

# Durham's 2022 Business Plans and Budget

Durham is more vibrant, more diverse and growing faster than just about any place in Ontario.

The Region of Durham's 2022 Business Plans and Budget total \$2.2 billion in gross expenditures which represents a net property tax increase of 2.6 per cent or approximately \$74 for the average residential home and a combined water and sewer user rate increase of 1.8 per cent, an annual increase of \$19.52 for an average household.



## Economic Development

- Launch the Region's refreshed Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan with a focus on workforce development, addressing skill gaps and attracting talent to meet the needs of the local business community.



## Regional Cycling Plan

- Advance the Region as a cycling destination by constructing 11 kilometers of new cycling infrastructure, and 1.25 kilometers of signed bicycle routes, installing high-quality, visible end-of-trip facilities, such as bike racks, and undertaking a signage and wayfinding strategy.



## Broadband

- Establish Durham OneNet Inc. which will develop, build and commercially operate a Regional Broadband Network and enable better broadband connectivity.



## Homelessness and Housing Supports

- \$1.3 million increase in regional investment for supports for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.
- Work with partners to initiate the development of 276 new affordable housing units across Durham Region since 2020.
- Launch the new At Home Regional Incentive Program with an initial investment of \$5.5 million to encourage affordable rental housing.



## Support for Seniors

- Increase nursing and personal care hours to 3.8 hours per resident each day at Regionally operated long-term care homes.



## Paramedic Services

- Increase emergency response paramedic service levels by 28 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Expand the Community Paramedicine program to support the needs of seniors and others living in Durham with high intensity home care needs.
- Enhance the Primary Care Outreach Program to support the vulnerable homeless population.



## Public Health

- Provide outbreak management support to all congregate living settings in the region, including Long Term Care, Retirement and Group Homes and Shelters.
- Improve COVID-19 vaccine coverage rates and continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines to eligible Durham Region residents in accordance with provincial directives.



## Durham Region Transit

- Continue to provide safe, accessible and reliable transit.
- Expand Durham Region Transit services by 12,398 hours in 2022.



## Climate Action

- Promote the Durham Greener Homes program to help homeowners implement energy retrofits.
- Install 63 electric vehicle chargers at Regional facilities to prepare the Region's vehicle fleets to transition to zero emissions.
- Invest in deep energy retrofits of Regional facilities.



## myDurham311

- Access information on Regional services through myDurham311 Smart Home Device Voice Service.



## Public Works

- Provide safe clean drinking water to approximately 183,200 customers and treatment of wastewater for 178,400 customers.
- Maintain 2,399 lane kilometres of paved roads, 237 bridges, 441 traffic signals.
- Collect and process 129,000 tonnes of garbage material, 62,300 tonnes of organic material and 47,300 tonnes of recyclable material through the Region's curbside waste collection programs.
- Invest in the renewal and maintenance of Regional infrastructure valued at \$17.9 billion.



## Durham Regional Police Service

- Invest in Durham Regional Police Service through the addition of 20 frontline police officers, three mental health response officers to support a mobile crisis response team, nine communicators, one supervisor and a Cybercrime unit.



## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Implement the Community Safety and Well-being Plan with the goal of getting the right services, to the right people, at the right time.
- Implement the Region's anti-racism framework through the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce.



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