



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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October 11, 2023

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Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

**Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of September 13, 2023 –
Report No. DS-041-23 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Housing Target and
Pledge**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 13, 2023, and in this regard, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council adopt the housing target of 6,500 new dwelling units by 2031 as allocated by the Province of Ontario; and

THAT Council endorse the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Housing Pledge that forms Attachment 5 to this report; and

THAT the Mayor be authorized to advise the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville accepts its housing target of 6,500 units by 2031 and to submit the Town's Municipal Housing Pledge prior to October 15, 2023; and

THAT Planning Staff report back to Council on a semi-annual basis on the progress towards the Municipal Housing Pledge; and

THAT a copy of this report be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region, and all York Region local area municipalities by October 15, 2023.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Kind regards,

Monica Beattie

Monica Beattie
Senior Clerk's Coordinator

Attachments - Report No. DS-041-23

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York Region Local Area Municipalities

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Report**Item 4**

Subject:	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Housing Target and Pledge
Staff Report No.	DS-041-23
Department:	Development Services
Date:	September 13, 2023

Recommendations:

- 1) That Council adopt the housing target of 6,500 new dwelling units by 2031 as allocated by the Province of Ontario.
- 2) That Council endorse the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Housing Pledge that forms Attachment 5 to this report.
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- 4) That Planning Staff report back to Council on a semi-annual basis on the progress towards the Municipal Housing Pledge.
- 5) That a copy of this report be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region, and all York Region local area municipalities by October 15, 2023.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to receive Council endorsement of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Housing Target and its Municipal Housing Pledge, confirming the Town's commitment to increasing and accelerating housing supply.

2. Executive Summary:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has set Housing Targets for 50 municipalities across the province to provide more homes at a faster rate in an effort to address the increased need for housing in Ontario.

In response to correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, on June 21, 2023, staff were directed to report back to Council with a Housing Pledge to accelerate housing in the Town at the September 13, 2023 Council meeting. On August 22, 2023, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was subsequently assigned a Housing Target of 6,500 dwelling units by 2031 to contribute to the overall provincial target of 1.5 million homes. Municipalities are required to confirm their commitment to their respective housing targets and to outline how they plan to achieve their targets through a Municipal Housing Pledge.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Housing Pledge outlines a series of actions and initiatives that can be implemented to help with the provision of housing through the development review approval process. The Housing Pledge also acknowledges that there are many stakeholders and partners in the process of building homes, that it must be a collaborative process and there are many factors beyond the control of the Town that can impact the number of homes that are actually built in the community.

3. Background:

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, was introduced by the Province of Ontario to ensure there is sufficient supply of housing to meet the needs of the current and future residents of Ontario. The Province has set a goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031.

On October 25, 2022, the Province assigned housing targets to 29 selected lower- and single-tier municipalities in Southern Ontario to work towards achieving the provincial housing target. These municipalities were identified as large and fast-growing with a population projected to be over 100,000 by 2031. Targets were based on current population as well as 2011 – 2021 growth trends. They were allocated the greatest share of the total 1.5 million homes target and make up 80% of Ontario's current population. A total of 1,229,000 of the 1.5 million homes target was allocated to these municipalities. Attachment #1 to this report identifies the municipalities and their targets from Phase 1.

On June 16, 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requested that the Town demonstrate its commitment to accelerate housing supply by identifying a locally appropriate housing target to meet current and future needs to 2031 and to develop a Municipal Housing Pledge. Correspondence on this matter forms Attachment #2 to this report. Staff were directed at the June 21, 2023 Council meeting to report back to Council on September 13, 2023 with a housing pledge to accelerate housing in the Town.

On August 22, 2023 a follow-up letter from the Minister indicated that the Town has now been assigned a specific housing target of 6,500 new homes to be constructed in the community. The letter requests that the Mayor respond by confirming the Town's commitment to this target by October 15, 2023. Further to that, the Municipality will be required to submit its Housing Pledge to the Ministry to demonstrate the strategies and actions that will be taken to achieve the housing target. Correspondence on this matter forms Attachment #3 to this report. This is Phase 2 of the provincial Municipal Housing Targets.

As part of Phase 2, the provincial government has now assigned housing targets to 21 additional municipalities across Ontario with a projected population of 50,000 or more by 2031 to demonstrate their commitment to accelerating the housing supply by adopting their targets. A total of 98,300 of the 1.5 million homes target was allocated to these municipalities. Attachment #4 to this report lists these municipalities and their targets.

Overall, 50 municipalities across Ontario have now been assigned a housing target by the Province. This will account for 1,327,300 of the 1.5 million new housing units in the province to 2031. The province-wide annual target for housing starts in 2023 will be 110,000 and this number will ramp up over time. Should the province achieve this initial housing start target, it will be considered a historic achievement for the province.

The Province has also announced a three-year, \$1.2 billion fund that will be made available to municipalities that deliver on their housing targets. The Building Faster Fund will be performance-based in nature. Full details of the funding have yet to be released, however, municipalities have been advised that there will be \$400 million in new annual funding for 3 years to municipalities that are on target to meet their provincial housing targets by 2031. Municipalities that reach 80% of their annual target each year will become eligible for funding based on their share of the overall goal of 1.5 million new homes. Municipalities that exceed their target will receive a bonus.

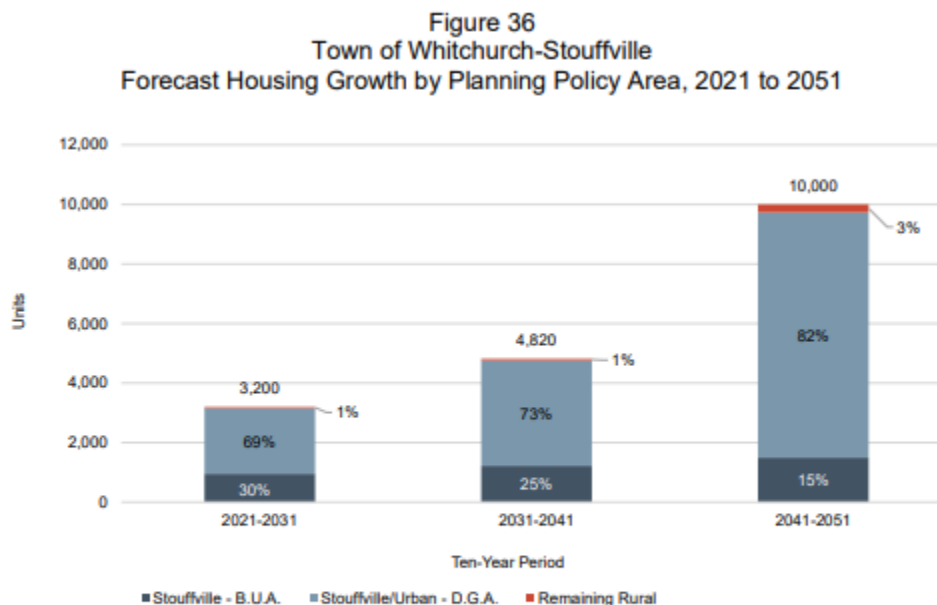
Municipalities will be able to direct the funding from the Building Faster Fund to housing-enabling infrastructure and to other related costs that support community growth. Eligible expenses will be determined following consultations with the Province, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, City of Toronto and the Housing Supply Action Implementation Team. Some of this funding will also be directed to small, rural and northern communities to address their unique needs. Municipalities must have a Municipal Housing Pledge to access this funding. It should be noted that there will be no funding provided if a municipality is below 80% of its annual assigned target, but that they can receive up to 100% of their allocated funding if they are on track, plus a bonus if they exceed their target.

As noted above, in order to receive funding, municipalities must prepare and provide a Municipal Housing Pledge to the Province. Staff have prepared a Draft Municipal Housing Pledge for Council endorsement as part of this report. The Municipal Housing Pledge forms Attachment #5 to this report. Municipal Housing Pledges must identify the tools and strategies that municipalities intend to use to achieve their housing targets. Initiatives may include, but not be limited to, priorities for site-specific planning decisions to expedite housing in priority areas, plans to streamline the development approval process, critical tools to support housing and strategies to use municipal surplus lands. It is intended that municipalities will post their Municipal Housing Pledges online.

4. Analysis and Options:

The Town's Official Plan Review has been underway since late 2019. One of the primary themes of the OPR has been focused on housing, including ways to increase different housing types, alternative forms of housing, additional residential units, and increased density in appropriate areas.

A primary component of the background work and analysis that was required as part of the Town's Official Plan Review was the Preliminary Growth Management Strategy (PGMS), undertaken by Watson & Associates, and endorsed by Council on June 21, 2023. The PGMS was undertaken to provide a long-term assessment of future urban growth and the associated land needs to inform and support the Town's Official Plan Review and York Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review. Based on the Town's allocation of population from York Region, the PGMS originally estimated a lower rate of growth over the 2021 to 2031 period, with a much higher rate of growth in the latter years, particularly the 2041 to 2051 period. Below is an excerpt from the PGMS illustrating this forecasted trend. Original estimates were approximately 3,200 units from the 2021 to 2031 growth period. Staff do not recommend adjustments to the Town's overall population allocation to accommodate the Province's Housing Target. Rather, staff suggest that it would be more appropriate to accommodate a faster rate of growth in the earlier years of the planning horizon to reach the 6,500 units.



Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: Derived from Statistics Canada Census Data 2021, and York Region's 2022 approved Official Plan (with updates to the forecast made by York Region in May 2023) by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., 2023

Another component of the Official Plan Review was the completion of a Housing Strategy, which was endorsed by Council on May 18, 2022. The primary objective of the Housing Strategy was to analyse the Town's housing supply and to inform policy development through the Official Plan Review to support the provision of a range and mix of housing options to meet the Town's housing needs to 2051. The Housing Strategy recommended a wide range of actions that the Town should undertake to ensure that an appropriate mix of housing is provided over the growth period to 2051. This included actions under the themes of policy and zoning; incentives (both financial and non-financial); advocacy,

awareness and outreach; and monitoring. Implementing the Housing Strategy will help the Town achieve its targets.

In conjunction with the Town's Official Plan Review, all of the Town's Master Plans have either undergone updates or are in the process of being updated to accommodate the Town's future population growth. Additionally, the Town is currently in the process of completing its Development Charges Background Study and will be completing a Parkland Study, and Community Benefit Charge Study. There are opportunities at this time to ensure that a faster rate of growth is accommodated in the Town's Master Plans and Studies rather than an overall change to the Town's population.

The Municipal Housing Pledge (Attachment 5 to this report) has been drafted to create a road map for how the Town may achieve its housing target of 6,500 homes by 2031. The Housing Pledge is focussed solely on the items that are within the Town's control to help get more units approved between now and 2031. The 6,500 units as allocated by the Province is an ambitious target and will require collaboration between all stakeholders involved in the development and construction process.

While the Town is responsible for the housing approval process, it is also responsible for its community building initiatives. This includes the planning for appropriate lands for employment, commercial and institutional development. Further, the Town is responsible for providing community amenities such as parks, trails, community centres, libraries fire halls and critical infrastructure for water and waste water. Through the development approval process, the Town works to secure lands needed for these parks and open spaces, schools and other community infrastructure. By committing to building more homes faster, the Town will also be committing itself to delivering on the other priorities and needs of the community.

Beyond the development approval process, it should be noted that there are many aspects to residential development that are out of control of the municipality. Community building requires complex collaboration between many stakeholders and partners. The Town does not build homes and cannot be responsible for when housing is or is not built. The Town does not control market forces, inflation, the cost of materials or labour shortages. The Housing Pledge acknowledges that these forces cannot be managed by the Town and therefore, should not be reflective of the Town's performance towards its Housing Target.

In order to access the funding that will be available, the Town will be required to report on its progress towards its Housing Target. Town staff will monitor and report on key performance indicators and market conditions on a semi-annual basis to actively manage the opportunities and challenges related to the Town's Municipal Housing Pledge to 2031. Many details related to the funding and reporting have not yet been disclosed by the Province. However, staff will continue to monitor information and requirements as it is released.

Option A (Recommended)

That Council endorse the Town's Housing Target and Municipal Housing Pledge. Staff will immediately begin to implement the recommendations of this report along with the initiatives contained in the Housing Pledge.

Option B

Council may choose to add additional initiatives to the Municipal Housing Pledge. Additional initiatives may have capital and operating impacts.

5. Financial Implications:

There are considerations and financial implications associated with the Housing Target and Municipal Housing Pledge. The exact impacts of undertaking a faster rate of growth to 2031 cannot be simply calculated as it is a complex issue and there are many unknown impacts at this time. Below is a high level summary of the possible finance considerations and implications:

- An increase in the provision of dwellings units in the Town will result in development charges for the Town and increased property tax assessment.
- Increased growth will require additional capital investments in key community infrastructure and amenities.
- Staff are currently undertaking process improvements associated with the new development review and approvals process and new technology. However, there could be some operating costs associated with the staff required to process more approvals at a faster rate.
- The full financial impacts of Bill 23 are still unknown. Staff will continue to monitor and report back to Council as necessary as a result of the changes from Bill 23.
- There are financial opportunities associated with committing to the Housing Target and submitting the Municipal Housing Pledge, as outlined in this report. Provincial funding associated with this commitment could help the Town offset some of the growth related costs.

6. Alignment with Strategic Plan:

The recommendations of this report support the following pillars of the 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan:

- A Town that Grows
- A Town that Moves
- A Healthy and Greener Town
- An Engaging Town
- A Safe Town
- Organizational Effectiveness

- Good Governance

7. Attachments:

1. Phase 1 Ontario Municipalities with Housing Targets
2. Correspondence from The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, June 16, 2023
3. Correspondence from The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, August 22, 2023
4. Phase 2 Ontario Municipalities with Housing Targets
5. Draft Municipal Housing Pledge

8. Related Reports:

None

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Municipality	Housing Target
City of Toronto	285,000
City of Ottawa	151,000
City of Mississauga	120,000
City of Brampton	113,000
City of Hamilton	47,000
City of London	47,000
City of Markham	44,000
City of Vaughan	42,000
City of Kitchener	35,000
Town of Oakville	33,000
City of Windsor	13,000
City of Richmond Hill	27,000
City of Burlington	29,000
City of Oshawa	23,000
City of Barrie	23,000
City of Guelph	18,000
City of Cambridge	19,000
Town of Milton	21,000
Town of Whitby	18,000
City of St. Catharines	11,000
Town of Ajax	17,000
City of Waterloo	16,000
City of Kingston	8,000
City of Brantford	10,000
Clarington	13,000
City of Pickering	13,000
City of Niagara Falls	8,000
Town of Newmarket	12,000
Town of Caledon	13,000
Totals	1,229,000

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June 16, 2023

Your Worship
Mayor Iain Lovatt
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Dear Mayor Lovatt:

Subject: Municipal Housing Pledges and Targets

Our government is committed to bold and transformative action in order to tackle Ontario's housing supply crisis and reach our goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031. We recognize that municipalities are critical partners in achieving this goal, and it is in that spirit that I am writing to you today.

While many municipalities have taken significant steps to increase their local housing supply, Ontario needs an unprecedented amount of new homes to meet current and anticipated demand. You may be aware that in Fall 2022, our government requested Municipal Housing Pledges for 29 of Ontario's largest and fastest-growing municipalities. To reach the goal of 1.5 million homes built by 2031, Ontario will need municipalities across the province to do their part in providing homes for future population growth.

Today, I am asking the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to demonstrate its commitment to accelerate housing supply by:

- Identifying a locally appropriate Housing Target (i.e., new housing units) to meet current and future housing needs in your municipality to 2031; and
- developing a Municipal Housing Pledge to increase and accelerate housing supply.

Municipalities are critical partners to help us get more homes built faster. Our intention in requesting a housing pledge is that it will be approved by municipal councils and help codify Council's commitment to their target. A Municipal Housing Pledge would set out a Municipal Housing target to 2031, and the strategies and actions that your municipality will take to accelerate housing development.

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As the province and municipalities work together to deliver on a commitment to build 1.5 million new homes by 2031, these pledges are critical to coordinate our efforts across governments. Please see the attachment to this letter for additional information on how to develop a Municipal Housing Pledge

Our government will work with you to address potential policy and implementation barriers as you develop your pledges. I encourage you to send any questions to Andrew Carr, Team Lead, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at Andrew.Carr@Ontario.ca. The deadline for submitting your Housing Target and Housing Pledge is December 15, 2023.

I look forward to working with you to meet our shared commitments and help build the homes Ontarians need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: The Honourable Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division
The Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP Markham-Stouffville

Info Sheet: Considerations in Developing Municipal Housing Pledge

The pledge is not intended to be a land-use planning document, and its development should not require external technical expertise. The format and language used in the pledge should be accessible to the general public. The pledge is intended to be approved by municipal councils and should help codify Council's commitment to meeting their municipal housing target.

Municipalities can leverage new and existing policy tools as they develop housing pledges and work towards their housing targets.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of potential strategies and actions that municipalities may include in developing their housing pledges. There may be additional opportunities based on local circumstances and the Province is interested in hearing about those ideas and creative solutions.

- Strategies to encourage and promote gentle intensification to enable and expedite additional residential units in existing residential areas
- Outline ways in which funding under provincial programs, such as the Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) or Municipal Modernization Program (MMP), has been used to streamline existing municipal development approval processes
- Information on municipal development approval timelines and whether municipalities are being appealed for non-decisions
- Identify potential measures where current lack of infrastructure capacity (e.g., water/wastewater servicing) may limit future housing development
- Strategies to use municipal surplus lands
- Commitment to plan for, fund, and approve (where applicable) specific critical municipal infrastructure to support growth and new housing (e.g., water, wastewater, transit etc.), which may include expanded capacity as well as fully new facilities/assets
- Priorities for strategic and site-specific planning decisions to expedite housing in priority areas (e.g., around transit stations and in transit-serviced areas)
- Update zoning by-laws to permit a greater range of housing to be built without the need for costly and lengthy rezoning applications
- Municipalities may also consider existing tools such as the Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator, [Community Planning Permit System](#), Major Transit Station Areas, and Protected Major Transit Station Areas.

Below are some of the potential components of a municipal housing pledge. Municipalities are free to choose, alter, or add any new components that seem reasonable. Pledges can be represented in the form of plain text, tables, charts, maps, or a combination of them.

- Municipal Housing Target
- Planned and proposed Municipal Initiatives
- Initiative Owner and Additional Stakeholders
- Context and Description of How Initiative Accelerates Housing
- Number of units per initiative and housing type
- Considerations (Barriers, Implementation, Risks, etc.)
- Potential Mitigation Strategies and Proposal to Accelerate Housing
- Potential Reporting and Monitoring Measures

Municipal housing pledges are intended to be public documents and it's anticipated that municipalities will post them online.

Municipalities can contact Ministry staff with any questions and for clarification.

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August 22, 2023

Your Worship
Mayor Iain Lovatt
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
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Dear Mayor Lovatt,

Subject: Municipal Housing Pledges and Targets, Strong Mayor Powers and Building Faster Fund

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville: 6,500 Homes

All levels of government play an important role in solving Ontario's housing crisis. That is why, on June 16th of this year, I asked the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, along with 20 other municipalities, to demonstrate its commitment to accelerate housing supply by identifying a locally appropriate housing target (i.e., new housing units) to meet current and future housing needs to 2031; and to develop a Municipal Housing Pledge to increase and accelerate housing supply.

Further to my letter in June, the Ministry has now set a specific housing target for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville of 6,500 new homes constructed in your community by 2031. I am asking you, as head of council, to respond in writing by October 15, 2023 confirming your commitment to meet this target.

To further support municipalities in delivering much-needed housing, the government will also extend **Strong Mayor** powers to the 21 municipalities with newly assigned housing targets, provided that the head of council has committed in writing to meet their provincially assigned target.

To be clear, I am still requesting that your Municipality prepare and submit to the Ministry a **Housing Pledge** by December 15, 2023 that showcases the strategies and actions that it will take in order to achieve the above housing target. I encourage you to complete this critical work without delay to help build the homes Ontarians need and deserve.

To demonstrate the government's support as you work toward this goal, on August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed the provincially assigned housing targets they have committed to achieve by 2031 as described in their housing pledge. The Building Faster Fund will provide up to \$400 million over three years of financial support for municipalities that can be directed toward housing-enabling infrastructure and related costs that support community growth.

Funding under the program will be based on two key criteria. First, each municipalities' potential share of the \$400 million annual allocation will be based on their target's share of the overall goal of 1.5 million homes in Ontario by 2031. Second, each municipalities' actual funding will be based on whether their annual housing performance is on track to meet its 2031 target. Municipalities on track to exceed their target based on annual housing performance will receive additional funding.

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team, and the City of Toronto on the program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including eligible expenses and ways to track the progress of municipalities. Funding is anticipated to start in 2024-25 based on performance in 2023. I look forward to sharing more details in the near future.

Our government remains committed to addressing the policy and implementation barriers you may encounter as you develop your pledges. I encourage you to send any questions to Christina Thomas, the Ministry's Manager of Growth Planning, Data and Analysis, Christina.Thomas@ontario.ca.

As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

C: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
The Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP Markham—Stouffville
Kirstin Jensen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division

Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
Kristina Lepik, Clerk (Acting), Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Rob Adams, CAO, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

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June 16, 2023

Municipal Housing Pledges and Targets *

List of Municipalities

• Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	6,500
• Town of East Gwillimbury	4,300
• Town of Georgina	6,200
• Town of Innisfil	6,300
• Town of New Tecumseth	6,400
• City of Woodstock	5,500
• Municipality of Chatham-Kent	1,100
• City of Greater Sudbury	3,800
• City of Thunder Bay	2,200
• Town of Aurora	8,000
• City of Belleville	3,100
• Haldimand County	4,200
• City of Kawartha Lakes	6,500
• Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	6,500
• Town of Halton Hills	9,500
• Norfolk County	5,700
• City of North Bay	1,000
• City of Peterborough	4,700
• City of Sarnia	1,000
• City of Sault Ste. Marie	1,500
• City of Welland	4,300

TOTAL 98,300

*Edited to include Housing Targets



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Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Municipal Housing Pledge

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is committed to doing its part as a critical partner to support the goal of building 1.5 million homes in the Province of Ontario by 2031. The Town has a role to play to ensure the residents of the province have access to housing and that housing should also be attainable and affordable.

All levels of government, key stakeholders, partners and homebuilders all have a role and responsibility to play in the provision of housing. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is committed to its role in the housing approval process, while acknowledging many components of housing supply are out of the control of the municipality.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville pledges to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to facilitate the construction of 6,500 new dwelling units by 2031.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is committed to undertaking the following actions and initiatives that are under its direct control to achieve the Town's Housing Target:

1. Implement the Town's new Official Plan, once adopted by Council and approved by its approval authority. The Town's new Official Plan contains policies that:
 - Provide greater direction and clarity for the type of development envisioned for the Town;
 - Will help address the supply of housing for the missing middle;
 - Promote intensification in key strategic areas for growth in the Town;
 - Permit increased heights and densities in appropriate locations;
 - Permit Additional Residential Units, where possible; and,
 - Enable the consideration of a Community Planning Permit System, in appropriate locations, to streamline the development review approvals process.
2. Complete a Comprehensive Review and Update of the Town's Zoning By-law, including:
 - Permissive policies to support Additional Residential Units (such as second and third units) in ground-related housing types;
 - Regulations to accommodate a wider range of housing types as-of-right;
 - Updates to Zoning in the Town's Major Transit Station Areas; and
 - Consideration for a Community Planning Permit System, in appropriate locations, to streamline the development approval process.

3. Streamline the development approvals review process by:
 - Implementing the new Collaborative Application Pre-consultation Process to assist the Applicants in preparing Complete Applications and submission materials for faster and efficient Planning Applications Process;
 - Implementing technological and digital improvements and online application portal; and
 - Continue to innovate and find opportunities for improvement for a faster and more efficient development review process.
4. Support the creation of Additional Residential Units by:
 - Creating clear guidelines and process for the creation of Additional Residential Units;
 - Working with developers through the development approval process to provide options for Additional Residential Units at the time of purchase and sale.
 - Offering options for pre-approved building plans for small scale developers and residents and make the permit and construction process as “turnkey, affordable and easy as possible”.
5. Encourage alternative forms of housing to encourage and support affordable housing initiatives by:
 - Reviewing and updating the Town’s Community Improvement Plan to incentivize development;
 - Removing barriers to alternative forms of modular housing or other alternative forms of housing, where appropriate;
 - Exploring opportunities and partnerships to encourage purpose-built rentals; and,
 - Establishing partnerships to increase affordable housing opportunities.
6. Implement the Town’s Housing Strategy, April 26, 2022 and undertake the actions and initiatives identified in the Strategy under the following themes:
 - Policy and Zoning;
 - Incentives (Financial and Non-Financial);
 - Advocacy, Awareness and Outreach; and,
 - Monitoring.
7. Align the Town’s Master Plans and Development Charges with a faster rate of growth between 2023 and 2031.
8. Continue to advocate and collaborate with York Region to ensure critical servicing infrastructure is planned for and provided when needed.

9. Continue to build collaborative relationships with critical partners and stakeholders in the development and housing approval process, including:
 - Conservation Authorities; School Boards; York Chapter of BILD; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ministry of Transportation; residents, businesses, and other key members of the community, etc.
10. Facilitate and encourage builders to proceed with their developments in a timely manner by ensuring servicing allocation is used within three years of an approval.
11. Ensure the Town develops in a fiscally responsible manner by:
 - Completing and/or updating growth-related revenue by-laws, including the Development Charges Background Study, Parkland Study, and the Community Benefits Charge Study;
 - Completing a review of development application fees as the new Collaborative Application Pre-Consultation Process progresses;
 - Establishing a formal process for front-ending agreements with developers for the pre-payment of Development Charges or front-ending project funding for roads, water and wastewater services to minimize debt requirements of the Town; and,
 - Advocating that York Region undertake more front-ending for capital infrastructure projects to ensure servicing will be available when needed by the Town.
12. Monitor, track and report on a Semi-Annual basis on the Town's progress to provide housing using new technology available to the Town, including:
 - Building permits and new housing starts;
 - Servicing capacity and allocation;
 - Development activity, including developments approved but not built; and,
 - Growth activity across the Town.
13. Work with other partner agencies such as York Region, school boards and others to find innovative solutions for the provision of surplus land for affordable housing.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is fully committed to facilitating housing through an improved development approvals process. Notwithstanding its commitment, the Town does acknowledge that there are influences to the provision of housing that are beyond its control and should not be reflective of its performance to provide housing. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is primarily responsible for the development review and approvals process. Factors such as the market, supply chain issues, interest rates, inflation and material costs, labour shortages, land use appeals, provision of regional

infrastructure, legislative changes and development approvals that do not proceed to the development stage are not within the control of the local municipality in the provision of housing within the community.

The Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recognizes that it is a critical partner and holds a shared responsibility in the provision of housing in the Province of Ontario. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is committed to creating a complete community that provides a great place to live, opportunities for employment, high quality community amenities, parks and open space while protecting and preserving its unique agricultural and natural heritage attributes. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville looks forward to further opportunities and discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure funding for critical infrastructure, facilities and complete community development is available.

2023 Mid-Year Development Activity Summary

On September 28, 2023 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information



The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Planning and Economic Development

September 14, 2023

FOR DECISION

Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner **2023 Mid-Year Development Activity Summary**

1. Recommendation

The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information.

2. Purpose

Council has delegated authority to the Chief Planner and Director of Development Services to issue approvals for development applications, subject to such approvals being reported to Council semi-annually. Delegated approval authority includes routine Local Official Plan Amendments (OPAs), including exemption from Regional approval and approval of works adjacent to Regional rights-of-way and infrastructure. York Region is a commenting agency to local municipalities for draft plans of subdivision and condominium, site plans, consent to sever, zoning by-law amendment, and minor variance applications on matters of Regional interest.

Development activity and approvals will continue to be report to Council during the transition period for Bill 23 until approval authority has been transferred to local municipalities.

Key Points:

- As of August 2023, the Region has an approved housing supply of an estimated 63,000 units [Housing Supply Update – August 2023](#). The Region has a strong supply of residential inventory, well within Provincial requirements that a 3-to-7-year supply of draft approved and registered plans be maintained
- Development activity continues to remain strong, however associated Development Charges for infrastructure supporting growth has declined with the 20% discount imposed through Bill 23 being implemented

- 18 Official Plan Amendment (OPA) applications were exempted from Regional approval, 1 OPA was not exempted, and 5 notices of decision were issued by the Director of Development Services on local OPAs
- In the first half of 2023, York Region received 222 new development applications for review, a 15% decrease over 2022 (262 development applications)
- Accrued development charge collections decreased by 48% to \$152,386,317 in the first half of 2023 from \$291,624,215 in 2022, which was anticipated as a result of changes from Bill 23 as well as a slowdown in housing activity, due to current economic conditions
- Proposed residential units in new draft plan of subdivision applications increased to 1,171 in the first half of 2023 from 872 in 2022 and proposed residential units in new site plan applications decreased to 7,955 in 2023 from 12,017 in 2022
- Fee Revenue for Development Planning and Engineering increased by 53% to \$3,729,331 in 2023 from \$2,431,621 in 2022
- It is anticipated that development activity will continue at a similar pace for the remainder of the year

3. Background

Authority to approve certain development applications is delegated to the Chief Planner and Director of Development Services, subject to such approvals being reported to Council semi-annually

In addition to reporting on OPA approvals, the mid-year 2023 Development Activity Report summarizes the number of new residential applications and associated proposed residential units received, together with the total number of residential units registered. The following information on delegated approvals is presented in the Development Activity Summary Report:

- Approval of Local OPAs with no Regional requirements
- Exemption of Local OPAs from Regional approval
 - The Region has authority to exempt an OPA from Regional approval if it is determined to be of local significance and there are no Regional requirements. The Regional Official Plan sets out criteria to determine if an amendment is eligible for exemption. If the application qualifies for exemption, the local municipality issues the decision for the OPA.
- Approval of works in the Regional right-of-way as part of site plan applications with Regional requirements
- Engineering approval of works in the Regional right-of-way

In addition to delegated authority, the following information is presented in the Development Activity Summary Report:

- New development applications received
- Proposed residential units received
- Number of registered plans of subdivision, draft approved and registered units
- Planning and Development Engineering review fee and Development charge collection

All nine local municipalities provide data to ensure an accurate Regional development activity report

Since 2017, York Region, with assistance from the local municipalities, has been collecting and tracking development-related information and data received on each application in YorkTrax. Application information on location, nature of proposal, number of units, non-residential floor area, status, progress, and associated applications are captured, and development trends can be analyzed for reporting. As data continues to be collected in YorkTrax, the Region can more accurately track development activity in each municipality and on a region-wide basis to assess trends. Development data provided by the local municipalities plays a vital role in managing growth to support justifying future infrastructure needs. Future connections of local systems with YorkTrax through data exchange will improve accuracy and timing. Data and trends will continue to be reported to Council on a regular basis and provide useful live dashboards and products to assist both the Local and Regional understanding of development trends.

4. Analysis

40 local OPAs were received and 18 local OPA applications were exempted from Regional approval

The Region received 40 local OPA applications in the first half of 2023, compared to 38 in 2022. The Director of Development Services issued decisions on a total of 24 local OPA applications in the first half of 2023 (35 in 2022). Not all applications received a decision within the first half of the year and some decisions issued were for amendments from applications received prior to 2023.

Of the 24 decisions issued, 18 local OPAs were exempted from Regional approval, one local OPA was not exempted from Regional approval and five notices of decision were issued on local OPAs. A majority of exempted OPAs related to changes to building height, density, built form and urban design. The OPAs exempted from Regional approval were determined to be of local significance, with no Regional requirements, and they conformed with Provincial plans and Regional Official Plan policies. The consistent number of OPA applications received in the first half of 2023 and 2022 indicates that development continues to remain strong within the Region. A list of local OPAs with approval status by municipality is provided in Attachment 1.

Table 1
Number of New Applications Received by Type in Mid-Year 2022 and 2023

	Application Type (New Applications)	Mid- Year 2022	Mid- Year 2023	Per Cent (%) +/- change
Primary Applications	Official Plan Amendments	38	40	5%
	Block Plans	0	0	N/A
	Draft Plan of Subdivision	19	13	-31%
	Zoning By-Law Amendments	75	59	-21%
	Draft Plan of Condominium	12	16	33%
	Engineering Review	21	21	0%
	Site Plans Applications (Minor and Major) ¹	97	73	-25%
	Total Development Applications	262	222	-15%
Other Applications Reviewed	Site Plan (No Regional Requirements) ²	92	56	-38%
	Pre-Consultation Meetings	319	239	-25%
	Consent to sever Applications	53	68	28%
	Minor Variances Applications	372	322	-13%
	Total Applications Received	1,098	907	-17%

¹ Major and minor site plans are determined based on the value of construction work proposed in the Regional right-of-way. More complex right-of-way works require more detailed review.

² No Regional requirements e.g. not adjacent to a Regional road or infrastructure, source water protection area. Applications are received for information purposes only.

Total number of development applications received in 2023 decreased by 17% compared to 2022

Table 1 identifies the number of new applications received by the Region by type in 2022 and 2023 with percentage change. The primary applications the Region received for review and response are OPAs, Block Plans, Draft Plan of Subdivisions, Zoning By-Law, Draft Plan of Condominiums, Engineering and Site Plans, which totaled 222 new development applications. In the first half of 2023, the number of these primary applications decreased by 15% compared to 262 applications for the same period in 2022. In addition to primary applications, the Region received other development applications, including site plans (with no Regional requirements), pre-consultation, consent to sever and minor variances for review and information purposes. The Region received 685 applications in the first half of 2023, compared to 836 in 2022. It is anticipated that development activity will continue at a similar pace for the remainder of the year.

Approximately 64% of new applications received in 2023 were in the cities of Markham, Richmond Hill, and Vaughan. A breakdown of new development applications by municipality is provided in Attachment 1.

Number of proposed residential units received decreased by 29%

In the first half of 2023, the total number of proposed residential units received by the Region for review decreased by 29%. Units as part of new draft plan of subdivision applications was 1,171; this is higher than 872 units received by mid-year 2022, representing a 34% increase. There were 7,955 proposed residential units received for review as part of new site plan applications compared to 12,017 units received in 2022, representing a 34% decrease (Table 2).

Development activity fluctuates from year to year and is often dependent on various factors, many outside of the Region's control. In 2022, multiple high-density residential development applications were received for the cities of Richmond Hill and Vaughan resulting in an increase of proposed residential units as part of site plan applications. As of August 2023, the Region has an approved housing supply of an estimated 63,000 units ([Housing Supply Update – August 2023](#) memo reviewed at the Housing Affordability Task Force on September 7, 2023). Based on the Region's approved Regional Official Plan forecast, this represents a supply of more than five years of growth - well within the Provincial requirements that a 3-to-7-year supply of draft approved and registered plans be maintained.

Table 2
Proposed Residential Units Received per Mid-Year in 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023	Per Cent (%) +/- change
Proposed Subdivision Units ¹ (Single/Semi/Townhouse)	872	1,171	34%
Proposed Site Plan units ²	12,017	7,955	-34%
Total proposed units	12,889	9,126	-29%

¹ Proposed residential units associated with draft plan of subdivision applications (no apartments).

² Proposed residential site plan units. Units include site plan applications with no regional requirements.

Total residential units registered in 2023 decreased by 19% compared with 2022

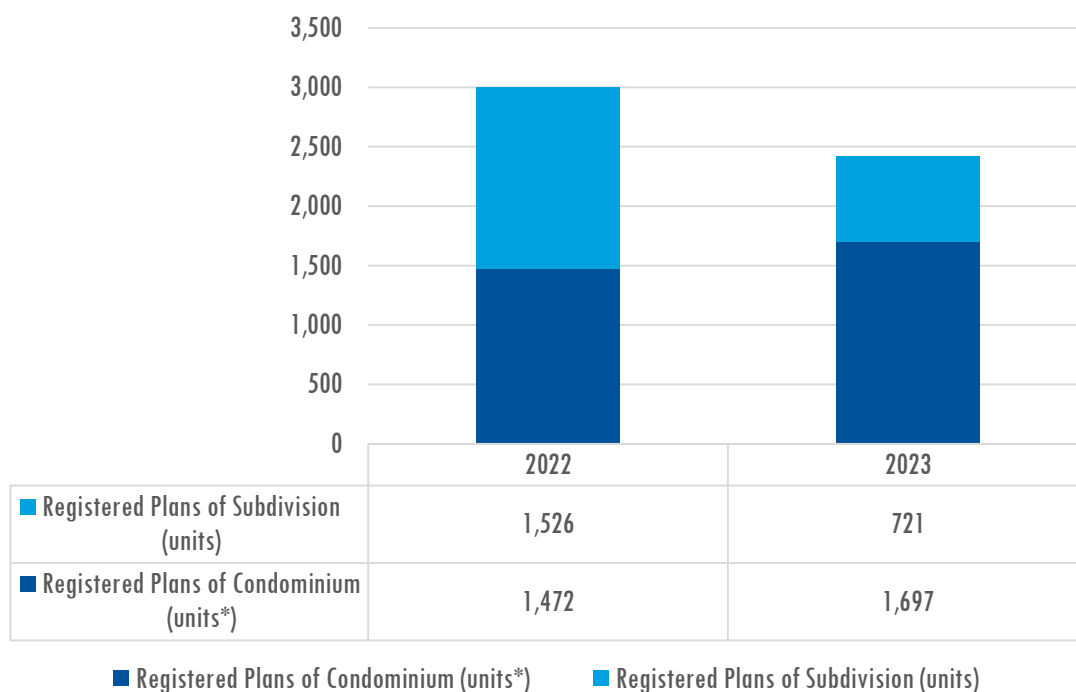
Twenty-four registered plans of subdivision and condominium applications were submitted in 2023 compared to 35 in 2022 (Table 3). The associated registered residential units generated from those applications decreased from 2,998 registered units in 2022 to 2,418 in 2023, representing a 19% decrease (Figure 1).

Unit registrations tend to decrease in the year after DC Bylaw update or an amendment when rates increase. On May 26, 2022, Council approved DC Bylaw No. 2022-31. The new Regional development charge rates came into effect on June 17, 2022 with an increase in soft services rates and a slight decrease in hard services rates. It is expected that residential unit registrations will slow down in 2023. While the number of unit registrations has decreased, overall, there is a healthy supply of residential units under review and approved.

Table 3
Registered Plans of Subdivision and Condominium Applications Mid-Year 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023
Registered Plans of Subdivision	24	16
Registered Plans of Condominium	11	8
Total	35	24

Figure 1
Registered Plans of Subdivision and Condominium Units Mid-Year 2022 and 2023



* Includes apartment units

Site plan applications requiring and receiving Regional approval decreased in 2023

York Region approves engineering matters that impact Regional roadways and infrastructure as part of site plan applications. Site plan applications are reviewed for planning and legal considerations in accordance with the Planning Act, protection of Regional wellheads, property requirements, travel demand management, transit, intersection and access design, road and servicing design, and development implications to the Regional road system and rights-of-way. Site plan applications consist of applications ranging from small ground related infill to major development proposals. Both minor and major site plan applications contribute towards residential and non-residential inventory.

York Region provides conditions of site plan approval and enters into tri-party agreements to ensure Regional requirements and interests are protected. Final approval of site plan applications and their conditions of approval are the responsibility of the local municipality. Appendix A shows the development review process along with planning act timelines versus applicant driven timeline.

In the first half of 2023, 63 site plan applications received Regional approval on matters with Regional requirements compared to 76 approvals in 2022, representing a 17% decrease (Table 4). The decrease may be caused, in part, by a lower number of applications being received at

the local municipality due to Bill 23. The *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) makes a number of changes to the Site Plan Control provisions of the *Planning Act*. All residential developments with 10 or fewer dwelling units are exempt from Site Plan Control unless the development is in a prescribed area. Not all site plan approvals are for applications received within the first half of the year, some approvals were for applications received prior to 2023.

Table 4
Approval of Regional Requirements as Part of Site Plan Applications
Mid-Year 2022 and 2023

	2022	2023
Approved Site Plan Applications	76	63

Regional requirements e.g. adjacent to a Regional road or infrastructure, within source water protection area.

Required engineering approvals decreased by 31% since 2022 with 11 approvals

Regional staff issue engineering approvals for works proposed as part of subdivision applications or local municipal capital projects, which involve Regional infrastructure or located in the Region's right-of-way. From January 1 to June 30, 2023, approvals for 11 subdivision-related engineering plans or local municipal capital projects were issued, whereas 16 approvals were issued in the first half of 2022. These applications involve both above-ground and below ground engineering works, including but not limited to, intersection and access improvements, road widening, electrical and signalization, storm, water, and sanitary servicing connections, property grading and construction access. The number of engineering approvals is tied to approvals required for applications to proceed to clearance for registration.

Regional staff participate on advisory committees and working groups to plan new development areas with local municipal partners

Development Services staff participate in Regional and local Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and Project Working Groups. This includes urban expansion areas, new Secondary Plans and Key Development Areas. Input to these committees and working groups is important to ensure Regional requirements are identified early in the planning process. Region staff also review pre-consultation requests to provide comments and submission requirements for future development applications.

5. Financial Considerations

Application fee revenues increased by 53% compared to previous mid-year collection

Development application fees are collected in accordance with Regional Bylaw No. 2020-04, as amended, for land use planning approvals and the plan review function. As shown in Table 5, Regional development fees collected in the first half of 2023 increased by 53% compared to 2022. The increased fee revenue in 2023 is a result of submission fees for new applications received and complex applications requiring additional engineering works and fees associated with intensification projects. Complex development applications involve review of numerous reports/studies and multiple re-submissions. The fees are based on a percentage of the estimated cost of works within the Regional right-of-way. Less complex applications are subject to a minimum review fee.

Table 5

Fee Revenue for Development Planning and Engineering Mid-Year 2022 and Mid-Year 2023

	2022	2023
Total	\$2,431,621	\$3,729,331

2023 accrued development charge collections of \$152,386,317 represents a 48% decrease from mid-year 2022

Development charges (DCs) are collected through development approval process to help recover costs for growth-related infrastructure. Currently, DCs are collected at subdivision registration and building permit issuance (Appendix A). From January 1 to June 30, 2023, \$152,386,317 in DCs were collected (Table 6), a 48% decrease compared to mid-year 2022 (\$291,624,215), on an accrual basis. The lower DC collections was anticipated as part of the 2023 budget due to changes introduced by Bill 23 as well as the slowdown in housing activity due to current economic conditions. DC collections are currently on track to meet forecasts.

On May 26, 2022, Council approved DC Bylaw No. 2022-31. The new Regional development charge rates came into effect on June 17, 2022 with an increase in soft services rates and a slight decrease in hard services rates. On November 28, 2022, Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2019* (Bill 23), which made changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, received Royal Assent. Amongst the changes introduced by Bill 23 was the immediate removal of Housing Services as a development charges eligible service and the introduction of new phasing provisions. The new phasing provisions, which applied to DC Bylaw 2022-31, provide that when a new DC bylaw is passed, the full DC rates must be phased-in, beginning at 80% of

the new rate in the first year of the bylaw. Taken together, these changes resulted in the Region's residential DC rates being reduced by 22%.

Table 6
Development Charges Collected by Mid-Year 2022 and 2023

2022	2023
\$291,624,215	152,386,317

6. Local Impact

Regional staff work closely with local municipal staff to ensure the timely review of development applications, meeting Regional and local policy objectives, and approvals occur within the timelines prescribed by the Planning Act. Last year, the Region received Provincial funding through the Streamline Development Approval fund to implement changes that would streamline the development approval process.

The Region and its nine local municipal partners and Conservation Authorities are working together to develop planning data standards that include a common application form, common terms of reference and a consistent process to streamline application submission requirements. This work will improve the customer experience and provide a more efficient process to support the Province's target to build 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next 10 years.

7. Conclusion

The 2023 Mid-Year Development Activity report summarizes delegated approvals and new development applications received by the Region in 2023 with a 2022 comparison, using data collected from YorkTrax, to Council for information. A full trend analysis will be provided in the final 2023 annual report in early 2024.

The Director of Development Services issued decisions on a total of 24 local OPA applications in the first half of 2023. The number of applications fluctuate annually due to the cyclical nature of development, applications received in the first half of 2023 decreased by 15% from 2022. Proposed residential units received for review as part of new draft plan of subdivision applications increased by 34%. Total proposed residential units related to new draft plan of subdivision and site plan decreased by 29%. In 2022, multiple high-density residential development applications were received for the cities of Richmond Hill and Vaughan resulting in an increase of proposed residential units as part of site plan applications. The Region has a strong supply of residential inventory, well within Provincial requirements that a 3-to-7-year supply of draft approved and registered plans be maintained.

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Regional staff will continue to work closely with local municipal partners to achieve Regional and local policy objectives, implement provisions of Bill 23 and opportunities to streamline the approval process and ensures approvals are met within the timelines prescribed by the *Planning Act*.

For more information on this report, please contact Asif Abbas at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77271. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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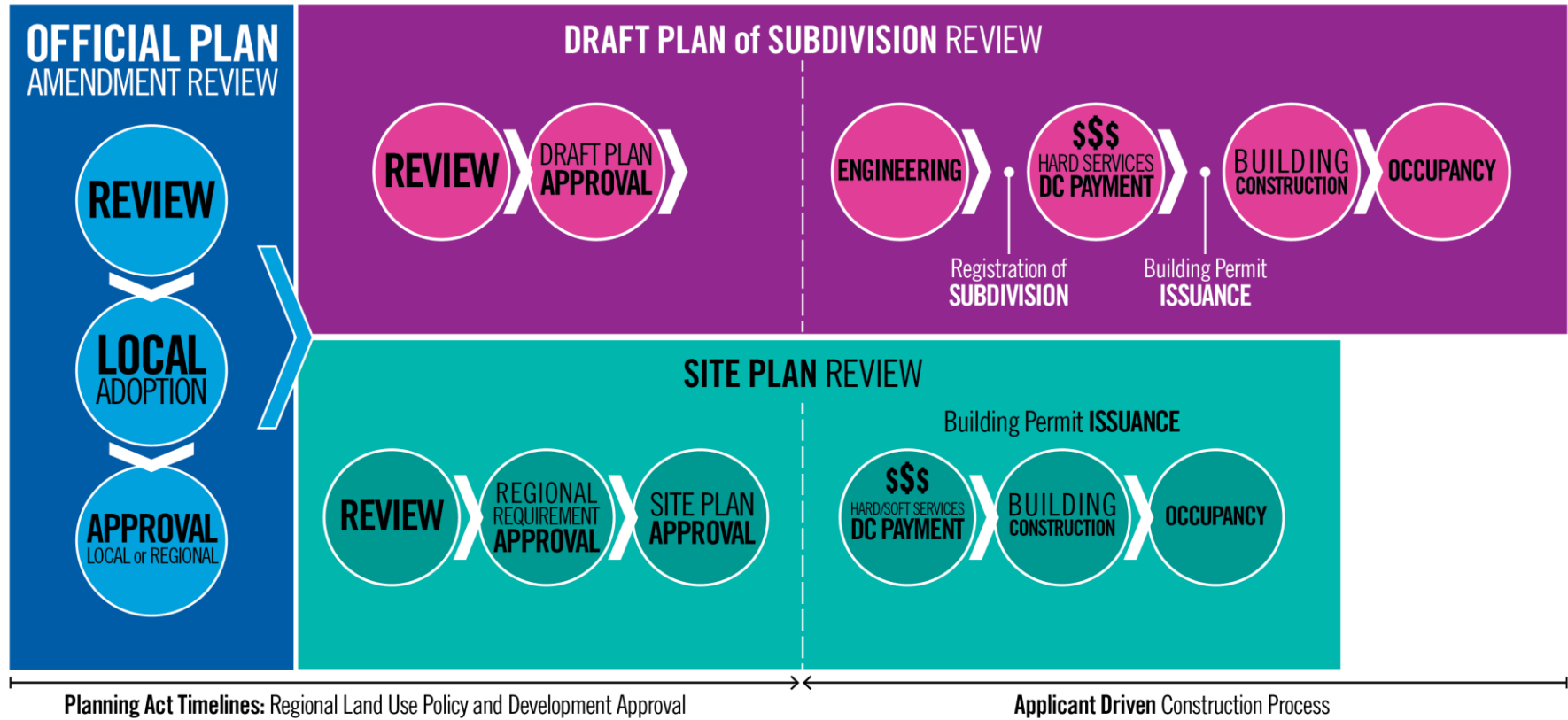


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September 5, 2023
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Appendix A – Development Process and DC Collection
Attachment 1 – 2023 Mid-Year Development Activity Summary by Local Municipality

Development Process and DC Collection



Approval of Memoranda of Understanding between York Region and Conservation Authorities

On September 28, 2023 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to execute Memoranda of Understanding between York Region and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and any future amendments to the Memoranda of Understanding.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local municipalities, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.



The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Environmental Services

September 14, 2023

FOR DECISION

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Chief Planner

Approval of Memoranda of Understanding between York Region and Conservation Authorities

1. Recommendation

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to execute Memoranda of Understanding between York Region and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and any future amendments to the Memoranda of Understanding.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local municipalities, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

2. Purpose

This report is an update to the [June 2022 Council report](#) regarding changes to the [Conservation Authorities Act](#). This report informs Council of new regulatory requirements under the Act, and how York Region is implementing its regulatory obligations through execution of Memoranda of Understanding (agreements) with conservation authorities with jurisdiction in York Region.

Key Points:

- The watersheds within York Region are managed by two conservation authorities, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), that deliver services through legislation, an existing budget process, as well as through existing memoranda of understanding and service level agreements
- Amendments to the *Conservations Authorities Act* have introduced a new framework for the delivery of mandatory and non-mandatory services that could be provided by conservation authorities, as well as prohibited services
- The Province requires that non-mandatory programs must fall under an agreement between a conservation authority and participating municipality, by January 1, 2024 as per Ontario Regulation 687/21

- Agreements between York Region and the conservation authorities will fulfill Provincial requirements for provision of non-mandatory services. These non-mandatory services will be reviewed annually through the budget process
- Each agreement will be in effect for four years with the opportunity to renew for an additional four years or terminate
- Ontario Regulation 596/22 prohibits conservation authorities from providing non-mandatory review on proposals, applications and other matters under legislation like the *Planning Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*

3. Background

Province requires York Region to enter into agreements with Conservation Authorities for delivery of non-mandatory services

Amendments to the *Conservations Authorities Act* have introduced a new framework for the provision of mandatory and non-mandatory services that could be provided by conservation authorities. Ontario Regulation 687/21 requires conservation authorities to enter into agreements with municipalities for non-mandatory services by January 1, 2024 and publicly post agreements on their website.

Table 1 outlines examples of mandatory (Category 1) and non-mandatory services provided by conservation authorities under this new framework. Non-mandatory services include municipally requested services (Category 2) and other services identified by conservation authorities (Category 3) as providing a watershed benefit. Services in each category are being refined in collaboration with conservation authorities, as set out by the Province. This work is important to inform the non-mandatory services agreement.

Table 1
Examples of Conservation Authority Services Under Three Categories

Category 1 (Mandatory Services)	Category 2 (Non-mandatory Services)	Category 3 (Non-mandatory services)
Natural hazard management, flooding, low-water response	Natural area restoration	Fee for service work

Category 1 (Mandatory Services)	Category 2 (Non-mandatory Services)	Category 3 (Non-mandatory services)
Development/site alteration (Section 28.1) permitting	Capital project support	Certain educational programs
Source water protection and watershed resource management strategy	Erosion control (outside natural hazard areas)	

York Region is engaged in discussions with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and other funding municipalities

York Region established a conservation authorities task force to support compliance with the new regulatory requirements by the January 1, 2024 deadline. The task force includes staff from Planning and Economic Development, Public Works, Finance and Legal Services.

Regional staff met with staff from other funding municipalities, including The Regional Municipalities of Durham, and Peel and City of Toronto, to drive consistency among services and agreements.

4. Analysis

New agreements will provide flexibility for specific services

Proposed agreements with TRCA and LSRCA will outline mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services provided by each conservation authority through their annual budgets. York Region is required to fund all mandatory services. Through the annual budget approval process, the Region will have an opportunity to confirm the relevance and value of non-mandatory services to the Region.

Agreements will be in effect for an initial four-year period with automatic renewal for subsequent four-year terms, unless either the Region or the conservation authority provides notice to terminate the agreement. The agreement between York Region and the LSRCA will also include activities that relate to the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, which are considered mandatory services.

York Region's existing agreements with the conservation authorities will be reviewed, and revised as needed, to comply with the new regulatory requirements.

Provincial regulations stipulate what services conservation authorities are required or prohibited to provide to municipalities

On November 28, 2022, Bill 23 received Royal Assent, which allowed the Province to prescribe certain services that a conservation authority cannot provide to a municipality, even under an agreement. The Province implemented these changes through Ontario Regulation 596/22, which came into effect on January 1, 2023.

Conservation authorities are prohibited from providing non-mandatory review and comment for development applications, including assessment of natural heritage to ensure policy conformity on *Planning Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act* applications. Municipalities will be required to lead the following reviews, which are now deemed outside the mandate of conservation authorities:

- Natural heritage conformity (significant wildlife habitat, threatened/endangered species, significant woodlots and valley lands, wetlands, fish habitat, Minimum Vegetation Protection Zones, feature based water balance outside of natural hazards)
- Environmental Compliance Approval, including stormwater component (review support provided by conservation authorities now being supported by the Region in the interim)

TRCA and LSRCA are permitted and will continue to comment on development applications with respect to natural hazard matters.

York Region and local municipalities are exploring options to review development applications and environmental assessments to improve service levels and sustain subject matter expertise

The Region and local municipalities do not currently have the resources or expertise to review and comment on natural heritage aspects of planning applications and environmental assessment studies. On an interim basis, local municipalities are hiring ecologist consultants to review environmental impact studies submitted with development applications and environmental impact assessment studies. Some local municipal planning staff are interested in the Region exploring options to provide natural heritage comments for local decision making to control costs and ensure development proposals are reviewed expeditiously. This would require further reporting and consideration by Council.

5. Financial Considerations

York Region is required to fund mandatory conservation authority services

As a funding municipality, York Region continues to be required to fund all mandatory services, as outlined in Table 1. Mandatory programs and services will be provided as required under the Act and will be funded through the annual budget and apportionment process.

Non-mandatory services are delivered and funded at the request of a municipality. Non-mandatory services will be reviewed annually as part of York Region's budget process, which provides Council the ability to determine if each non-mandatory service continues to provide a benefit to the Region and watershed.

6. Local Impact

York Region continues to be required by Province to fund conservation authorities' operations

York Region is required to fund conservation authorities based on current value assessment of the participating municipalities within the watershed. Local municipalities receive direct benefits from Regional funding, including conservation authority expertise that protects people and property from natural hazards such as flood and erosion risks, along with watershed planning and stormwater management. York Region has provided updates to local municipalities on the development of agreements between York Region and the conservation authorities through regularly scheduled liaison meetings.

Local municipalities entering into agreements for continued support of special projects focused on their individual municipality

Although the Region provides funding for overall conservation authorities mandatory programs and services, there are cases where local municipalities partner with conservation authorities on services directly benefitting their municipality that go beyond the scope of normal conservation authority programs or services funded by the Region. TRCA and LSRCA have developed agreements with local municipalities to continue to provide support for these local municipal priorities. All local municipal agreements are expected to be in place by the end of 2023.


7. Conclusion and Next Steps

Agreements between York Region, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority are required by the *Conservation Authorities Act* to continue delivery of municipally requested programs and services. As required by the Province, non-mandatory services must fall under an agreement between conservation authorities and the Region by January 1, 2024.

Through the annual budget approval process, Council will have the opportunity to confirm relevance and value of non-mandatory services to watersheds in the Region.

For more information on this report, please contact David Szeptycki, Director of Sustainability, Communication & Innovation, or Karen Whitney, Director of Development Services. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

Recommended by:



Erin Mahoney, M. Eng.

Commissioner of Public Works



Paul Freeman, MCIP, RPP

Chief Planner



Approved for Submission:

Bruce Macgregor

Chief Administrative Officer

September 5, 2023

#15046557



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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October 11, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Brian Darling

Resolution No: 314-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the Township of Puslinch and Council direct staff to send a duplicate resolution to associated ministries and Ontario Municipalities.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and



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- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more than \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

That a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

That a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon,
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Cobourg Police Services Board
107 King Street West,
Cobourg, ON K9A 2M4
VIA EMAIL:
sue.bernardi@cobourgpsb.com

Town of Cobourg
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clerk@cobourg.ca

October 12, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber

Resolution No: 315-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Legislation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Midland and direct Staff to circulate to Ontario municipalities and the Cobourg Police Services Board.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON
M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
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VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Downey
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VIA EMAIL

October 12, 2023

Dear Minister Virani and Minister Downey,

RE: “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that at their meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Council of the Township of Howick passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 351-23

Moved by: Councillor Grimes

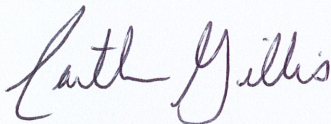
Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That Council of the Township of Howick supports Item 9.5 of correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding the current “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system.

Carried.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick
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Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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TOWN OF MIDLAND

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Toronto ON
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

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Municipal Clerk
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CITY OF VAUGHAN**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

Item 3, Report No. 37, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 26, 2023.

3. REGIONAL PLANNING TRANSITION PLAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated September 19, 2023:

Recommendations

1. THAT Council request York Region to develop a Regional Planning Transition Plan that will gradually reduce and eventually eliminate the Region's planning responsibilities as stipulated in section 70.13 of the Planning Act.
2. THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of this report to York Region Council and all the lower-tier municipal Councils in York Region, as well as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for their information.



Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: REGIONAL PLANNING TRANSITION PLAN

FROM:

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

This report provides staff comments on a proposed Regional Planning Transition Plan in a memo to Regional Council on June 29, 2023.

Report Highlights

- The Planning Act (s.70.13) has removed York Region's land use planning responsibilities.
- Further proclamation is anticipated to transition the removed responsibilities.
- A Regional transition plan is needed.
- The Regional transition plan shall gradually reduce and eventually eliminate its planning responsibilities.

Recommendations

1. THAT Council request York Region to develop a Regional Planning Transition Plan that will gradually reduce and eventually eliminate the Region's planning responsibilities as stipulated in section 70.13 of the Planning Act.
2. THAT Council direct staff to forward a copy of this report to York Region Council and all the lower-tier municipal Councils in York Region, as well as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for their information.

Background

On November 28, 2022, Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 received Royal Assent, which, amongst many other things, removed the land use planning responsibilities from certain upper-tier municipalities including York Region. As a result, Regional Council will no longer be the approval authority of local municipal official plans and amendments, local municipalities will no longer be required to implement the Region's Official Plan, and the Region will no longer have right to appeal land use planning decisions of local municipal Councils. Further proclamation is anticipated to transition the removed responsibilities. On June 29, 2023, a memorandum (the Memo) was delivered to Regional Council outlining the approach Regional staff plan to take during the transition:

<https://yorkpublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=40544>

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

City staff have reviewed the Memo and come up with the following findings and opinions. Additional details are provided in Attachment 1.

1. Exempting Regional approval of site-specific OPAs

The Official Plan is a policy document, and site-specific Official Plan Amendments (OPAs) are unlikely to affect the Region's interests. In fact, as the Memo says, "Most local official plan amendments are already exempt from Regional approval, ...". Therefore, City staff are of the opinion that the Region should take action to immediately exempt all site-specific OPAs from Regional approval. A continued involvement of Regional staff in the review and approval of these site-specific OPAs is contrary to the intent of Bill 23 to remove the Region's planning responsibilities and can cause delays.

City staff will continue to collaborate with York Region staff during transition to complete the City's ongoing Official Plan Review, as required by sections 26 and 27 of the Planning Act.

2. Growth management

Since municipalities are no longer required to conform to Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020), which provides specific population and employment forecasts by 2051, faster growing municipalities will likely exceed the limits

allocated by the Region's Official Plan. As such, when removing the Region's planning responsibilities, a solution must be found regarding the future of the services currently regulated and delivered by York Region, such as water supply, wastewater disposal, transportation, and transit, that are integral to planning and growth management.

3. Development applications

Staff are of the opinion that during transition, the Region's planning staff shall consider reducing its involvement in planning decisions and let local municipalities determine circulation of applications to the Region.

From the City's perspective, certain development applications that directly affect services and properties currently delivered, operated, or owned by the Region shall continue to be circulated to the Region for comments. In consultation with Regional staff, during transition, City staff may decide not to circulate other development applications to the Region to help streamline the planning process and minimize delays if, in staff's opinion, they are unlikely to adversely affect the Region.

4. OLT appeals during transition

City staff concur that the Region will not exercise its right to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) local land use planning decisions without having a local Council direction first and limit its involvement as a party at new OLT hearings during transition.

However, City staff are of the opinion that Regional staff should be directed to utilize the transition to transfer all outstanding appeals that it has been involved with to the affected local municipalities, so that local planning staff can continue to address the concerns after the proclamation of Bill 23.

Financial Impact

This report does not have direct financial impacts.

Operational Impact

N/A

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

City staff believe that a Regional planning transition plan should clearly demonstrate how the Region plans to gradually reduce and eventually eliminate its planning

responsibilities, rather than “continue to comment on planning applications and assist local municipalities with ensuring conformity ...” as said in the Memo. Furthermore, Regional Council should refrain from giving staff direction on post-proclamation activities based on the presupposition that all planning related service deliveries will stay the same.

For more information, please contact: Christina Bruce, Director of Planning Policy and Special Programs, ext. 8231, and Nancy Tuckett, Director of Development Planning, ext. 8529.

Attachments

1. Staff Comments on proposed Regional Planning Transition Plan

Prepared by

Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, ext. 8445
Christina Bruce, Director of Policy Planning and Special Programs, ext. 8231
Nancy Tuckett, Director of Development Planning, ext. 8529.

Approved by



Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager,
Planning and Growth Management

Reviewed by



Nick Spensieri, City Manager

Staff Comments on proposed Regional Planning Transition Plan

Description of York Regional Planning Role/Responsibility	Status as of Today (June 2023)	Transition Approach and Timing	Description of End State (Proclamation TBD – possibly Q1 2024)	City Staff Comments
1. Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) and Official Plan Update	MCR completed and the new Official Plan has been adopted by Council and approved by MMAH in November 2022.	Region will continue to assist local municipalities with their Official Plans to ensure conformity with the approved ROP and inclusion of added policies to embed any necessary Regional policies into the local OPs (i.e. Regional road planned widths, MTSA policies, growth management).	Region will continue to gather and analyze data to forecast growth to assist local municipalities and Regional Council coordinating growth, determining infrastructure needs and phasing within the financial sustainability framework and to inform master and capital planning.	<i>A transition plan shall clearly indicate how the Region plans to gradually reduce its involvement in land use planning and eventually eliminate all its planning responsibilities as stipulated in s. 70.13 of the Planning Act.</i>
2. Responsibility for Regional Official Plan	Region has the responsibility to continue to make decisions and offer advice regarding conformity to the Regional Official Plan.	Region will continue to work with each local municipality to determine needs in preparing the local municipality to assume responsibility for implementation of the Regional Official Plan. Region will continue to provide comments and bring locally adopted OPs to Regional Council to achieve timely approvals that incorporate the approved ROP and provincial policy direction.	Region will continue to support administering and interpreting the Regional Official Plan following proclamation.	<i>There will be no need to maintain a Regional Official Plan following proclamation since local municipalities will no longer be required to implement it.</i> <i>Staff will continue working with Regional staff toward completing the City's Official Plan Review.</i>

Description of York Regional Planning Role/Responsibility	Status as of Today (June 2023)	Transition Approach and Timing	Description of End State (Proclamation TBD – possibly Q1 2024)	City Staff Comments
3. Approval Authority for Local Official Plans and Amendments	Region is approval authority for Local Official Plans and Amendments – Amendments meeting criteria defined in Regional Official Plan policy 7.3.8 can be exempted from Regional approval.	Region will continue to apply the exemption criteria where possible to streamline the approval process. Some amendments may still be subject to Regional approval delegated to staff per the delegation bylaw or approved by Regional Council, striving to achieve approval within prescribed timelines.	<p>Upon Proclamation, Region is no longer approval authority for local Official Plans and Amendments and will no longer collect decision fees.</p> <p>Regional staff will continue to advise local municipalities through comments with the goal of achieving approval ready OPAs that respect local, Regional Council and provincial policy directions within the prescribed timeframes.</p>	<p><i>As a transition, the Region shall start immediately to exempt all site-specific OPA applications from the City of Vaughan from Regional approval to help streamline the planning approval process.</i></p> <p><i>Following proclamation, there will be no need for the City of Vaughan to continue circulating OPA applications to the Region for comments and approval.</i></p>

4. Region's participation in Local Official Plans, Amendments, Secondary Plans and related background studies

Region participates in reviewing and providing comments on Official Plans, Amendments and Secondary Plans and related background studies. The amendments are circulated to the Region for review and comment following adoption. The Region is the approval authority for Official Plans, Amendments and Secondary Plans.

Region will continue to participate in reviewing and providing comments on Official Plans, Amendments and Secondary Plans and related background studies.

Region will continue to work with local municipalities to achieve approval ready OPs, OPAs and Secondary Plans.

Region will continue to participate in reviewing and providing comments on Official Plans, Amendments and Secondary Plans and related background studies, with focus on Regional matters such as:

- Municipal water and wastewater servicing
- Regional Transportation Systems
- Growth management linked to the fiscally sustainable provision of regional infrastructure and services
- Affordable and Assisted Housing
- Responsibilities associated with a specific mandate prescribed by legislation (e.g. sourcewater protection, public health)
- Other Regional Services and Council priorities.

Staff are of the opinion that, the removal of the Region's planning responsibilities shall also include removal of all its planning related servicing responsibilities, such as water supply, wastewater disposal, Regional roads, and public transit. Otherwise, hardly there will be any change to help streamline planning approvals and speed up housing supply.

Description of York Regional Planning Role/Responsibility	Status as of Today (June 2023)	Transition Approach and Timing	Description of End State (Proclamation TBD – possibly Q1 2024)	City Staff Comments
5. Region’s participation in reviewing and commenting on development applications	<p>Region is circulated, reviews and provides comments on development applications in accordance with public and resident interests.</p> <p>Region is circulated all development applications to capture growth data in a comprehensive manner and provide products back to individual local municipalities such as housing supply and servicing allocation dashboards.</p>	<p>All development applications continue to be circulated to Region.</p> <p>Region continues to be circulated, review and provide comments on development applications in accordance with public and resident interests.</p>	<p>All development applications should continue to be circulated to Region for monitoring, reporting and growth management.</p> <p>Region will continue to review and provide comments on development applications related to Regional matters such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal water and wastewater servicing • Regional Transportation Systems • Growth management linked to the fiscally sustainable provision of regional infrastructure and services • Affordable and Assisted Housing • Responsibilities associated with a specific mandate prescribed by legislation (e.g., sourcewater protection, public health) • Other Regional Services that have a land component 	<p><i>During transition, the Region shall consider reducing its involvement in the planning process by letting local municipalities determine what to circulate to the Region. Staff are of the opinion that development applications that directly affect Regional services and Region owned properties, shall continue to circulate to the Region for comments.</i></p> <p><i>Staff have the same comments as provided under #4 following proclamation.</i></p>

Description of York Regional Planning Role/Responsibility	Status as of Today (June 2023)	Transition Approach and Timing	Description of End State (Proclamation TBD – possibly Q1 2024)	City Staff Comments
6. Right to Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)	Although rare, the Region has the ability to appeal decisions to the Ontario Land Tribunal. Appeal of local planning matters is subject to Council direction.	Region will not exercise its right to appeal, except for circumstances where public and resident interests are critically impacted, in recognition of its changing role, subject to Council direction.	Upon proclamation, Region is no longer able to appeal decisions to the OLT.	<i>City staff concur.</i>
7. Party to an OLT Hearing	Region is currently a party to many active files under litigation at the Ontario Land Tribunal.	<p>Region will actively seek opportunities to limit its involvement as a party at new Ontario Land Tribunal Hearings unless matters of critical importance to Regional Council is an issue. Staff will seek Regional Council direction for any involvement at OLT in these cases.</p> <p>Region will discuss with local municipalities the inclusion of typical Regional standards for development to ensure Regional infrastructure and assets are not compromised. Regional participation in hearings to ensure this is a smooth process may still be required during this transition period.</p>	<p>Upon proclamation, Region no longer able to be a party to a Hearing. The proposed transition provisions allow the Region to remain a party to an appeal, if it was granted party status prior to sections removing its rights came into force.</p> <p>Regional staff will make themselves available to local municipalities where requested, including authorization by Council.</p>	<i>City staff are of the opinion that the Region shall best utilize the transition to transfer the outstanding appeals that it is involved to the affected local municipalities, so that local planning staff can continue to address its concerns after proclamation.</i>



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.4.

Resolution Number 23-169

Title: Request to Province to declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic in Ontario - Resolution to Support

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Lundy

Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago receives and supports the Town of Aurora's resolution declaring gender-based and intimate partner violence an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada (Hon. Justin Trudeau), the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), Leaders of Opposition Parties, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP (Hon. Scott Aitchison), Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP (Hon. Graydon Smith), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



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Town of Aurora
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September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Premier's Office, Room 281
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 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
 premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
 Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence
 Epidemic**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and

Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and

Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support

for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic
September 28, 2023

3 of 3

Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.2 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and
5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and
6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.13.
Resolution Number 23-178
Title: Cigarette Producer Responsibility
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Sheard
Seconded by: Councillor MacLeod

WHEREAS cigarette manufacturers play a crucial role in the creation and distribution of cigarette products. Cigarettes, are responsible for significant environmental damage and contribute to waste and pollution; and

WHEREAS cigarette butts are the most common form of litter worldwide and pose a threat to aquatic life and ecosystems. As reported 26 July 2023 to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Pollution Probe's Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup identified cigarette butts one of the top five items of microplastics found in the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS cigarette filters are composed of non-biodegradable materials that can take several years to degrade, exacerbating the problem of waste accumulation; and

WHEREAS the concept of producer responsibility promotes the idea that the party that profits from the creation and sale of a product should also be responsible for managing the product's end-of-life environmental impact; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has successfully implemented producer responsibility programs for various industries, such as electronics, packaging, and batteries, resulting in significant improvements in waste management and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of cigarette manufacturers from current producer responsibility programs in our province creates an inconsistency in environmental policy and hampers our overall efforts to reduce waste and protect our environment. It is imperative to address the environmental impact of cigarette manufacturing, usage, and disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago hereby requests the Province of Ontario to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Government takes necessary steps to develop and amend legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and the Province of Ontario be encouraged to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders, including public health organizations, environmental groups, and retail associations, to develop comprehensive and effective strategies for the inclusion of cigarette manufacturers in producer responsibility program, taking into account the unique challenges posed by tobacco products;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario allocate adequate resources and establish monitoring systems to ensure compliance with the newly imposed responsibilities by cigarette manufacturers, including penalties for non-compliance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario adopts regulations and policies that require cigarette manufacturers to:

1. Take financial responsibility for the collection, transportation, recycling, or safe disposal of discarded cigarettes and related waste materials.
2. Develop and engage in public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and implement programs to educate the public on the safe disposal of cigarette butts.
3. Implement measures to minimize the environmental impact of their products through the use of sustainable materials, reduced packaging, and improved recycling initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Ministry of the Environment actively collaborates with other provinces and territories within Canada to encourage a nationwide approach towards including cigarette manufacturers in Producer Responsibility initiatives;

AND FURTHER BE FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Association, and other pertinent stakeholders as appropriate, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried



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October 18, 2023

File: C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Grimsby regarding establishing a guaranteed livable income:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, That in consideration of correspondence received September 11, 2023, from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, Council of the Township of Clearview directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Simcoe-Grey, and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Sasha Helmky-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe Grey
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe Grey

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File: C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
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Sent by Email

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Illegal Car Rally – Provincial Task Force

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach regarding illegal car rallies:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas, the prevalence of unsanctioned car rally events has grown in recent years throughout North America; and

Whereas, the Town of Wasaga Beach has been the target of unsanctioned car rallies over the past four years resulting in property damage, threats to public order, and significant risk to people's safety and enjoyment of their property;

And Whereas the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms are being violated by unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants, thereby infringing on the rights of others and undermined the response of enforcement personnel; and

Whereas, unsanctioned car rally activity crosses multiple jurisdictions requiring a province wide coordinated response framework to protect all communities from the same disruption and risk to public safety;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Wasaga Beach requests that a provincial task force be assembled to create a municipal response framework to protect communities from unsanctioned car rallies with a mandate to include, but not limited to:

- Investigate legislative enhancements and tools to assist municipalities in responding and enforcing unsanctioned car rallies.
- Investigate expanded powers for municipal law enforcement officers.
- Develop a proactive approach to awareness, prevention, enforcement and collaboration across all enforcement personnel, including police, municipal law enforcement officers and other provincial offences officers.
- Investigate harsher penalties and increased fines for unsanctioned car rally organizers and participants; and

That the Province provide funding to municipalities to assist with the cost in enforcing unsanctioned car rallies; and

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, MPP Brian Saunderson, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, County of Simcoe, FCM, and AMO.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
MPP Brian Saunderson
Commissioner Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police
County of Simcoe Council

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File: C00.2023

Premier of Ontario
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Sent by Email

RE: Municipal Codes of Conduct

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on October 16, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence regarding Municipal Codes of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Clearview supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation

to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also, Be It Resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;

And that the above resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario Municipalities.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
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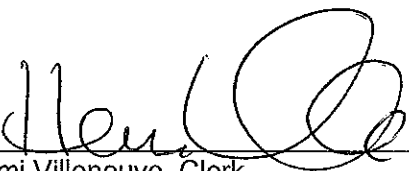
Township of East Hawkesbury
Regular Meeting



Agenda Number: 16.
Resolution # 2023-50
Title: Correspondence
Date: October 10, 2023

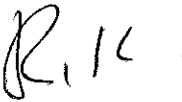
Moved by: Monique Desjardins
Seconded by: Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.



Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

Carried



Canton de Hawkesbury Est
Réunion Extraordinaire



No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 16.
Résolution # 2023-50
Titre: Correspondance
Date: le 10 octobre 2023

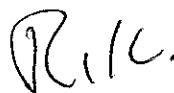
Proposé par: Monique Desjardins
Appuyé par: Stéphanie Sabourin

Qu'il soit résolu que le Conseil soutien le projet de loi 21 qui modifie la Charte des droits des résidents énoncée à l'article 3 de la loi de 2021 sur les soins de longue durée en ajoutant le droit des résidents de ne pas être séparés de leur conjoint au moment de leur admission, mais de disposer d'un logement pour les deux conjoints afin qu'ils puissent continuer à vivre ensemble.



Hemi Villeneuve, Gréffière,

Adoptée





Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Robert Kirby
Mayor of Township of East Hawkesbury
5151 County Road 14, P.O. Box 340, St-Eugene, ON, K0B 1P0

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kirby,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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Service update



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Viva	orange
1	Highway 7
2	Milliken
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20	Jane
21	Vellore
54	Bayview
77	Highway 7
82	Valleymede
83A	Trench
86	Newkirk-Red Maple
88	Bathurst

Revised service	
90	Leslie
91/91 A	Bayview
98/99	Yonge (late night)
105	Dufferin
415	Stouffville District School Special
417	Bill Hogarth School Special
720	Hwy 407 Terminal/Wonderland
760	Vaughan Mills/Wonderland

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honourable Khanjin,

**RE: KING: NOTICE OF MOTION
- LAKE SIMCOE PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION STRATEGY RESOLUTION**

At its meeting of October 16, 2023, Council of the Corporation of the Township of King received and supported a Resolution with respect to the Lake Simcoe phosphorous reduction strategy.

Council of the Township of King formally requests that the Provincial Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, endorse and support the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008*, which received unanimous support in the Ontario Legislature in 2008, outlines a variety of measures to protect the Lake Simcoe watershed, including reducing phosphorous loading to the lake; and

WHEREAS the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan promotes an adaptive management framework; and

WHEREAS significant change has occurred in the watershed since the original phosphorus loading target of 44 tonnes per year was established that should influence management strategy, such as the type and extent of invasive species as well as climatic changes in precipitation, streamflow and ice cover;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council for the Township of King requests that the Province of Ontario updates the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy including revising the phosphorus target and adding other management objectives as necessary; and
2. That the Province of Ontario develops and funds implementation of a time-bound action plan to achieve the revised Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy with a target date of 2030; and
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; all Lake Simcoe watershed Members of Parliament; all Lake Simcoe watershed Members of Provincial Parliament; all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities; and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority."

Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,

Denny Timm
Township Clerk

cc. Leah Taylor-Roy, MP, Aurora/Oak Ridges leah.taylorroy@parl.gc.ca
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October 12, 2023

Sent to: akirkey@foodallergyca.ca

Dear Arianne Kirkey:

RE: Lighting Request – October 31, 2023 – Shine a Teal Light on Food Allergy Awareness

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in teal on October 31, 2023 to recognize Shine a Teal Light on Food Allergy Awareness. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

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October 12, 2023

Sent to: rpeters@madd.ca

Dear Rachael Peters:

RE: Lighting Request – November 1, 2023 – MADD Canada’s Project Red Ribbon

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red on November 1, 2023 to recognize MADD Canada’s Project Red Ribbon. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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October 12, 2023

Sent to: ssilverstein@alzfdn.org

Dear Sandy Silverstein:

RE: Lighting Request – November 2, 2023 – Light the World in Teal

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in teal on November 2, 2023 to recognize the Light the World in Teal. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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October 20, 2023

Sent to: kyanna@rainbows.ca

Dear Kyanna Lee:

RE: Proclamation Request – November 16, 2023 – National Children’s Grief Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim November 16, 2023 as National Children’s Grief Awareness Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town’s website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town’s social media.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



October 20, 2023

Sent to: kyanna@rainbows.ca

Dear Kyanna Lee:

RE: Proclamation Request – November 16, 2023 – National Children’s Grief Awareness Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize November 16, 2023 as National Children’s Grief Awareness Day.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



October 20, 2023

Sent to: prematurityday@cpbf-fbpc.org

Dear Sylvia Harnarain:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – November 17, 2023 – World Prematurity Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize November 17, 2023 as World Prematurity Day.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on November 17, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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October 20, 2023

Sent to: prematurityday@cpbf-fbpc.org

Dear Sylvia Harnarain:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – November 17, 2023 – World Prematurity Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation and lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim November 17, 2023 as World Prematurity Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on November 17, 2023 to recognize World Prematurity Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Legislative Coordinator



October 20, 2023

Sent to: hlegault@syntaxstrategic.ca

Dear Helena Legault:

RE: Lighting Request – November 20, 2023 – UNICEF National Child Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize November 20, 2023 as UNICEF National Child Day.

The Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on November 20, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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October 20, 2023

Sent to: hlegault@syntaxstrategic.ca

Dear Helena Legault:

RE: Lighting Request – November 20, 2023 – UNICEF National Child Day

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on November 20, 2023 to recognize UNICEF National Child Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator