 The emergency repair work was performed through a time and material contract administered through the Construction Division of the Works Department using the established registry of pre-selected contractors as approved by Regional Council.

### **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 Section 11.0 of the Region's Purchasing By-law 68-2000 (Amended) authorizes staff to make emergency purchases under certain circumstances. In accordance with the By-law, an immediate purchase can be expedited to prevent serious delays in the work of any department, which might involve dangers to life, damage to property, or the provision of an essential service.

3.2 In accordance with the provisions of the by-law, emergency purchases that exceed \$25,000 are reported to the Committee of the Whole setting out the nature of the emergency and the necessity of the action taken by staff.

3.3 The Finance Department issued the necessary purchase order for work under the emergency provisions of the by-law.

3.4 Funding in the amount of \$197,807\* for this emergency work was provided from within the approved 2017 Water Supply Operating Budget for watermain repairs.

### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 Staff proceeded with the emergency work detailed in this report by selecting a contractor from the approved registry of Regional Infrastructure Construction Contractors. This process ensured timely completion of the work.

4.2 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department.

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2017-INFO-117  
Date: October 18, 2017

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**Subject:**

2017 Building Business Forum

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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 an overview of the 2017 Durham Building Business Forum held in the Township of Scugog on October 11, 2017.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Building Business Forum (BBF) is an annual half-day business event held in north Durham that brings business leaders together to inspire new business ideas, make strategic connections with local and provincial business support organizations and strengthen the rural economy.

2.2 The BBF is an action item of the Vibrant North Durham Economic Development Plan 2013-2018, under the strategy Inspire and Support Entrepreneurship. This Plan was adopted by the Township Councils of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock in June 2013.

2.3 The BBF is a collaborative regional economic development initiative of the Economic Development Advisory Committees of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock in partnership with the Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development Department.

- 2.4 Continued support of the BBF is an action item in the Region's 2017-2021 Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan under Goal 5A: Retaining and Expanding Existing Business – North Durham.

### **3. 2017 Building Business Forum**

- 3.1 This year marked the sixth-annual event and was held at the Blackstock Recreation Complex in the Township of Scugog. Over 80 people attended the forum representing business, business support organizations, Regional and Township representatives.
- 3.2 The theme for this year's BBF was 'Making it on Main Street' to highlight the importance of downtown areas for rural communities as a way to foster the growth of locally-owned small businesses.
- 3.3 The 2017 event had several components:
- a. Ignite Sessions featuring five local business owners from across north Durham speaking about what 'Making it on Main Street' means to them. Speakers included Lianne Megarry from the Dark Horse Studio in Sunderland, Mila Haynos from Lavender-Blue in Port Perry, Arthur Field from Nexus Coffee Company in Uxbridge and Mike Gibbs from Branching Out Florists and Jingles Gifts in Cannington and Port Perry.
  - b. The Business Advisory Centre Durham presented on tips for growing small businesses in a rural downtown and retail trends for the coming year.
  - c. The We CARE for Business Tradeshow which included business support organizations who assist with the creation, attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in north Durham.
  - d. Two facilitated networking sessions led by the Business Advisory Centre Durham where attendees were given the opportunity to network with peers.

### **4. Corporate Partnerships**

- 4.1 In recognition of the importance of financing to the success of small business, local financial institutions were invited to participate in the event.
- 4.2 Two financial institutions, the Bank of Montreal (BMO) and the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) participated financially with BMO contributing \$1,000 and RBC contributing \$500 towards the event.



4.3 Due to the level of sponsorship provided, only BMO qualified to participate in the We CARE for Business Tradeshow.

**5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The BBF is a free event to participants and the cost of hosting is annually shared between the Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock and the Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development Department budgets.

**6. Conclusion**

6.1 The BBF is identified in the Vibrant North Durham Economic Development Plan 2013-2018 and the Region's 2017-2021 Economic Strategy and Action Plan. It is a successful and significant event for supporting entrepreneurship and business development in north Durham.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



File: A-2114

October 17, 2017

Roger Anderson  
Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham  
Sent via email: [Carol.Hancock@durham.ca](mailto:Carol.Hancock@durham.ca)

Re: Letter Sent to the Canadian Border Services Agency Concerning the Recent Notice of Closure of the Oshawa Office

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This is in response to your correspondence dated September 27, 2017 concerning the above noted matter.

Oshawa City Council considered the matter at a meeting held on October 16, 2017 and adopted the following recommendation of the Development Services Committee:

"That Correspondence DS-17-172 dated September 27, 2017 from Roger Anderson, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham providing a copy of a letter sent to the Canadian Border Services Agency concerning the recent notice of closure of the Oshawa office be received for information."

If you require further assistance, please contact Paul Ralph, Commissioner, Development Services Department at the address below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

  
Andrew Brouwer  
City Clerk

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c: Development Services Department

**Maria Flammia**

**From:** Kim Cox <kcox@scugog.ca>  
**Sent:** October-19-17 3:33 PM  
**To:** Clerks  
**Subject:** Closure of the CBSA Outports and Postal Operations Office - 1200 Airport Blvd., Oshawa  
**Attachments:** Correspondence - Township of Scugog October 16 2017 PCA Meeting - re Closure of the CBSA Outports and Postal Operations Office, 1200 Airport Blvd, Oshawa.pdf

Hello Ralph,

Please find attached correspondence from the October 16, 2017 Township of Scugog Planning & Community Affairs Committee meeting regarding the above captioned matter.

Kind regards,

**Kim Cox**  
**Customer Service Associate**  
 905-985-7346 ext.101 | [kcox@scugog.ca](mailto:kcox@scugog.ca)  
 Fax: 905-985-9914



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**C.S. - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

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Council - Oct 11, 2017  
Item 4



OCT 20 17 4:51 PM

October 19, 2017

Mr. Roger Anderson  
Regional Chair and CEO  
Region of Durham  
Sent via email: [roger.anderson@durham.ca](mailto:roger.anderson@durham.ca)

Re: Closure of the CBSA Outports and Postal Operations Office  
1200 Airport Boulevard, Oshawa

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Dear Regional Chair Anderson:

At the last regular Planning & Community Affairs Committee meeting of the Township of Scugog held October 16, 2017, your correspondence (No. 232-17) regarding the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

**"THAT Correspondence No. 232-17 be received and endorsed by way of a letter to the author and all parties listed as having received a copy of the original letter."**

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Paul Newman', written over a horizontal line.

John Paul Newman  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

c: See attached list

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Attached for your reference is a copy of Regional Chair Anderson's September 27, 2017 correspondence

c: The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety  
and Emergency Preparedness  
Celina Caesar-Chavannes, MP – Whitby  
Jennifer O'Connell – MP – Pickering/Uxbridge  
Mark Holland, MP – Ajax  
The Honourable Erin O'Toole, MP – Durham  
Jamie Schmale, MP – Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock  
Kim Rudd, MP – Northumberland/Peterborough South  
Nancy Shaw, CEO, Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce  
Gary Valcour, President, Greater Oshawa Chamber of  
Commerce and Chairman, Oshawa Port Authority Board of Directors  
Mr. Stephen Wilcox, Airport Manager, Oshawa Executive Airport  
Natalie Prychitko, CEO, Whitby Chamber of Commerce  
Chrystine Langille, Executive Director, Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade  
Nicole Wellsbury, Clerk, Town of Ajax  
Thom Gettinby, CAO and Municipal Clerk, Township of Brock  
Anne Greentree, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington  
Andrew Brouwer, Clerk, City of Oshawa  
Debbie Shields, Clerk, City of Pickering  
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge  
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby  
Garry H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kathy Weiss, Director of Economic Development and Tourism  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk



September 27, 2017

SENT VIA EMAIL

CORR. # 232-17  
Rcvd: 28/09/20...

Ms. Laurelle Doxey  
Director  
Outports and Postal Operations District  
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Roger M. Anderson  
Regional Chair and CEO

Dear Ms. Doxey:

**RE: Closure of the CBSA Outports and Postal Operations Office  
1200 Airport Boulevard, Oshawa**

On behalf of the Region of Durham, I am writing to express our extreme disappointment with the manner in which the decision to close the Oshawa office was made and subsequently communicated. We received just two weeks' notice of CBSA's intent to discontinue operations. While we continue to review the impacts of this closure, the following points have become clear and require your immediate response.

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Yours truly,



Roger Anderson  
Regional Chair and CEO

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**Subject:** Closure of the CBSA Outports and Postal Operations Office  
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Good morning,

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Regards

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Ms. Laurelle Doxey  
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October 18, 2017

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Sincerely,

Alexander Harras  
Manager of Legislative Services/ Deputy Clerk

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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 27, 2017

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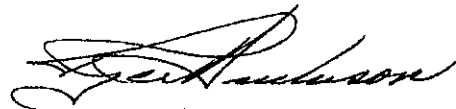
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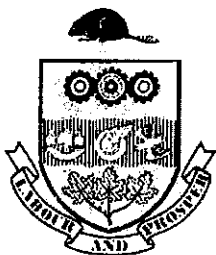
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**URGENT**

September 27, 2017

Members of Council  
c/o Clerk  
Town of Ajax  
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**Re: Proposed Removal of Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA)  
Services from the Oshawa Executive Airport**

Dear Members of Council:

On behalf of Oshawa City Council, I am writing to inform you of a recent decision made by Canadian Border Services Agency to remove its commercial and personal entry processing services (customs and immigration) and close its office at the Oshawa Executive Airport on September 29, 2017. This office provides service to the Airport and thirteen sufferance warehouses, including the Federal Port Authority at the Oshawa Harbour.

This was done without sufficient notice and no consultation with Oshawa, the Region of Durham, airport users or the business community within the region. I would like to ask for your support to maintain on-going Canadian Border services at the Oshawa Executive Airport.

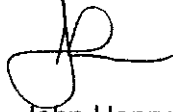
At the Oshawa City Council meeting of Monday, September 25, 2017, Council approved a motion outlining the situation and the negative impact it would have on our regional economy. The motion calls upon Minister Ralph Goodall and the CBSA to rescind this decision, maintain existing services and enter into discussions with the City and stakeholders including interested municipalities to find a positive solution to the situation.

I have attached the motion approved at the September 25, 2017 Oshawa City Council meeting, and a letter sent to Minister Goodall and the CBSA today.

The City of Oshawa believes that a long term and strategic approach toward maintaining and enhancing the transportation infrastructure is needed. It is important that the offices remain open and the existing services are in place.

Should you wish to discuss the issue or require any additional information please contact my office at: 905 436 5611 or Mr. Jag Sharma, City Manager at 905-436-3311 (ext.2259) or [jsharma@oshawa.ca](mailto:jsharma@oshawa.ca).

Yours truly,

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John Henry  
Mayor

Attachments: Oshawa City Council Motion of September 25, 2017  
Letter to Minister Goodale

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**Oshawa City Council Motion**  
**Approved at the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting**

Whereas, the Canadian Border Services Agency (C.B.S.A.) notified the Airport Manager of the Oshawa Executive Airport on September 14, 2017 that it would be closing its office at the Airport on September 29, 2017 (approximately 2 weeks' notice) and proposing to provide its commercial and personal entry processing services (customs and immigration) from its Billy Bishop Airport and Mississauga offices; and,

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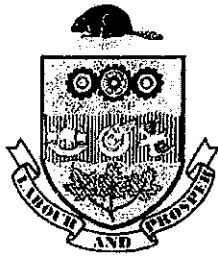
Whereas the C.B.S.A. services offered at the Airport must continue since they are an important part of assisting in economic growth and job creation and business retention for this region;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. City Council request the Honourable Minister Ralph Goodale and the Canadian Border Services Agency to rescind the decision to close the Canadian Border Services Agency offices at Oshawa Executive Airport on September 29, 2017; and,



2. The Mayor and City Manager lead the efforts to ensure the services of Canadian Border Services Agency are continued to be provided at the Oshawa Executive Airport to facilitate economic growth in the region and to correspond with the Federal government and other stakeholders as needed; and,
  3. The Regional Municipality of Durham, its lower-tier municipalities, Chambers of Commerce in the Region, Durham M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s be informed of the Canadian Border Services Agency decision to close the office at the Airport and of this direction of Oshawa Council and that they be requested to support the need to provide on-going Canadian Border services at the Oshawa Executive Airport; and,
  4. That a copy of this motion be sent to UNIFOR and General Motors of Canada.
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September 27, 2017

The Honorable Ralph Goodale  
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Oshawa learned about CBSA's decision without adequate notice and no consultation with the City, or the Airport. The impact of this decision is extensive and costly. We understand there was virtually no discussion with the Oshawa Executive Airport Manager, airport users or business stakeholders within the region.

We respectfully ask that a meeting take place at the earliest possible date, between the Ministry, City, CBSA officials and interested area municipalities so we can discuss the continuation of these services which impact the economic growth and prosperity of our local and regional communities.

The Oshawa Executive Airport and Federal Port Authority at the Oshawa harbour are key transportation and economic assets for the City of Oshawa and the eastern GTA. They strengthen the ability of Canadian companies to undertake international business and act as a crucial component of our competitive

advantage. The Oshawa Executive Airport is an active member of the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) with a key role of relieving corporate aircraft traffic congestion from Toronto Pearson Airport.

The removal of service and closure of the offices will have a significant negative impact with respect to:

- Increasing the costs of companies using the services , increasing the time it takes to process their customer's orders, and diminishing their ability to retain and compete for new business
- Meeting the goals, objectives and growth targets as set out in the Oshawa Executive Airport Business Plan, particularly with the planned closure of the Buttonville Airport
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Hardcopy to be forwarded by mail.

Yours truly,



John Henry  
Mayor, City of Oshawa

Att'd: Oshawa City Council Motion of September 25, 2017

Cc: John Ossowski, President, CBSA  
Tina Namiesniowski, Executive Vice President, CBSA  
Laurelle Doxey, Director – Outports and Postal Operations District, CBSA

**Maria Flammia**

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**Subject:** Bill 148 - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act  
**Attachments:** Bill 148 - The Fair Workplaces Better Jobs Act.pdf

Good morning

Please find attached endorsement from the Town of Ajax with respect to the Town of Whitby's resolution regarding Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act.

Regards

**Lorraine Billings**  
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Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
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October 18, 2017

**Re: Bill 148 – the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act**

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held October 16, 2017:

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~~That the Town of Ajax endorse the Town of Whitby's resolution regarding Bill 148 –  
The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act.~~

A copy of the Town of Whitby's correspondence that prompted this action is attached.

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Sincerely,



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October 5, 2017

Nicole Cooper, MPA  
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Town of Ajax  
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Re: Bill 148 - The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act

Further to your request to receive a copy of Resolution #432-17 regarding the above noted matter, please find as follows this resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Whitby at its meeting held on September 18, 2017:

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Whereas the Ontario government is proposing to make a variety of changes to the Employment Standards Act through Bill 148, The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017;

And Whereas the Premier and Minister of Labour stated at the annual AMO conference that the unintended consequences of Bill 148 related to municipal governments will be re-examined;

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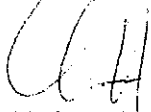
Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Government of Ontario honour its commitment made at AMO to re-examine the unintended consequences of Bill 148 as it relates to municipal governments;

That these unintended consequences be rectified; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour, Mr. Lorne Coe, M.P.P., Whitby-Oshawa and AMO.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-430-4315.

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Christopher Harris  
Town Clerk

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**Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk**  
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605 Rossland Rd. E  
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October 18, 2017

**Re: Cannabis Legislation**

Thank you for your correspondence to the Town of Ajax, regarding the above noted matter. Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held October 16, 2017:

**That the Town of Ajax endorse the Region of Durham's request for a delay in the implementation of the sale of marijuana, to allow municipalities more time to prepare and review the impact that the legislation will have on our processes.**

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Laura Davis <LDavis@oshawa.ca>  
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**Attachments:** EL\_RF1\_ROD\_Cannabis.pdf

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With thanks,



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October 17, 2017

**DELIVERED BY E-MAIL**  
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Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Regional Municipality of Durham

Re: Motion Concerning Cannabis Legislation – Your File: C00

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This is in response to your correspondence of September 20, 2017 concerning the above-referenced matter.

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of October 17, 2017 and decided to receive and file your correspondence.

If you need further assistance concerning the above-referenced matter, please contact me at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

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Andrew Brouwer  
City Clerk

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October 18, 2017

**Re: Ongoing Re-Negotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)**

Thank you for your correspondence to the Town of Ajax, dated September 29, 2017, regarding the above noted matter. Please be advised that a copy of your correspondence was presented to and received for information by the Council of the Town of Ajax at their meeting held October 16, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Alexander Harras  
Manager of Legislative Services/ Deputy Clerk

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**SENT VIA REGIONAL COURIER**

October 19, 2017

Region of Durham  
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**RE: NEGOTIATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE  
AGREEMENT (NAFTA)  
TOWNSHIP FILE: R-00 G**

Please be advised that during the General Purpose & Administration Committee of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the following motion was carried;

THAT Administration Committee support the Region of Durham's position on ongoing re-negotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada supporting the Region of Durham's position.

I trust you will find the above satisfactory.

Yours truly,

*Catalina Blumenberg*  
Catalina Blumenberg  
Deputy Clerk

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**Cc:** Stev Andis  
**Subject:** Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-1014) and Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-0968)  
**Attachments:** CAP Oct 2, 2017\_Proposed GP NHS and GGH Agri System\_Clerks Signed.pdf

**Town of Ajax Resolution regarding**  
**Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-1014) and Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-0968)**

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by the Community Affairs & Planning Committee at its meeting held October 2, 2017 and will be going before Ajax Town Council's meeting on October 16, 2017 for endorsement.

1. That the Report to Community Affairs and Planning Committee dated October 2, 2017 entitled "Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-1014) and Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-0968)" be received for information.
2. That the following be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs:
  - a. The following comments, which are expanded upon in Section 3.1.3 of this Report, are submitted in response to Environmental Registry No. 013-1014 regarding the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe:
    - i. The Town of Ajax requests explanation on the rationale for identifying the isolated parcels of the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System adjacent to/within the headwaters of the Carruthers Creek Watershed;

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ii. The Town of Ajax agrees that it is appropriate to have smaller thresholds to identify minimum core area sizes for the Regional Natural Heritage System in geographic areas where there is greater fragmentation and less natural cover due to urbanization and agricultural activities and recommends that the same approach be taken to identify linkages (e.g. hydrologic features such as creeks) between core areas in the same geography by establishing a width of less than 500 metres to identify these linkages; and,

iii. The Town of Ajax fully supports the recommendation in Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Resolution (#A139/16) which requests the province include headwater areas within the TRCA watershed, especially those areas that are almost fully surrounded by Greenbelt lands such as the Carruthers Creek, in the Greenbelt Plan Boundary and continues to urge the province to protect the Carruthers Creek headwaters by designating it as a Growth Plan Natural Heritage System linkage between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System areas to the north and south to ensure the conservation and ecological enhancement of the headwaters, and to protect vulnerable flood prone areas downstream in the Town of Ajax over the long-term.

b. The following comments, which are expanded upon in Section 3.2.3 of this Report, are submitted in response to Environmental Registry No. 013-0968 regarding the Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe:

i. The Town of Ajax requests that greater flexibility be provided for local refinements where additional prime agricultural lands identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs are predominately characterized by natural features and existing rural land uses, as is the case in the Town of Ajax; and,

ii. The Town of Ajax encourages the Region of Durham, in consultation with the lower-tier municipalities, to undertake a Land Evaluation and Area Review during their next municipal comprehensive review to evaluate whether the additional prime agricultural lands identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs should be designated prime agricultural.

3. That this report be circulated to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Region of Durham; the City of Pickering; the Town of Whitby; the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; Ontario Greenbelt Alliance; and, the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation.

A copy of the staff report that prompted this action is attached. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner, at 905-619-2529 ext. 3257 or [stev.andis@ajax.ca](mailto:stev.andis@ajax.ca)

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**TOWN OF AJAX  
REPORT**



**REPORT TO:** Community Affairs and Planning Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Susan Smallwood, MCIP, RPP  
Director of Planning and Development Services

**PREPARED BY:** Stev Andis, MCIP, RPP  
Senior Policy Planner

Joyce Chen  
Policy Planner

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-1014) and Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-0968)

**WARD:** All

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 2, 2017

**REFERENCE:** May 21, 2015 General Government Committee;  
October 3, 2016 Community Affairs and Planning Committee;  
Community Action Plan: Strategic Development and Economic Prosperity; Environmental Leadership

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the Report to Community Affairs and Planning Committee dated October 2, 2017 entitled "Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-1014) and Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Environmental Registry No. 013-0968)" be received for information.
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    - i. The Town of Ajax requests explanation on the rationale for identifying the isolated parcels of the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System adjacent to/within the headwaters of the Carruthers Creek Watershed;



these revised Plans, the province announced its intention to develop a Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan Area and an Agricultural System for all lands within the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

On July 6, 2017 the province posted Environmental Registry No. 013-1014 requesting comments by October 4, 2017 on the criteria, methodology and mapping that identifies a Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan Area. This Report will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as the Town's comments on Environmental Registry No. 013-1014. The comments continue to urge the province to protect the Carruthers Creek headwaters by designating them as part of the Growth Plan's Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System.

On July 6, 2017, the province posted Environmental Registry No. 013-0968 requesting comments by October 4, 2017 on the implementation procedures and mapping that identifies a Draft Agricultural System for all lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe which includes lands in the Growth Plan Area and Greenbelt Plan Area. This Report will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as the Town's comments on Environmental Registry No. 013-0968. The comments request that the province provide municipalities with greater flexibility in refining the agricultural land base mapping proposed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The purpose of this Report is to:

1. provide Community Affairs and Planning Committee with a summary of the province's Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System mapping and criteria for the Growth Plan Area and Draft Agricultural System mapping and implementation procedures for all lands within the Greater Golden Horseshoe; and,
2. receive endorsement of comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on Environmental Registry 013-1014 and to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on Environmental Registry 013-0968.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND:**

### **2.1 Proposed Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017)**

The Growth Plan's Natural Heritage System policies were reviewed as part of the province's Coordinated Land Use Planning Review and have been significantly expanded in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017). To implement these new policies the province posted Environmental Registry No. 013-1014 requesting comments by October 4, 2017 on the mapping, criteria and methods used to identify a Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan Area.

The province notes that Natural Heritage System mapping is particularly important in landscapes that have high fragmentation and habitat loss, such as the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The province also notes that the development of criteria and methods used to map a Regional Natural Heritage System was led by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry with technical input from staff at several key ministries including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs,



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Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

## **2.2 Draft Agricultural System for the for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan 2017 and Greenbelt Plan 2017)**

The advisory panel on the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, chaired by David Crombie, recommended that the province work with municipalities, the agriculture sector and other stakeholders to provide policy direction and guidance on an Agricultural System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

New and expanded policies in the revised Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017) and revised Greenbelt Plan (2017) establish an Agricultural System that is comprised of a land base that includes prime agricultural areas, specialty crop areas, and rural lands; and, an agri-food network that includes infrastructure and services to support the agri-food sector. To implement these new policies the province posted Environmental Registry No. 013-0968 requesting comments by October 4, 2017 on the implementation procedures and mapping that identify a Draft Agricultural System for all lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

## **3.0 DISCUSSION:**

### **3.1 Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017)**

Through the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, the province significantly expanded and strengthened the Growth Plan's natural heritage system policies. Policies were added to address the protection of:

- water resource systems which includes ground water and surface water features (e.g. creeks and shoreline areas);
- key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas and key natural heritage features; and,
- lands adjacent to key hydrologic features and key natural heritage areas.

Many of these new and expanded natural heritage system policies would offer a similar level of protection to lands within the Growth Plan Area as are offered to lands within the Greenbelt Plan Area. To implement the new and expanded natural heritage system policies in the Growth Plan, the province released, through Environmental Registry No. 013-1014, a summary document that presents the criteria and methods used to map a Regional Natural Heritage System<sup>1</sup>.

The primary components of the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System are core areas and linkages that were identified using the following criteria:

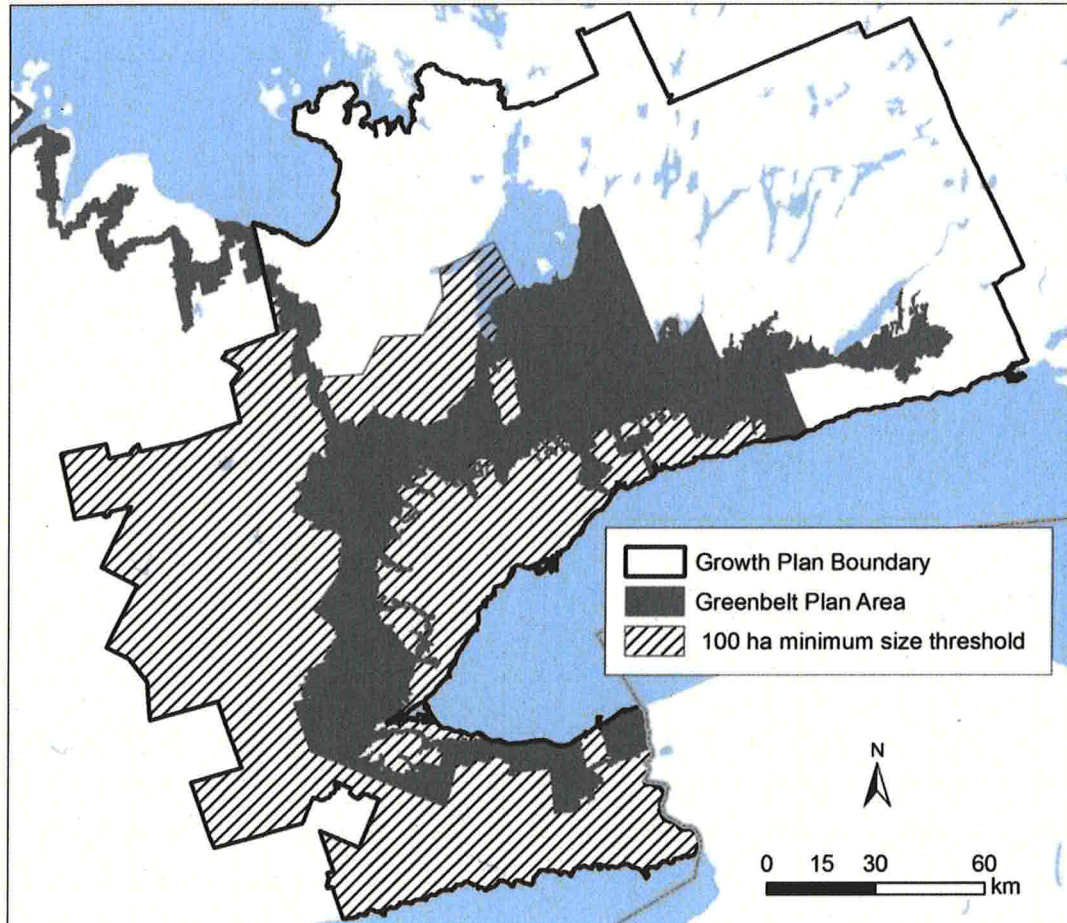
- Core Areas
  - Composition: the area is composed of no less than 50% natural cover (this is to ensure that natural features are the predominant type of cover in core areas which is consistent with the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan).

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<sup>1</sup> Development of the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – Summary of Criteria and Methods: <http://apps.mnr.gov.on.ca/public/files/er/growth-plan-regional-nhs-mapping-summary.pdf>

- Size: a two-tiered system was used (see Figure 1):
  - a 500 hectare core size for the northern and eastern portion of the Growth Plan Area (this is to ensure a consistent approach with the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan); and,
  - a 100 hectare core size for the southern and western portion of the Growth Plan Area where there is a higher level of fragmentation and lower percentage of natural cover due to urbanization and agricultural activities.
- Linkages
  - Composition: areas are comprised of natural features with the ability to facilitate the movement of plants and animals.
  - Connectivity: linkages were identified if there were multiple connections between core areas.
  - Length: determined by the distance between core areas; there were no minimum or maximum length requirements.
  - Width: minimum 500 metres (required for landscape-scale natural heritage systems to conserve biodiversity and ecological functions over the long term).
  - Linkages were not identified where there were major barriers to the movement of plants and animal such as highways.

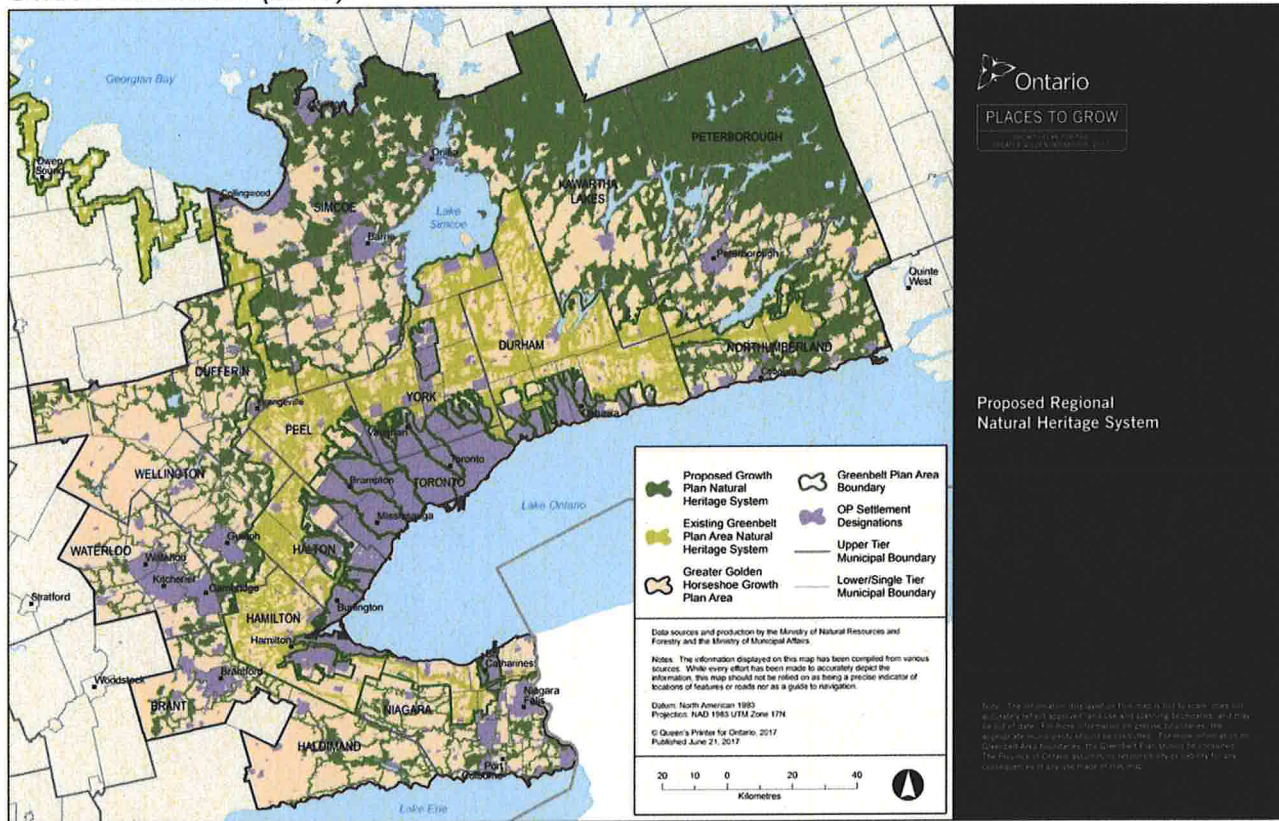
Figure 1: Application of Core Area Criteria (core areas identified with a minimum 100 hectare threshold are shown in cross-hatch and core areas with a minimum 500 hectare threshold are shown in white within the rest of the Growth Plan Boundary)





Application of the criteria resulted in a Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System mapping within the Growth Plan Boundary as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017)



### 3.1.1 Effects for Lands within Ajax

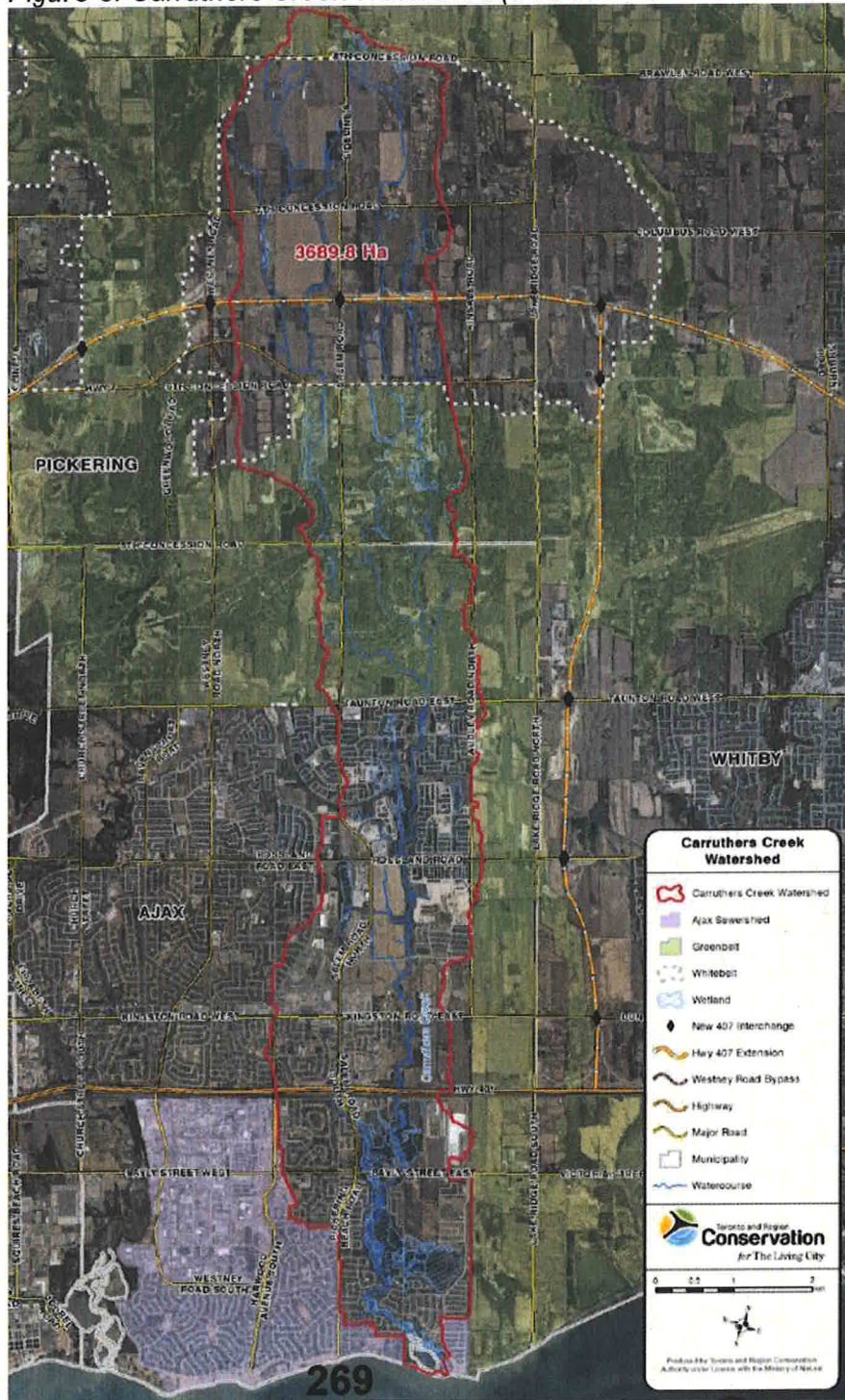
Lands within the Town's Urban Area Boundary are subject to the Growth Plan (2017); none of these lands are proposed to be within the Growth Plan's Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System. Natural heritage and hydrologic features within the Town's Urban Area include the Duffins Creek, Carruthers Creek and two provincially significant coastal wetland complexes. The Town's Environmental Protection Official Plan policies already provide a significant level of protection for the natural heritage and hydrologic features in the Urban Area.

### 3.1.2 Effects for Lands within the Carruthers Creek Headwaters

The Carruthers Creek headwaters are a recharge area. Lands within and surrounding the Carruthers Creek headwaters are primarily characterized by rural and agricultural activities with smaller areas of natural cover. As noted in the background information related to Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Resolution #A105/15 at their meeting held on June 26, 2015, the Carruthers Creek watershed is relatively small in size and has a limited assimilative capacity to accommodate land use changes. As such, conservation and enhancement of the headwaters is important to not only conserve and improve biodiversity and provide ecological functions over the long-term, but also to protect vulnerable flood prone areas downstream in the Town of Ajax.



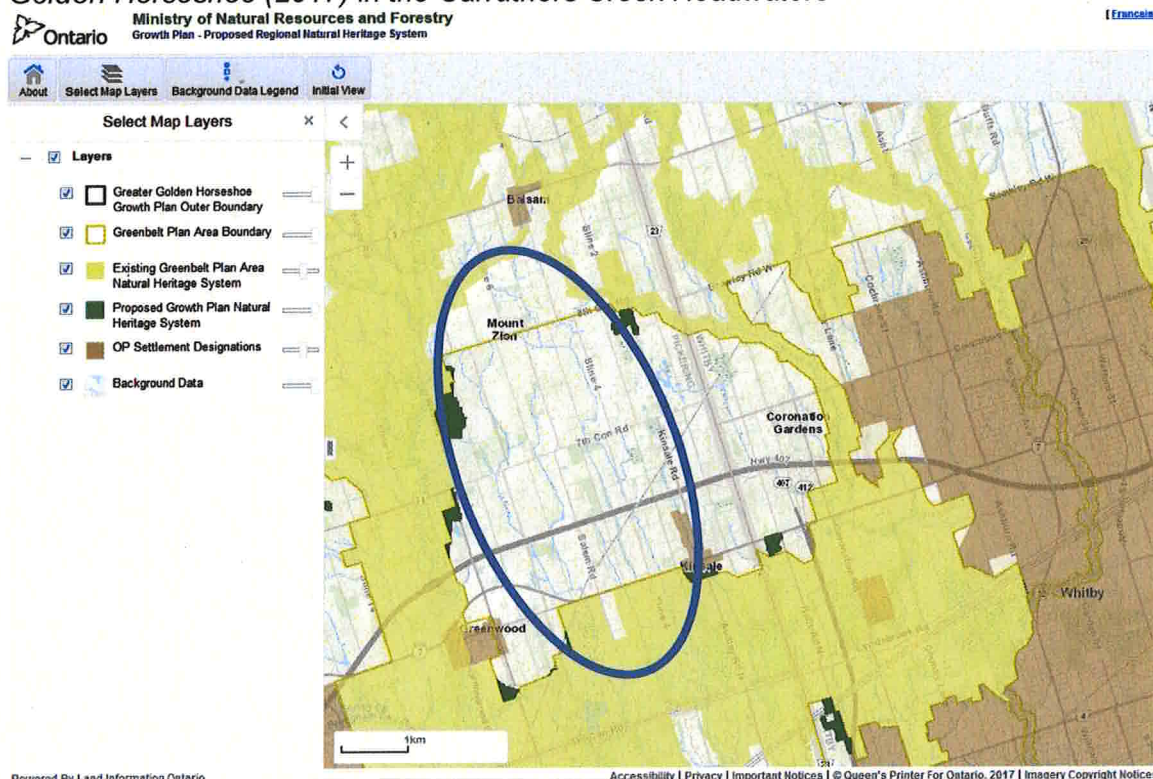
Figure 3: Carruthers Creek Watershed (Source TRCA Resolution #A105/15)



The province's mapping of a Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System in the Growth Plan Area outside of urban area boundaries (i.e. the whitebelt lands) does not capture the Carruthers Creek headwaters as part of a core area or as a linkage. However, it does capture some small areas of land adjacent to the existing Greenbelt Natural Heritage System shown in dark green in Figure 4.



Figure 4: Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017) in the Carruthers Creek Headwaters



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Source: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Proposed Regional Natural Heritage Mapping Web Portal:

<https://www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/NaturalHeritageSystem/index.html?viewer=ProposedRegionalNHS&locale=en-US>

### 3.1.3 Comments on Environmental Registry 013-1014 (Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe)

Based on the province's methodology and criteria, the Town requests confirmation as to how and why isolated areas adjacent to/within the Carruthers Creek headwaters were identified as being appropriate for inclusion in the Growth Plan's Regional Natural Heritage System, as they do not appear to meet the criteria (i.e. minimum natural cover and minimum core size). It would appear that these areas have been identified because they are adjacent to the Greenbelt's Natural Heritage System.

The Town agrees that it is appropriate to have smaller thresholds to identify minimum core area sizes for the natural heritage system where there is a higher level of fragmentation and lower percentage of natural cover due to urbanization and agricultural activities. The same approach should be taken to identify linkages (e.g. hydrologic features such as creeks) between these core areas; as such the Town requests that the province consider establishing a width of less than 500 metres to identify linkages between core areas where there is fragmentation due to urbanization and agricultural activities.

Notwithstanding the recommendation that more narrow linkages should be identified between core areas where there is fragmentation due to urbanization and agricultural activities, if these isolated areas adjacent to/within the Carruthers Creek headwaters proposed as part of the



Growth Plan's Regional Natural Heritage System are significant enough to identify, the Town urges the province to consider designation of the Carruthers Creek headwaters as a linkage between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System areas to the north and south. This will ensure the conservation and enhancement of the headwaters as well as improve biodiversity and provide ecological functions over the long-term for this area. It will also to protect vulnerable flood prone areas downstream in the Town of Ajax.

At its meeting of September 23, 2016, the TRCA passed Resolution #A139/16 that recommended the province include headwater areas within the TRCA watershed in the Greenbelt Boundary, especially those areas that are almost fully surrounded by Greenbelt lands such as the Carruthers Creek headwaters. The Town fully supports this recommendation.

At the subsequent October 28, 2016 meeting of the TRCA (Resolution #A169/16) a letter submitted by the Region of Durham asserts that the above noted TRCA recommendation, to include Carruthers Creek headwaters in the Greenbelt, is premature given the TRCA is undertaking a study of the Carruthers Creek Watershed. As noted in the background information for Resolution #A169/16 this study is intended to identify sensitive hydrologic features and systems to develop management directions for any future urban areas expansions and subsequent planning and development approvals.

The Town is aware that the introduction of Water Resource System policies in the Growth Plan (2017) support the development of watershed plans to identify appropriate designations and policies that are to be applied in official plans in order to provide for the long-term protection of key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas, and their functions. However, on many occasions the Town has stated its concerns regarding the anticipated negative downstream impacts in Ajax of urbanization in the Carruthers Creek headwaters and continues to urge the province to protect this important hydrologic feature.

### **3.2 Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan 2017 and Greenbelt Plan 2017)**

Through the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review, the province expanded the Agricultural System policies in the Greenbelt Plan to address land use compatibility between adjacent agricultural and non-agricultural uses and to ensure municipalities support the agri-food sector. It also introduced the concept of an Agricultural System in the Growth Plan to provide a level of protection for prime agricultural lands that did not exist in previous Growth Plan versions. There are many similar policies in both Plans, including:

- Requiring upper and single-tier municipalities to update official plan mapping, through a municipal comprehensive review, to reflect the provincial agricultural land base.
- Where prime agricultural lands may be impacted by a proposed settlement area expansion, municipalities are required to undertake an Agricultural Impact Assessment to determine the location of the proposed expansion in order to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts on the Agricultural System.
- Requiring that land use compatibility be achieved in areas where agricultural uses and non-agricultural uses interface.
- Encouraging municipalities to prepare regional agri-food and economic development strategies.
- Clarifying the requirements for agricultural uses in natural heritage systems to reduce the burden on the agricultural sector and support productive farmland.

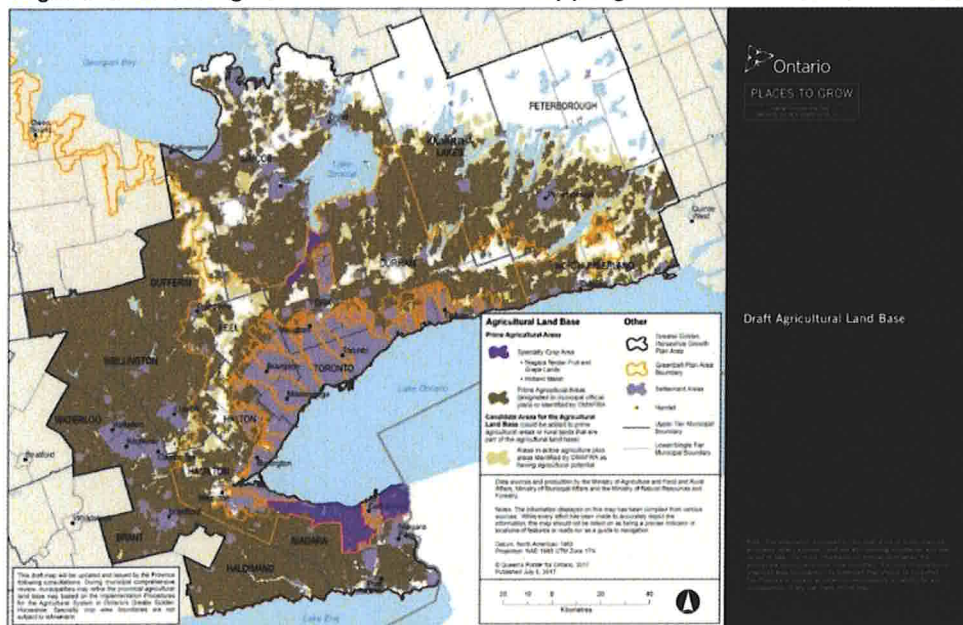
To implement these new and expanded Agricultural System policies, the province released, through Environmental Registry 013-0968, draft mapping and implementation procedures<sup>2</sup>. The draft mapping identifies an agricultural land base for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The core elements of the agricultural land base are specialty crop areas and prime agricultural areas. Rural lands also make up a smaller portion of the agricultural land base.

The prime agricultural areas identified in the draft mapping include lands currently designated prime agricultural in municipal official plans and additional lands identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) through a Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) which assessed matters such as inherent soils, climatic conditions for agriculture and land fragmentation. Additional lands identified through the LEAR represent areas with the greatest agricultural potential. Municipalities are required to designate these additional lands identified by OMAFRA as prime agricultural in their official plans during their next municipal comprehensive review. Municipalities will only be permitted to make minor refinements to this mapping, unless recent studies such as a municipal LEAR have been completed to demonstrate that the additional lands identified by OMAFRA are not prime agricultural areas.

OMAFRA also identified candidate areas for the agricultural land base. These candidate areas are comprised of rural lands with active agricultural uses and lands identified through the LEAR as having good potential to support agriculture. Through a municipal comprehensive review, municipalities will have the flexibility to designate these candidate areas as either prime agricultural areas or rural areas.

Application of the above resulted in Draft Agricultural Land Base mapping across the Greater Golden Horseshoe as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Draft Agricultural Land Base Mapping for the Greater Golden Horseshoe



<sup>2</sup> Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/improc.pdf>  
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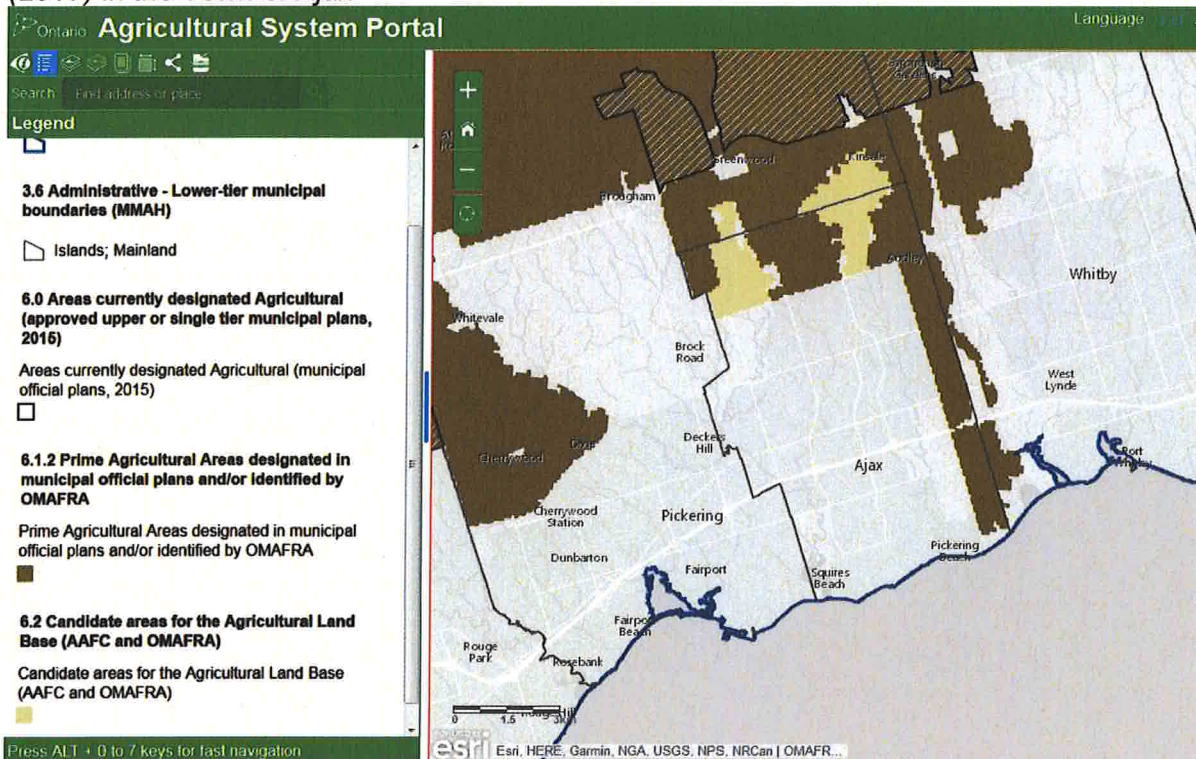
### 3.2.1 Effects for Lands within Ajax

The draft agricultural land base mapping identifies prime agricultural areas north of Taunton and generally east of Audley within the Town of Ajax. The proposed prime agricultural areas within the Town have been identified by OMAFRA through the LEAR undertaken for this exercise (see Figure 6). The Town's Official Plan designates these lands as Rural Area; the Official Plan does not have a prime agricultural designation. Regardless, the Town's Rural Area Official Plan policies protect for the continuation and expansion of existing agricultural uses and protect for the establishment of new agricultural and agricultural-related uses.

Much of the Town's Rural Area north of Taunton is predominately characterized by lands designated Environmental Protection (e.g. Greenwood Conservation Area, Duffins Creek and Carruthers Creek), golf courses and rural residential uses. The Town's Rural Area east of Audley Road is characterized by of a mix of recreational uses (municipal recreational complex, golf course and commercial scale garden centre) and active agricultural uses. Lands identified as Rural Area in the Town of Ajax Official Plan are in compliance with the Regional Official Plan which designates these areas as Waterfront and Major Open Space.

The redesignation of these lands within the Town of Ajax from Rural Area to Prime Agricultural, as per OMAFRA's draft agricultural land base mapping, would result in prohibiting the establishment of new rural land uses, currently permitted through the Town and Region's Official Plans, and possibly constraining the ability of existing non-agricultural (rural) land uses to expand.

Figure 6: Proposed Agricultural System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017) in the Town of Ajax



Source: OMAFRA Agricultural System Web Portal:

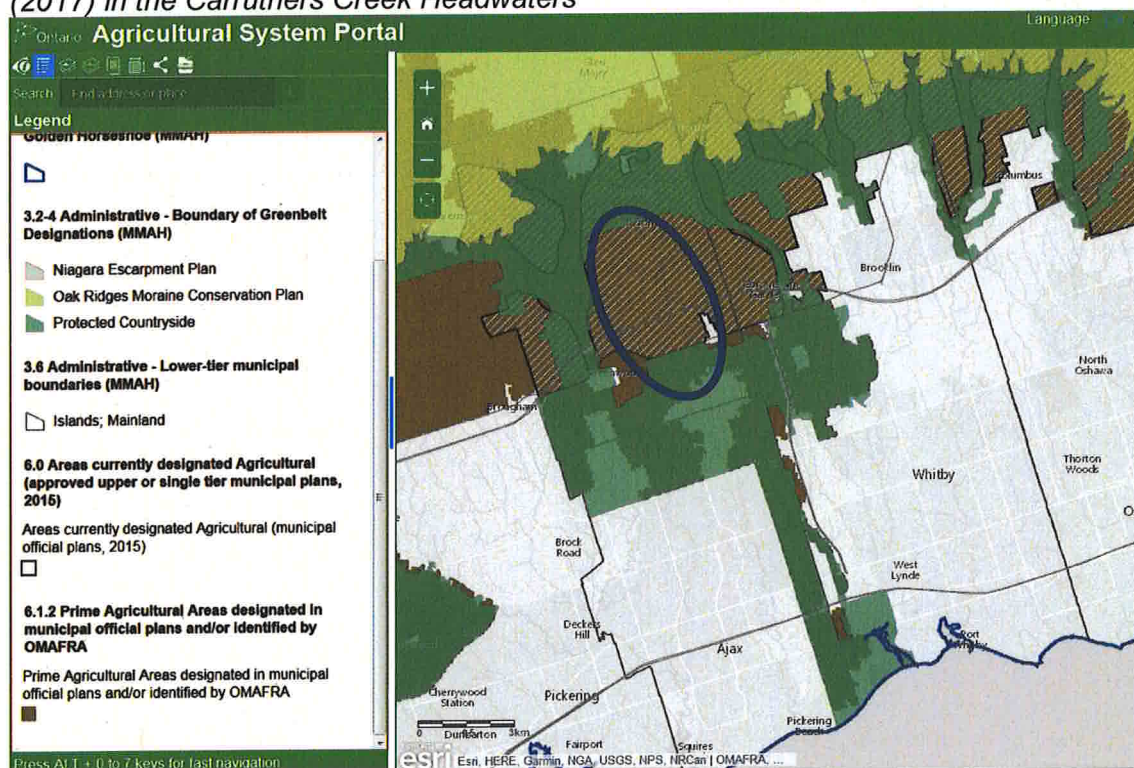
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### 3.2.2 Effects for Lands within the Carruthers Creek Headwaters

The Regional Official Plan identifies lands in the Carruthers Creek headwaters as prime agricultural. OMAFRA's mapping also identifies these lands as prime agricultural (see Figure 7). These lands are subject to the policies in the Growth Plan (2017). The introduction of Agricultural System policies in the Growth Plan (2017) does not offer any greater protection for the Carruthers Creek headwaters than previous versions of the Plan. The Growth Plan (2017) policies still provide the ability to expand a settlement area boundary into prime agricultural areas if, among other criteria, there are no other reasonable alternatives that avoid prime agricultural areas. The only new significant policy that has been added to the Growth Plan (2017) related to this matter is that an Agricultural Impact Assessment is required to determine the location of the expansion based on avoiding, minimizing and mitigating the impact on the Agricultural System.

Figure 7: Proposed Agricultural System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2017) in the Carruthers Creek Headwaters



Source: OMAFRA Agricultural System Web Portal:  
[http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/WCAG\\_AGOL/index.html?appid=3cbd2393a1e548949450e21d90646353](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/gis/WCAG_AGOL/index.html?appid=3cbd2393a1e548949450e21d90646353)

### 3.2.3 Comments on Environmental Registry 013-0968 (Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe)

The Rural Area policies in the Town's Official Plan protect for the continuation and expansion of existing agricultural uses and protect for the establishment of new agricultural and agricultural-related uses. The re-designation of these lands from rural to prime agricultural would result in prohibiting the establishment of new rural land uses, currently permitted through the Town's and Region's Official Plans, and possibly constraining the ability of existing non-agricultural (rural)

land uses to expand. As such, the Town requests that greater flexibility be provided for local refinements where additional prime agricultural lands identified by OMAFRA are predominately characterized by natural features and existing rural land uses, as is the case in the Town of Ajax.

The Town also encourages the Region of Durham, in consultation with the lower-tier municipalities, to undertake a LEAR during their next municipal comprehensive review to evaluate whether the additional prime agricultural lands identified by OMAFRA should be designated prime agricultural.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications associated with the endorsement of this Report.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSION:**

The province has taken positive steps forward to provide greater protection for natural heritage features in the Growth Plan Area, through the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System, that will better align the protection of those identified features with the protection offered to natural heritage features in the Greenbelt Plan Area. However, not all significant features that are worthy of this greater level of protection have been identified. Recommendations to the province regarding the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe include urging the province to protect the Carruthers Creek headwaters by designating them as part of the Growth Plan's Regional Natural Heritage System.

The province has also taken positive steps forward to establish a consistent approach to identifying and planning for the Agricultural System in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Recommendations to the province regarding the Draft Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe request that greater flexibility be provided for local refinements to the additional prime agricultural lands identified by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None.



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Joyce Chen  
Policy Planner



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Stev Andis, MCIP, RPP  
Senior Policy Planner



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Susan Smallwood, MCIP, RPP  
Director of Planning and Development  
Services





# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

October 20, 2017

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Rm 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A-1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

**RE: Concrete Barriers on Highway 401**

At its meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 20171010-916 - ***That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter to all municipalities, local MP's and AMO, in support of concrete barriers on Highway 401.***

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Fowkes', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Tammy Fowkes  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex  
Tracey Ramsey – MP, Essex  
Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Barriers on Highway 401 – Municipality of Chatham-Kent Resolution



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*Municipality of Chatham-Kent*

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September 22, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Rm 281  
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: Barriers on Highway 401

As Mayor of The Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am providing this letter in support of a resolution passed by Council at its council meeting held on September 18, 2017, as follows:

**"WHEREAS**, there continue to be serious ongoing concerns regarding traffic safety on the 401 through Chatham-Kent from Tilbury through to Elgin County.

**WHEREAS**, there have been numerous serious and fatal collisions that have required the closing of the 401, impacting the safety of residents on detour routes with increased heavy truck traffic.

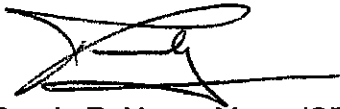
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that council pass a resolution calling on the provincial government to install said barriers and that the mayor draft a letter highlighting the above concerns, and that both the motion and the accompanying letter be circulated to the: Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, The Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Steven Del Duca, and the surrounding municipalities on the 401 corridor from Windsor to London.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED** the petition as drafted by concerned residents of Chatham-Kent with the help of the MPP for Chatham-Kent-Essex be made available for signing until Sept 27th at all of our municipal service centers before being forwarded to the MPP."

Cont'd...

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We would greatly appreciate a face-to-face meeting with you about this issue. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly at [randyhope@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:randyhope@chatham-kent.ca) or by telephone at 519.436.3219.

Sincerely,



Randy R. Hope, Mayor/CEO  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C The Honourable Steven Del Duca  
Minister of Transportation  
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Municipalities within Counties of Essex, Elgin and Middlesex



October 4, 2017



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The Hon' Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety  
House of Commons  
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Dear Minister,

I am writing to express, in the strongest possible terms, my sincere disappointment in your decision to close the Canada Border Services Agency office in my riding of Oshawa. To be clear, I object to both the "consultation" process and the final outcome.

As I am sure you are aware, the City of Oshawa, NavCan and local businesses have recently invested approximately \$20 Million in upgrades to our airport. It's quite clear that these investments were made because all stakeholders see the value and future potential of our airport. It is unfortunate that your government does not share this vision for Oshawa.

Frankly, I was so utterly shocked by how this closure unfolded I elected to ask a question on the issue last week. I was assured by your Parliamentary Secretary, and fellow Durham MP Mark Holland, that consultations had in fact taken place. The House of Commons was explicitly told that the Mayor of Oshawa was consulted prior to the decision being made; unfortunately, I have learned that this is untrue.

Minister, you will notice above that I have placed the term consultation in quotations marks. I have done this because the reality is, no consultations took place. I have spoken to my Mayor, the Regional Chair and stakeholders at the airport and they have all assured me that they were not consulted, prior to the decision. It is truly unfathomable to me that a decision of this magnitude can be made without consulting a single local stakeholder.

I implore you to reverse this short-sighted decision and to work with your department to improve this unacceptable lack of consultation so that other communities are given the opportunity to provide input on decisions that will negatively impact them.

I would appreciate the opportunity to sit down with you to get more information on this arbitrary decision.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Colin Carrie  
Member of Parliament – Oshawa

REGION OF DURHAM  
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REGIONAL CHAIR & CEO



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October 6, 2017

Mr. Roger Anderson  
Regional Chair and CEO  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

**Re: Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program – Funding Allocation**

Thank you for participating in the announcement for the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) on September 15, 2017.

This investment is part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan and is funded by proceeds from the province's carbon market. Proceeds from the carbon market must, by law, be invested in programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save money on energy costs.

Pending future carbon market proceeds, the Regional Municipality of Durham is conditionally allocated up to \$3,319,502 in 2017-18 and \$11,040,806 from 2018-19 to 2020-21.

The first year of this program (2017-18) will fund eligible greenhouse gas reduction retrofits in social housing apartment buildings of 150 units or more using the latest low-carbon energy technologies. Years two through four of this program (2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21) will fund eligible retrofits in social housing apartment buildings of 100 units or more. More details on eligible retrofit work will be available in the SHAIP guidelines that will be released later this month.

Due to the limited number of social housing buildings of 150 units or more in your Service Manager area, the ministry is requesting that Regional Municipality of Durham submit a detailed business case demonstrating how this funding will be used. A document detailing the more specific requirements for the business case will be forwarded to your staff in October 2017.

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Pending the approval of the business case, the Regional Municipality of Durham shall enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the ministry no later than March 16, 2018, in order to access the funding. Please be aware that after each Cap and Trade Program auction, the TPA will be amended as each conditional allocation is formally approved to reflect the confirmed allocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Milczyn", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Peter Milczyn  
Minister

c.c. Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister – Housing  
Mr. John Connolly, Director, Housing Services, Regional Municipality of Durham



- \$103 million to support the construction and repair of 1,522 lane km of roads serving 1,506,687 residents;
- \$26 million to support the purchase or refurbishment of 186 public transit buses, contributing to a 7.5% increase in ridership, and 100,000 more hours of service; and
- \$7.5 million to support the installation of 15,601 high-efficiency LED streetlights, contributing to a reduction of 6.62 GWh in annual energy consumption.

By tracking our progress, we can demonstrate that local investments are fostering economic growth, promoting a cleaner environment, and building stronger communities. AMO's report on project outcomes will be released in 2018.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact AMO's Executive Director, Pat Vanini at 416-971-9856 or [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca).

Sincerely,

Lynn Dollin  
AMO President

c. Garry Cubitt  
c. Jim Clapp

The Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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La première ministre de l'Ontario

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October 18, 2017

Mr. Roger Anderson  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer  
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REGION OF DURHAM  
OCT 24 2017  
REGIONAL CHAIR & CEO

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Durham Regional Council the sale of cannabis in Ontario. I appreciate the time you took to share your input with me.

In response to the federal government's plan to legalize cannabis by July 2018, our government is committing to a safe and sensible framework to govern the lawful use and retail of recreational cannabis as a carefully controlled substance.

Our government's approach to protecting youth will focus on prevention, diversion and harm reduction without unnecessarily bringing them into contact with the justice system. We will support young people and vulnerable populations through the development of an integrated prevention and harm reduction approach that would promote awareness of cannabis-related health harms and help people make informed decisions about use.

Illicit cannabis dispensaries are not and will not be legal retailers. We will pursue a coordinated and proactive enforcement strategy, working with municipalities, local police services, OPP and the federal government to help shut down these illegal operations.

Ontario will lead a province-wide public awareness campaign on areas of provincial responsibility including age, where and how to buy recreational cannabis, and provincial drug-impaired driving measures.

We intend to consult closely with municipalities, Indigenous communities and stakeholders to determine additional details about the retail and distribution system. This approach will support Ontario's priorities of protecting youth and vulnerable populations, focusing on public health and safety, promoting prevention and harm reduction, and eliminating the illegal market.

I note that you have sent a copy of your correspondence to my colleague the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General. I have asked that the minister or a member of his ministry staff provide you with a further response.

Thanks again for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier

c: The Honourable Yasir Naqvi

**Maria Flammia**

**From:** Clerks  
**Sent:** October-20-17 7:54 AM  
**To:** Garry Cubitt; Don Beaton; Jim Clapp; Robert Kyle; Brian Bridgeman; Hugh Drouin; Susan Siopis; Vincent Patterson; Sherri Munns; MARTIN, PaulD (PDMARTIN@drps.ca); Ralph Walton  
**Cc:** Carol Hancock; Tina Lee; Lorraine Dunn; Joanne Darroch; Marg Gibson; Leah Wood; Debbie Brideau; Betty Chartrand; Lori Rosamond; Andrea Haynes; Stacy Howson; 'Susan ARNOTT'; Maria Flammia; Afreen Raza  
**Subject:** FW: Tight Budget for 2018? How the Local Share Can Help

Good morning,

Forwarding from the Clerks email.

Regards,

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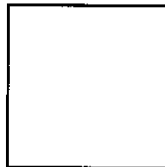
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**From:** AMO Communications [mailto:communicate@amo.on.ca]  
**Sent:** October-19-17 4:01 PM  
**To:** Clerks  
**Subject:** Tight Budget for 2018? How the Local Share Can Help

October 19, 2017

**To: CAOs, City Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers**

**Tight Budget for 2018? How the Local Share Can Help**



At the 2017 AMO Conference, President Lynn Dollin outlined a proposal unanimously endorsed by the Board of Directors to finance the municipal infrastructure deficit through a 1% HST increase. It has prompted lots of discussion within the sector. We have just sent a Local Share e-mail to all your council members reminding them of the Local Share proposal, especially at budget time.

We invite you to help Council understand the proposal. How can sales tax revenue help your community address its infrastructure gap? How much of the gap can it address for 2018? We've



written to all elected officials. We need your help in building consensus and understanding at a local level.

Below please find answers to some of the key questions and some resources.

**Why?** Using provincial government estimates and spending trends, municipal governments will face a \$4.9 billion gap each year for the next ten years to maintain current services and address the infrastructure deficit. Projections assume the provincial government will continue to honour all of its existing commitments to municipal governments over the next ten years. An HST increase could raise \$2.5 billion to address the remaining gap.

**How much would my municipality get?** AMO has prepared an allocation model to illustrate how the dollars would be distributed locally. On average, the model provides a 14% boost to existing own source municipal revenues. This percentage goes up to 25% of own source revenues for the smallest communities. Find out your illustrative municipal allocation [here](#).

**Why not seek an upload or a share of existing provincial revenues?** The competition for provincial dollars is very strong. Municipalities cannot ignore the fiscal circumstances faced by the provincial government, namely a provincial debt that currently exceeds \$310 billion. This points to the need for new revenue, either from property tax increases that could exceed an 8% increase each year, or a sales tax.

**What does the public say?** Nik Nanos has conducted polling on AMO's behalf at three different times in the last two years. Each time, Nanos Research spoke with 1,000 Ontarians from all across the province. Each time, a majority of the population, in all regions voiced their support for the HST option provided the dollars raised went to municipalities to fix infrastructure. In the latest poll conducted in June 2017, 73% of those polled supported increasing the HST for municipalities to fix local infrastructure.

**Has AMO considered those with low incomes?** Yes. AMO's proposal includes extending existing sales tax credits (valued at over \$160 million) so Ontarians with low incomes won't pay any more.

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### Resources available to you:

- For a quick summary of the proposal designed for members of the public, please visit: <http://www.thelocalshare.ca/>.
- Conference videos and detailed reports are available here: <http://www.amo.on.ca/localshare>.
- If your Council would like to receive a Local Share presentation, please have your municipal staff contact Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor at [mwilson@amo.on.ca](mailto:mwilson@amo.on.ca).
- Please write AMO with your questions and feedback at [localshare@amo.on.ca](mailto:localshare@amo.on.ca).
- Follow us on Twitter at [@TheLocalShare](https://twitter.com/TheLocalShare).

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**From:** [MWilson@amo.on.ca](mailto:MWilson@amo.on.ca)

**Sent:** October 24, 2017 1:50 PM

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**Cc:** [MTurner@amo.on.ca](mailto:MTurner@amo.on.ca); [PVanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:PVanini@amo.on.ca)

**Subject:** Local Share - draft resolution

Mayors and Chairs,

Further to the LUMCO discussion of this morning, please find attached a draft resolution for councils' consideration in support of the Local Share.

As AMO President Lynn Dollin offered, if councils would like to receive a presentation by AMO staff, please let us know. We will make every effort to attend as many council meetings as possible. We will also provide a status update at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of LUMCO/MARCO.

If you or your staff would like more information about the Local Share, the link below includes: three reports, an illustrative allocation of HST revenue by municipality, a 2 minute explainer video, and videos presentations by pollster Nik Nanos and the AMO President's 2017 AMO Conference speech.

<http://www.amo.on.ca/localshare>

If you or your staff have any questions related to this initiative, please feel free to be in touch.

Kind Regards,

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**WHEREAS** Ontarians identify infrastructure and transit as the biggest problems facing their municipal government and Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have limited authority to make changes that are needed to reduce the cost of delivering municipal services and financing infrastructure projects;

**AND WHEREAS** a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$4.9 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

**AND WHEREAS** this gap calculation presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments will be fulfilled;

**AND WHEREAS** each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, fiscal health is a challenge shared by all municipal governments, regardless of size;

**AND WHEREAS** diversifying municipal revenues strengthens municipal long-term infrastructure planning and financing and would reduce the vulnerability of municipal governments to any federal or provincial changes and their own respective fiscal health;

**AND WHEREAS** a 1% increase to the provincial portion of the HST, adjusted for low income rebates, would result in about \$2.5 billion in new revenue would be distributed equitably to help every municipal government in Ontario fund their infrastructure and services with greater predictability;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to secure this new source of revenue to help fund critical municipal services like roads, bridges, transit, clean water and other services.

**Maria Flammia**

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**From:** Carol Hancock  
**Sent:** October-25-17 12:29 PM  
**To:** Ralph Walton; Cheryl Bandel  
**Cc:** Maria Flammia  
**Subject:** FW: Response from Celina - on our NAFTA letter we sent to the Prime Minister  
**Attachments:** Fast color scan to a PDF file\_6.PDF

Please see the attached letter received in the Regional Chair's office, he has requested it be placed on the next CIP.

Thank you,  
Carol

**From:** Carol Hancock  
**Sent:** October-25-17 12:17 PM  
**To:** Roger Anderson  
**Cc:** Christine Drimmie; Sandra Austin  
**Subject:** Response from Celina - on our NAFTA letter we sent to the Prime Minister

Roger, this letter was received from MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes today – in response to the letter we sent to the Prime Minister. Would you like it added to the next CIP?

Thank you,  
Carol

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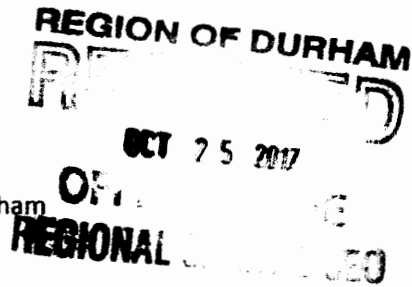
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Whitby, ON L1N 6A3



Monday, October 18, 2017

Dear Regional Chair Anderson:

Thank you for copying me on your letter to the Prime Minister sharing the Town of Whitby's concerns regarding the ongoing negotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As the Member of Parliament for Whitby, I understand that both our town and the entire Durham region benefit tremendously from the continued vitality of the automotive industry. For this reason, I am not only a member of the Liberal Auto Caucus, but also stay up to speed on issues facing the sector by engaging with key industry stakeholders during my time in both Ottawa and Whitby. Our government and I know that the sector's highly skilled workforce, many of whom live in Whitby, along with leading edge companies, are at the forefront of developing the innovative, green and connected technologies that are shaping the future of the industry.

As we continue the negotiations to modernize NAFTA, our government's overarching objectives are clear: protect NAFTA's record as an engine of job creation and economic growth; make NAFTA more progressive; and uphold the elements in NAFTA that are key to our national economic interest.

Our government is committed to pursuing a progressive trade agreement that helps workers, including constituents of ours, enjoy higher wages and better conditions. We understand that trade is about people. It's about creating the best possible conditions for growth, for jobs, and for the prosperity of individuals and working families.

To achieve this, we will pursue several key negotiating priorities, informed by extensive and ongoing consultations with Canadians. These include:

- Bringing strong labour safeguards into the core of the agreement;
- Integrating enhanced environmental provisions to ensure that no NAFTA country weakens environmental protection to attract investment;
- Fully integrating gender rights into the agreement;

- Including Indigenous rights in NAFTA, in keeping with our commitment to improve the relationship with Indigenous Peoples;
- Cutting red tape to make life easier for small- and medium-sized businesses;
- Making the movement of working professionals easier; and,
- Maintaining a fair dispute process, in NAFTA, for Canadians and our businesses.

I will continue to advocate for our community and raise the importance of the auto sector with my colleagues.

Thank you again for writing to me regarding this important issue.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Celina', followed by a large, stylized flourish or number '2'.

Celina Caesar-Chavannes  
Member of Parliament, Whitby



## Action Items Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

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

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March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was directed to invite the staff of Durham Region and Covanta to present on the Durham York Energy Facility at a future meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Clarington.	Works	
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to advise Council on the number of Access Pass riders that use Specialized transit services.	Finance/DRT	March 8, 2017
March 1, 2017 Committee of the Whole	A request for a report/policy regarding sharing documents with Council members.	Corporate Services - Administration	Prior to July 2017
May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion ensued with respect to whether data is collected on how many beds are created through this funding; and, if staff could conduct an analysis of the Denise House funding allocation to determine whether an increase is warranted. H. Drouin advised staff would investigate this and bring forward this information in a future report.	Social Services	
May 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion ensued with respect to whether staff track the job loss vacancies in Durham Region, in particular the retail market. K. Weiss advised that staff will follow-up with the local area municipalities and will report back on this matter.	Economic Development & Tourism	

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June 14, 2017 Council	That staff be authorized to distribute the Draft Transportation Master Plan to the area municipalities and other stakeholders for their review and comment and report back to Regional staff by the end of September 2017.	Works	
June 14, 2017 Council	That the concerns raised from the John Howard Society of Durham Region be referred to Social Services staff to provide assistance or advice to the John Howard Society and that a report be brought back to Council in September, 2017.	Social Services	September 2017
September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Staff was asked to provide Council the schedule for the upcoming consultations meetings with the local business community and stakeholder regarding the Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant/Excess Land Property Tax Policy	Finance	
September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole	The following motion was moved by Councillor Parish and Councillor Collier:  That the delegation of Greg Milosh regarding cost payment for unused sick days be referred to staff for a report to be brought back to Committee of the Whole by December 31, 2017.	Finance	By Dec 31/2017

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September 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole	The following motion was moved by Councillor O'Connor and Councillor Ryan:  That the Commissioner of Finance review the reporting requirements for over-expenditures that will utilize the contingency provisions of a project and report back on potential modifications to the October Committee of the Whole.	Finance	October 4, 2017
October 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Harm Reduction Program Enhancement: Staff agreed to provide details of the distribution of money among the public health units.	Health	
October 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole	2017 Allocations for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative: Staff agreed to provide more information regarding how many households have been redirected out of the Region for services.	Social Services	
October 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole	The following Motion was passed regarding the Cannabis Legislation Bill C-45; Bill C-46  A) That the Region of Durham work with all lower tier municipalities to create a single by-law related to recreational cannabis; and  B) That staff report back on the ability to create a surtax, of an equivalent amount to senior governments, on the products being sold in licensed facilities located within the Region of Durham to assist our Health, Social and Police services to offset the education and safety costs related to the use of cannabis.	Health/Legal/ Finance/Police	

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October 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Update on Simcoe Street Construction from Rossland Road to Robert Street: S.Siopis . S. Siopis advised she would look into this and follow up with Councillor Carter directly.	Works	
October 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Councillor Collier questioned whether staff could provide quarterly reports on future Boiler outages in regards to the shutdown times and the reasons for the outages. S. Siopis was asked to provide a response prior to the November Committee of the Whole meeting.	Works	November 2017
October 11, 2017 Council	The following motion was referred back to staff for clarification: That the Commissioner of Finance review the reporting requirements for over-expenditures that will utilize the contingency provisions of a project and report back on potential modifications to the October Committee of the Whole.	CAO/Finance	December 6, 2017