



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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Information Reports

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- INFO-2021-18: Customer Service Department 2021 Q1 Results
Customer Service
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- INFO-2021-19: Summary of the 2018 - 2022 Mid-Term Survey of
Local Boards and Committees
Legislative Services
Distributed June 3, 2021
- INFO-2021-20: 2020 Reserve and Reserve Funds Continuity
Financial Services
Distributed June 4, 2021
- INFO-2021-21: William Roe Boulevard and Dixon Boulevard
Traffic Update
Engineering Services
Distributed June 9, 2021



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May 21, 2021

21-092

**Moved by Councillor Emery
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

RE: Bill 228 - Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam

WHEREAS unencapsulated expanded and extruded polystyrene foam (PS foam) is a common and economical product used for dock flotation; and

WHEREAS unencapsulated PS foam, when used as floatation, deteriorates and breaks down through exposure to water, sunlight and chemicals (gasoline, oil & other contaminants), as well as from animals and physical impacts from boats and other debris; and

WHEREAS the environmental impacts associated with the breakdown of unencapsulated PS foam are significant. PS foam is one of the top items of debris found on shorelines, beaches, and surface water around the world. Widespread and global contamination has resulted in PS foam being found in the gut contents of wildlife, including in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin. PS foam causes adverse effects to wildlife when ingested. Laboratory experiments show negative impacts of PS foam on feeding behaviour, growth, hepatosomatic index (HSI), and reproduction. Under certain conditions, PS foam leaches known toxics styrene and benzene. Floating particles of PS foam also has aesthetic impacts on shorelines and waterways; and

AND WHEREAS there is no Federal legislation in Canada regulating the use of unencapsulated expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) for docks to date. However, on May 13, 2021, the Province of Ontario passed *Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act*, to regulate and control its use for floats; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes the need for PS foam to be encapsulated when used for flotation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment) the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania,

Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

Carried.



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21-091

**Moved by Councillor Andrews
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

RE: Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021

WHEREAS microfibers are human-made strands less than 5mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials. Microfibers are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process;

WHEREAS billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes. Studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin, either directly via treated final effluent, or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge; and

WHEREAS microfiber contamination is widespread: Worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.), honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more; and

WHEREAS microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples; and

WHEREAS a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch; and

WHEREAS microplastics do not biodegrade; and

WHEREAS chemicals such dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing. Textiles can also absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic, and harmful chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers; and

WHEREAS a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival, and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption,

decreased fertility, and other lethal and sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies; and

WHEREAS a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory; have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibres by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (McIlwraith et al. 2019). On a wider scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfibre pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plant. The results of this study are to be released in August; and

WHEREAS add-on filters cost approximately \$180-220 CDN to purchase and install, which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary adoption rates are low; and

WHEREAS France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622), and Ontario has tabled Private Member's Bill 279 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibres shed during machine washing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

Carried.

CLERKS DEPARTMENT

May 26, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu
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Dear Minister Hajdu:

Re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative

This is to confirm that at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

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

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

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

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

THAT, a letter demonstrating Township of West Lincoln Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honorable Dean Allison MP Niagara West, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff MPP Niagara West, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio- Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,



Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Federal Minister of Health
The Honourable Dean Allison MP
The Honourable Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications
Ontario Municipalities

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021

Item 11, Report No. 22, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 18, 2021.

11. PINKCARS INITIATIVE – COVID-19 VACCINATION SUPPORT

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Regional Councillor Jackson, dated May 4, 2021, be approved; and
- 2) That the comments by Ms. Shanta Sundarason, Pink Cars, Victoria Avenue, Unionville, be received.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Jackson

Whereas, the City of Vaughan continues to work in close collaboration with York Region to take decisive and meaningful action to protect residents, businesses and staff from COVID-19; and

Whereas, both the City and Region remain in constant collaboration with provincial and national health agencies, receiving regular updates as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. This allows the City and Region to take well-informed and meaningful steps towards stopping the spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, as of April 27, nearly 400,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to York Region residents. The City's Maple Community Centre continues to operate as a vitally crucial COVID-19 vaccine clinic serving the people of Vaughan; and

Whereas, compassionate, dedicated and hardworking individuals support Vaughan and communities throughout York Region. This includes the remarkable volunteers from PinkCars – an organization providing COVID-19 vaccination support for seniors aged 70+ in York Region; and

Whereas, each day, PinkCars volunteers help members of the older adult community book vaccination appointments and take people safely to and from their scheduled appointments. PinkCars volunteers offer their complimentary services in multiple different languages, thereby supporting Vaughan's diverse and multicultural community further; and

Whereas, PinkCars is seeking communications support for its services and additional community volunteers to assist with the group's mission to respond to the global COVID-19 pandemic by addressing access to care and support issues facing many of Vaughan and York Region's most vulnerable residents.

CITY OF VAUGHAN**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021****Item 11, CW Report 22 – Page 2****It is therefore recommended:**

1. The City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the passage of this resolution in support of PinkCars and its mandate on the appropriate corporate communications channels, including issuing a news release to local, national, and cultural media outlets; and
2. That this resolution is shared with York Region Council, all York Region-area Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament and York Region lower-tier municipalities.

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 04, 2021

TITLE: PinkCars Initiative – COVID-19 vaccination support

FROM:

Regional Councillor Linda Jackson

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2. That this resolution is shared with York Region Council, all York Region-area Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament and York Region lower-tier municipalities.



May 31st, 2021

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Re: Council Resolution of Support – MPP Hillier

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

Further to the meeting of Council on May 11th, 2021 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following motion to support the City of Kitchener's resolution regarding Planning Act timelines;

“THAT, Council support the resolution by the City of Kitchener regarding Planning Act timelines;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lanark Highlands Township Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario.”

A copy of that motion and correspondence is attached.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RCM", is written over a horizontal line.

Ryan C. Morton MPM, CIPM
CAO/Clerk
Township of Lanark Highlands

CC:

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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

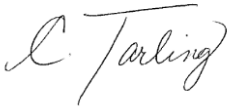
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- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener
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May 31, 2021

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The Honourable John Yakabuski
 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Dear Minister:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of May 25, 2021
Re: Motion 9.6 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: Beaver Dam Removal

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 25, 2021, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas beavers dam up the infrastructure of our stormwater management ponds and streams, causing the flow to stop which can result in extensive floods; and

Whereas the Town has a legislative responsibility to protect our infrastructure from potential flooding due to damming; and

Whereas the Town currently uses existing humane methods of diverting beavers away from our storm water management infrastructure – from wrapping trees to specialized tree plantings; and

Whereas the Town has in past used the services of a licensed trapper for beavers where no other solution is appropriate; and

Whereas the Town stopped trapping activities in December 2020 to investigate water level control and flow devices used in a few other municipalities such as London and Ottawa; and

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May 31, 2021
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Whereas Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) strongly supports that storm water management systems are maintained and operated in accordance with their respective Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) to ensure that people, property, and infrastructure are not at risk from flooding;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to discontinue the return to trapping and instead implement dam removal as it is the only humane option available to the municipality at this time and explore alternative water level management controls, including but not limited to a water flow device expert, that would ensure compliance with the respective Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA); and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. John Yakabuski Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, Michael Parsa, MPP, and all York Region Municipalities.**

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/is

Copy: Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
Michael Parsa, MPP, Aurora – Oak Ridges – Richmond Hill
All York Region Municipalities

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Krista South, Executive Manager, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71208 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Finance and Administration
May 13, 2021

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan Year 2 (2020) Progress Report

1. Recommendations

The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

2. Summary

This report provides a summary on the progress made in 2020, year two of the [2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan](#).

Key Points:

- In 2020, 23 of 31 (74%) of the *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* performance measures were trending in the desired direction (see Attachment 1). While most performance measures are trending in the right direction, the Region's Strategic Plan progress reporting is exception-based and provides explanations for performance measure variances. This method of reporting is rooted in the Region's value of accountability towards achieving Council's Vision of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities
- The Strategic Plan was developed to withstand changing operating environments by anchoring into core services to ensure the Region continues to meet its legislative obligations while remaining flexible and responsive to residents' needs. York Region accomplished a great deal in 2020 despite COVID-19's impacts. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, core services the Region provides did not change, although how the Region provides them in our changing operating environment may have changed, resulting in impacts to some performance measures

3. Background

The Strategic Plan sets out critical steps needed for the Region to move towards meeting Council's Vision

To achieve Council's Vision of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities, the Region sets priorities over each four-year term of Council through the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan alignment with Vision ensures that decisions made today set a course for the desired future.

On February 28, 2019, Council endorsed the [2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan](#) tabled with the *2019 to 2022 Regional Budget*. Strategic Plan progress reports are presented to Council annually. This report provides a summary on the progress made on performance measures in year two (2020) of the *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan*.

Performance accountability considers York Region's specific contributions to the well-being of our communities

Performance accountability is measured through performance measures that capture how well a core service is working to contribute to our communities' well-being. Performance measures in the *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* are tracked to ensure that objectives are met, with variances reported to Council annually.

In March 2020, York Region declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

On March 23, 2020, York Region declared a state of emergency in response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, the province has put public health measures in place to limit the transmission of COVID-19. This resulted in the cancellation of organized events, closures of facilities and businesses and shutdown of non-essential services. York Region administrative facilities were closed to the public until further notice and included temporary disruption to some York Region programs and services. During these times of uncertainty and rapid change, the number one priority is protecting the health and safety of residents and all our communities.

4. Analysis

IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON YORK REGION'S *2019 TO 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN*

The *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* was developed to withstand changing operating environments

The *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* was developed to withstand changing operating environments by anchoring the plan in core services to ensure the Region continues to meet its legislative obligations while remaining flexible and responsive to residents' needs. This approach was critical in maintaining progress during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan's* priorities, objectives, key performance measures and activities set for the four-year Council term are still relevant. Programs and services the Region provides have not changed even though how the Region provides them in our changing operating environment may have been impacted.

The annual progress report summarizes progress on the baseline trends over the four most recent data points available to create the baseline reference. As fluctuations can occur from year-to-year, it is more meaningful to report on the baseline trend as a four-year impact summary, rather than annual variance. While most performance measures are trending in the desired direction, the Region's Strategic Plan progress reporting is exception-based and provides explanations for performance measure variances. This method of reporting is rooted in the Region's value of accountability towards achieving Council's Vision of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities.

Highlighting York Region achievements during COVID-19

York Region accomplished a great deal in 2020 despite COVID-19's impacts. Here is a snapshot of what has been accomplished:

- Reached 5.26 million visits to york.ca and deployed new business solutions, dashboards and online projects to support pandemic response
- Achieved top scores in the Ontario Chief Drinking Water Inspector's report, with 99.98% of samples meeting provincial standards
- Completed 133 lane kilometres of road rehabilitation and 86 lane kilometres of road preservation projects
- Launched six electric buses to support our goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2051
- Continued planning and development activity amid a global pandemic
- Received more than 30 awards and accreditations across various departments

Some performance measures were impacted by COVID-19

As a result of staff redeployments to the COVID-19 operational response and the temporary disruption to some Regional programs and services, some performance measures were impacted by the pandemic.

Two (2) performance measures have no data available:

- Percentage of 17-year-old students in compliance with *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act*
- Percentage of food service premises with a certified food handler at all times

Three (3) performance measures were not trending in the desired direction:

- Number of transit ridership per capita
- Percentage of individuals and families remaining stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program

Attachment 2 provides a more detailed explanation of each performance measure and how they were impacted by the pandemic.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought about major changes in the way people live, work and play. For example, all modes of travel were affected, even after restrictions were eased. Private vehicle travel fell sharply at the start of the lockdown but rebounded by year-end. There was a noticeable shift in traffic patterns as volumes became more uniform through the day. Some of these shifts may last well beyond the pandemic with better bearings on the future of York Region residents. For example, key partnerships were developed between York Region and partner agencies to coordinate and leverage services and funding opportunities for those impacted by COVID-19. These partnerships and lessons learned will help inform York Region service and response even after the pandemic ends.

2019 TO 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance measures help demonstrate York Region's specific contribution to the well-being of our communities. The Year 2 (2020) Progress Report summarizes progress on the baseline trends over four data points using 2016 as the baseline reference year where possible. As fluctuations can occur from year-to-year, it is more meaningful to report on the baseline trend as a four-year impact summary rather than annual variance.

74% of the Strategic Plan's performance measures were trending in the desired direction

In 2020, 23 of 31 (74%) performance measures' current baselines were trending in the desired direction (see Attachment 1).

The performance measure outlining the percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve housing stability shows data not available due to data collection constraints. Working with community partners, York Region delivers several housing stability programs providing a range of shorter- and longer- term supports, including rent-gear-to-income subsidies, portable housing benefits, outreach, case management and counselling and emergency and transitional housing. In 2020, 9,244 households received help to improve housing stability – a slight increase from 9,236 households that received assistance in 2019. For the next progress report, staff will develop a method to report on the percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve their housing stability.

Five performance measures were not trending in the desired direction

Five (5) out of 31 (16%) of the performance measures' current baseline trends were not trending in the desired direction (see Attachment 1):

- Number of transit ridership per capita (due to COVID-19)

The number of transit ridership per capita decreased significantly compared to previous years in 2020, reaching 9.5 million riders. Ridership was primarily impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic with work-from-home initiatives, school closures and limitations on travel for leisure. In addition, the service area population of York Region decreased slightly in 2020 as select low performing routes were discontinued due to the ridership decline.

- Percentage of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas

In 2020, 85% of regional roads have an adjacent sidewalk and/or dedicated bike lane in urban areas. This is a 1% increase compared to 2019. However, when comparing 2020 data (85%) with 2018 data (88%) as the baseline reference year, baseline trends for this performance measure are not trending in the desired direction. 2018 was the first year the percentage of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas was measured. In 2019, the data collection methodology was refined to provide more accurate data by using multiple data sets, which has slightly lowered the percentage as reported in 2018. York Region continues to include pedestrian and cycling facilities as part of road improvement projects in partnership with local partners, and this trend is expected to be maintained or increase as the urbanization of the Region continues.

- Percentage of individuals and families remaining stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness (due to COVID-19)

In 2020, 81% of individuals and families remain stably housed after six months who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness. Overall housing retention in 2020 was comparable to 2019 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the pandemic, York Region was unable to work with emergency housing providers that employ housing support works to provide support and capacity building to finalize an approach that ensures accurate and consistent data collection. Homelessness Community Programs plan to resume these conversations in 2021.

Recognizing that seniors and those experiencing homelessness, low income and other challenges faced higher risk to their health and safety, York Region moved quickly when the pandemic was declared to develop a coordinated response with key partners. An important early step was creating the COVID-19 Community Coordination Initiative with United Way Greater Toronto and other organizations. Using Access York, FindHelp 211 data, and information from surveys and consultation with agencies, partners identified major concerns across the Region and

looked for opportunities to work together to coordinate and leverage services and funding opportunities.

Finding new ways to provide shelter safely while seeking more stable housing was identified early in the pandemic and continues to be a priority. Working with the United Way Greater Toronto, local municipalities, private companies, community organizations and other partners, the Region was able to quickly open two new temporary shelters. These shelters have helped to stop the spread of COVID-19 into other emergency housing facilities in the Region.

- Number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program (due to COVID-19)

The number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program decreased in 2020 compared to previous years' achievements. In 2020 the target of 70,000 was nearly met with 60,539 trees and shrubs planted. Decreases were largely due to COVID-19-related safety concerns with accessing private property sites. Plantings missed in 2020 are anticipated to be made up in the coming years.

- Percentage of regional assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better condition

The overall percentage of core assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better decreased slightly in 2020 to 86%. This is due to aging road assets which did not have a sustainable funding source. In 2019, Regional Council approved drawing from the Asset Replacement Reserve to fund road assets.

Attachment 2 is an exception report summarizing these five performance measures. The summary outlines additional contributing factors for performance relating to each measure and activities planned to support future progress.

5. Financial

Costs associated with the delivery of the *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* are aligned with the multi-year budget. The 2021 to 2022 Regional Budget, approved on March 25, 2021, supports fiscal responsibility within a complex environment and continues to focus on delivering the key priorities of the *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan*, while responding to fiscal challenges, including COVID-19 impacts and investments in capital infrastructure.

The financial impacts of COVID-19 on the Region in 2020 totaled approximately \$186.5 million. Senior government funding of approximately \$90 million helped offset the overall impacts, resulting in a net impact to the Region of \$96.5 million.

Impacts to the Region's budget directly affects the Region's ability to achieve the four key result areas of Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government. Reductions to planned contributions and budgetary allocations would have to be made up in future years, resulting in impacts on generations to come.

6. Local Impact

The Region's *2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan* shares similar strategic priorities as local municipalities. The progress made in year two of the Region's four-year Strategic Plan continues to support the strong alignment of strategic priorities profiled in many of the local municipalities' plans.

7. Conclusion

The Year 2 (2020) Progress Report provides Council with an update on how the Region is progressing towards meeting its strategic priorities. York Region accomplished a great deal in 2020 despite COVID-19's impacts on much of the operating environment. In Year 2 (2020), 74% (23 of 31) of performance measures are trending in the desired direction. This demonstrates York Region's dedicated commitment made in Year 2 in taking specific, implementable strategies and actions, while responding to COVID-19, to address turning and maintaining the curves of performance measures toward achieving the priorities captured in the Strategic Plan. It is recommended this report be circulated to local municipalities for their information.

For more information on this report, please contact Krista South, Executive Manager, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71208. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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YEAR 2 (2020) PROGRESS REPORT



SUMMARY: 23 of 31 = 74% of Performance Measures Trending in the Desired Direction

Result Area	Performance Measure	Historical Data			YEAR 1 2019	YEAR 2 2020	Baseline Trend	
		2016	2017	2018				
Economic Vitality	Increase % of business engagements resulting in business retention, expansion and attraction	44%	45%	37%	53%	61%	●	
	Maintain # of transit ridership per capita	20.7	20.8	20	19.8	9.5	● **	
	Increase # of kilometres of bus rapidways	8.70	12.30	12.30	27.30	33.70	●	
	Increase # of people and employment within 500 metres of transit	Data not available for reporting			241,000	257,000	265,000	●
	Maintain % of on-time performance on all transit routes	94.58%	94.14%	91.45%	91.48%	94.74%	●	
	Increase # of road lane kilometres	4,174.51	4,229.70	4,265.12	4,293.00	4,318.00	●	
Healthy Communities	Maintain % of residents that rate York Region as a safe place to live	96%	96%	94%	95%	96%	●	
	Maintain police emergency (Priority 1) response time in minutes	7:12	7:06	7:00	6:50	6:44	●	
	Maintain % of municipal drinking water samples meeting Ontario Drinking Water Standards	99.96%	99.93%	99.89%	100.00%	99.98%	●	
	Increase % of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas	Data not available for reporting			88%	84%	85%	●
	Increase % of 17-year-old students in compliance with Immunization of School Pupils Act	59.15%	86.43%	91.83%	92.00%	Data not available for reporting		▲ **
	Increase % of food service premises with a certified food handler at all times	47%	52%	68%	77%	Data not available for reporting		▲ **
	Increase % of York Region clients receiving help to improve their housing stability	Data not available for reporting					▲	
	Maintain paramedic response time for emergency response services to meet Council approved targets	80%	78%	76%	76%	76%	●	
	Increase # of advocacy activities related to long-term care beds	Data not available for reporting			3	13	10	●
	Decrease # of days to determine York Region residents' eligibility for social assistance	9	9	8	8	3	●	
	Decrease # of children with an immediate need waiting for subsidized childcare	1,957	1,258	1,575	2,152	1,855	●	
	Increase % of individuals and families remaining stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness	Data not available for reporting				83%	81%	● **
Sustainable Environment	Maintain % of wastewater receiving treatment	99.99%	99.97%	99.99%	100.00%	99.97%	●	
	Maintain % of residential solid waste diverted from landfill	91%	93%	94%	94%	93%	●	
	Decrease # of megalitres of treated water consumed per 100,000 population	10,718	9,605	9,855	10,004	10,368	●	
	Decrease # of per capita greenhouse gas emissions across Regional operations in tonnes	69.70	64.80	65.20	65.40	55.50	●	
	Increase % of growth occurring within the built-up areas	44.5%	46.9%	59.3%	75.0%	59.0%	●	
	Increase % of development applications meeting timeline commitments	Data not available for reporting			100%	100%	●	
	Maintain # of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program	93,188	85,464	101,122	102,332	60,539	● **	
Good Government	Maintain / Improve comparative \$ of operating cost per unit of service*	0.86	0.91	1.00	1.01	0.95	●	
	Increase % of public-facing transactions that can be completed online or with a mobile device	Data not available for reporting			60%	73%	75%	●
	Increase % of reserve-to-debt ratio	79%	86%	99%	111%	117%	●	
	Maintain % of regional assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better condition	Data not available for reporting		91%	90%	87%	86%	●
	Maintain % of York Region residents that are satisfied with Regional government	86%	78%	75%	81%	87%	●	
	Increase # of open data sets	163	177	214	228	228	●	

*NOTE: 2018 as baseline year and considered trending in the right direction compared to inflation. 2020 data may be subject to change based on finalized FIR data.

LEGEND ● = Trending in the desired direction ● = Not trending in the desired direction ▲ = Collecting data
 **Performance measures negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Exception Report Summary

2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan Year 2 (2020) Progress Report – Performance Measures

Performance Measures Not Trending in the Desired Direction

Five (5) of 31 (16%) of the Strategic Plan's performance measures' current baseline trends were not trending in the desired direction (see Attachment 1):

- Number of transit ridership per capita (due to COVID-19)
- Percentage of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas
- Percentage of individuals and families remaining stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness (due to COVID-19)
- Number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program (due to COVID-19)
- Percentage of regional assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better condition

Contributing factors for the performance of each of these measures are detailed below.

Performance Measures With No Data Available for Reporting

In 2020, three (3) performance measures had no data available for reporting:

- Percentage of 17-year-old students in compliance with *Immunization of Schools Pupils Act* (due to COVID-19)
- Percentage of food service premises with a certified food handler at all times (due to COVID-19)
- Percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve their housing stability

Explanations for the lack of data for each of these measures are detailed below.

Performance Measures Not Trending in the Desired Direction



ECONOMIC VITALITY

Maintain number of transit ridership per capita

The number of transit ridership per capita decreased significantly compared to previous years in 2020, reaching 9.5 million riders. Ridership was primarily impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic with work-from-home initiatives, school closures and limitations on travel for leisure. In addition, the service area population of York Region decreased slightly in 2020, as select low performing routes were discontinued due to the ridership decline. However, Mobility On-Request service areas were expanded. In 2020, there were 9.5 million transit riders across the York Region Transit system.

Over the past few years, transit ridership has been decreasing as a direct result of decrease to revenue service hours and impacts from construction. Revenue service hour decreases have been a result of budgetary restraints to pay for capital expenditures. A clear trend was identified between construction areas and corresponding ridership. In areas where construction was occurring, ridership in those corridors and routes connecting to them decreased due to increased travel times and delays.

The regional road network continues to be under pressure due to significant growth across York Region. To manage this demand on our regional roads, highways and transit system, the Region is continuing to focus providing mobility for all modes of travel (walking, cycling, transit and auto uses) through improved transit services, development of complete and walkable communities, improved network infrastructure and connections as well as promoting active transportation through the implementation of cycling facilities.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Increase percentage of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas

In 2020, 85% of regional roads have an adjacent sidewalk and/or dedicated bike lane in urban areas. This is a 1% increase compared to 2019. This increase indicates that regional road segments added in 2020 included a sidewalk and/or bicycle lane adjacent to it, or that additional sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes were added to existing road segments.

However, when comparing 2020 data (85%) with 2018 data (88%) as the baseline reference year, baseline trends for this performance measure are not trending in the desired direction. 2018 was the first year the percentage of regional roads with sidewalks and/or dedicated bike lanes in urban areas was measured. This performance measure illustrates the number of regional roads that have a sidewalk or bike lane adjacent to it and relies on municipal data sets inputted by York Region local municipalities into the Spatial Data Warehouse. In 2019, the data collection methodology was refined to provide more accurate data by using multiple data sets, which has slightly lowered the percentage as reported in 2018. As the data sets are refined each time entered, there may be a change in municipal data sets entered and slight fluctuations may appear due to data reporting becoming more accurate. York Region continues to include pedestrian and cycling facilities as part of road improvement projects in partnership with local partners, and this trend is expected to be maintained or increase as urbanization of the Region continues.

Increase percentage of individuals and families remaining stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness

In 2020, 81% of individuals and families remain stably housed after six months who were homeless or at risk of homelessness. Overall housing retention in 2020 was comparable to 2019 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the pandemic, York Region was unable to work with emergency housing providers that employ housing support workers to provide support and capacity building to finalize an approach that ensures accurate and consistent data collection. Homelessness Community Programs plan to resume these conversations in 2021.

Recognizing that seniors and those experiencing homelessness, low income and other challenges faced higher risk to their health and safety, York Region moved quickly when the pandemic was declared to develop a coordinated response with key partners. An important early step was creating the COVID-19 Community Coordination Initiative with United Way Greater Toronto and other organizations. Using Access York, FindHelp 211 data, and information from surveys and consultation with agencies, partners identified major concerns across the Region and looked for opportunities to work together to coordinate and leverage services and funding opportunities.

Finding new ways to provide shelter safely while seeking more stable housing was identified early in the pandemic and continues to be a priority. Working with the United Way Greater Toronto, local municipalities, private companies, community organizations and other partners, the Region was able to quickly open two new temporary shelters. These shelters have helped to stop the spread of COVID-19 into other emergency housing facilities in the Region.

This measure excludes clients for whom 'housing status' was unknown or unavailable at 6 months, and may not reflect unique customers, as it is possible to access multiple programs in a calendar year.



Maintain number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program

The number of trees and shrubs planted annually through the Regional Greening Strategy Program decreased in 2020 compared to previous years' achievements. In 2020, the target of 70,000 was nearly met with 60,539 trees and shrubs planted. Decreases were largely due to COVID-19 related safety concerns with accessing private property sites. Plantings missed in 2020 are anticipated to be made up in coming years.

In addition, the cancellation of tree planting programs in 2020 by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and reduced tree planting capacity from other partners contributed to the significant decline. Plantings missed in 2020 are anticipated to be made up in the coming years, with LSRCA indicating most 2020 plantings will be completed in 2021.

Since 2009, a total of 1,041,312 trees and shrubs have been planted in the Region. Over the same period, annual plantings have ranged from approximately 46,000 to over 100,000. These numbers do not include tree plantings associated with infrastructure projects.



Maintain percentage of regional assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better condition

This performance measure includes only service areas deemed as "core assets" per O.Reg 588/17. (e.g. Water/Wastewater, Roads).

In 2020, the percentage of regional assets with a condition assessment rating of fair or better condition decreased slightly in 2020 to 86%. This is due to aging road assets which did not have a sustainable funding source. In 2019, Regional Council approved drawing from the Asset Management Reserve to fund road assets.

The Region continues improving asset management practices to better understand risks and vulnerabilities to service delivery and better link asset management decision-making with broader provincial acts and regulations, corporate policies, plans and budgets. Corporate Asset Management's last report to council was in 2018, whereby the Region completed its first

Corporate Asset Management Plan and an update to the Corporate Asset Management Policy. Prior to the next update to the Corporate Asset Management Plan, the Region is working to define current and future Level of Service across all service infrastructure areas.

Water/Wastewater assets:

- In 2020, approximately 94% of the water/wastewater asset portfolio is in fair or better condition, which is unchanged from the previous reporting year
- All water and wastewater assets rated in poor or very poor condition have been programmed for rehabilitation or replacement

Transportation assets:

- In 2020, the decline in condition assessment rating is due to aging road assets and funding limitations in the past few years
- Transportation staff have been tracking this expected decline in condition and have been working with Finance to create a sustainable funding source. In 2019, Council approved an Asset Replacement Reserve which is now used to support road asset funding

Performance Measures With No Data Available for Reporting



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Increase percentage of 17-years-old students in compliance with the *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*

For the 2019 / 2020 school year, there were 9,853 17-year-old students enrolled in York Region District School Board (YRDSB) schools. At the end of *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)* enforcement activities in the first quarter of 2020, 9,782 were in compliance (99.3 per cent) and only 71 (0.7 per cent) were suspended. Compared to previous school years where ISPA was enforced among 17-year-old YRDSB cohorts, the number of individual students suspended was low.

York Region staff redeployments to the COVID-19 operational response resulted in only Q1 enforcement activities for YRDSB schools being completed resulting in 2020 data not comparable to previous years.

Increase percentage of food service premises with a certified food handler at all times

Due to the COVID-19 response, all certified food handler promotions and workshops were cancelled as of March 16, 2020 until further notice resulting in 2020 data not comparable to previous years.

Increase percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve their housing stability

The performance measure outlining the percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve housing stability shows data not available due to data collection constraints. Working with community partners, York Region delivers several housing stability programs providing a range of shorter- and longer- term supports, including rent-geared-to-income subsidies, portable housing benefits, outreach, case management and counselling and emergency and transitional housing. In 2020, 9,244 households received help to improve housing stability – a slight increase from 9,236 households that received assistance in 2019. For the next progress report, staff will develop a method to report on the percentage of York Region clients receiving help to improve their housing stability.

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities and the Building Industry and Land Development Association, York Region Chapter.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Edward Hankins, Director, Treasury Office and Deputy Treasurer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71644 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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Committee of the Whole
Finance and Administration
May 13, 2021

Report of the Commissioner of Finance

2020 Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement

1. Recommendations

The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities and the Building Industry and Land Development Association, York Region Chapter.

2. Summary

This report provides a year-end summary of development charge activity and reserve balances for 2020, as required under the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, as amended (the Act).

Key Points:

- As of December 31, 2020, Development Charge Reserve balances total \$383.0 million
- Reserve balances increased by \$113.0 million from 2019 due to collections exceeding draws by \$101.4 million, as well as \$11.7 million of interest earned during the year
- As a result of legislative changes related to Bill 108, a one-time increase has been included in the reserves in the amount of \$91.2 million
- The Treasurer's Reserve Fund Statement is in compliance with the Act

3. Background

Development charges are a major funding source for the Region's capital plan

Development charges are imposed to recover growth-related capital costs from residential and non-residential developments. Since the majority of York Region's capital expenditures support growth-related projects, development charges are a key source of funding for its capital plan.

Development charge reserves are governed by the Act

The Act specifies how development charge reserves are established and reported upon.

Sections 33 and 43 of the Act require that:

- A municipality that has passed a development charge bylaw shall establish a separate reserve fund for each service to which the development charge relates and fund only eligible capital costs from the reserve fund
- The Treasurer of the municipality shall provide Council a financial statement relating to development charge bylaws and reserve funds established

The financial statement must identify all assets where capital costs were funded under a development charge bylaw. Municipalities are also required to identify all other sources of funding applied to each project funded with development charges and provide details on activities for each development charge reserve for the year.

4. Analysis

As of December 31, 2020, the Development Charge Reserves had a balance of \$383.0 million

As at December 31, 2020, the Development Charge Reserves had a balance of \$383.0 million, an increase of \$113.0 million from 2019. The activity for the year is shown on Table 1.

Table 1

Development Charge Activity in 2020 (in \$ millions)

Service	Opening Balance	Collections ³	Deferral Accrual	Draws	Interest	Closing Balance ¹
Regional Roads	361.8	112.7	38.1	82.9	17.3	447.0
Water Supply ⁵	(77.1)	44.0	14.3	51.6	(4.0)	(74.4)
Wastewater Servicing ⁵	(109.4)	87.2	29.2	98.3	(5.6)	(96.9)
General Services ²	<u>94.7</u>	<u>35.5</u>	<u>9.6</u>	<u>36.4</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>107.3</u>
Total	270.0	279.4	91.2	269.2	11.6	383.0

Note 1: Reserve balance includes opening balance plus collections, expenditures and interest accrual.

Note 2: General Services includes transit, subway, waste diversion, police, paramedic services, public health, senior services, social housing, public works, growth studies, court services and GO Transit.

Note 3: Development charge collections are reported net of development charge credits and does not include one-time accrual for deferred development charges.

Note 4: Represents the one-time accrual for deferred development charges.

Note 5: Water Supply and Wastewater Servicing components of this reserve have deficits as a result of the need to build capacity in this infrastructure in advance of planned growth. These deficits will be reduced as the growth occurs in the future and the related development charges are received.

As a result of legislative changes in accounting treatment, a one-time increase has been included in the reserves in the amount of \$91.2 million

The Region's outstanding Deferred Development Charges were previously disclosed as Contractual Rights in the notes to the financial statements. Finance staff reviewed these contracts and determined that it is appropriate to recognize the development charges when they ordinarily become payable.

Recognizing the development charges when the building permit is issued and setting up an asset/receivable (with actual draws and payments decreasing the receivable) will provide a more accurate representation on the Region's financial statements. A one-time entry has been made as of December 31, 2020, to record all the current deferrals the Region has entered in the amount of \$91.2 million. This has been included as development charge collections.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of emergency response, development charges were affected adversely

Development charge collections did not achieve the level forecasted during the preparation of the 2020 Budget due to effects of COVID-19, such as stay-at-home orders causing processing of development applications to initially slow down at the local and Regional level, restrictions on residential construction for about a month in April, a shift of focus of developers to complete projects already under construction (as that type of construction was allowed), a temporary slow down in the housing market due to the degree in uncertainty related to the future and worries related to a future recession brought on by the pandemic.

The Treasurer's Reserve Fund Statement is comprised of five schedules

Attached to this report are five schedules (see Attachment 1) which make up the financial statement required by the Act:

- Schedule 1 summarizes the development charge reserves established under the authority of the Act, and the Development Charge Bylaw
- Schedule 1 (A) provides a further breakdown of the General Services column on Schedule 1

- Schedule 1 (B) provides details of the development charge credits shown on Schedule 1
- Schedule 2 shows the 2020 general services capital project expenditure details
- Schedule 3 shows the 2020 roads-related development charge expenditure details
- Schedule 4 shows the 2020 water supply-related development charge expenditure details
- Schedule 5 shows the 2020 wastewater servicing-related development charge expenditure details

The Treasurer's Reserve Fund Statement is in compliance with the Act

As of December 31, 2020, this reserve fund statement is in compliance with the Act. The Region has not imposed, directly or indirectly, any additional levies or required construction of a service, except as may be permitted under the Act or another act.

5. Financial

Development charge collections were below the 2020 forecast

Development charge collections (before the deferred development charge accrual) in 2020 were \$279.4 million (based on units of 5,725 and 133,099 sq. m.), which represented \$81.7 million less than the forecast of \$362.1 million. This forecast was based on a unit forecast of 8,001 and a gross floor area forecast of 366,702 sq. m.

Development charge collection is not the same as development charge revenue

Depending on the timing of capital spending, development charge collections within a fiscal period may not equal the revenue recorded in the financial statements. The Region's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles established by the Public Sector Accounting Board. Revenue is recorded as development charge balances are drawn down to pay for principal and interest on previously constructed growth capital or new growth capital projects.

Development charges fund debt payments as well as growth infrastructure

Development charges fund infrastructure in one of two ways; it pays for growth infrastructure directly, or it pays down debt that was issued in order to build growth infrastructure. In 2020, \$269.2 million was taken out of the Development Charge Reserves; \$226.6 million was for debt servicing for development charge funded projects, while a further \$42.6 million was used to fund capital projects directly.

As at December 31, 2020, the Region had \$2.55 billion of debt outstanding that will be funded through future development charge collections, out of a total debt of \$2.72 billion.

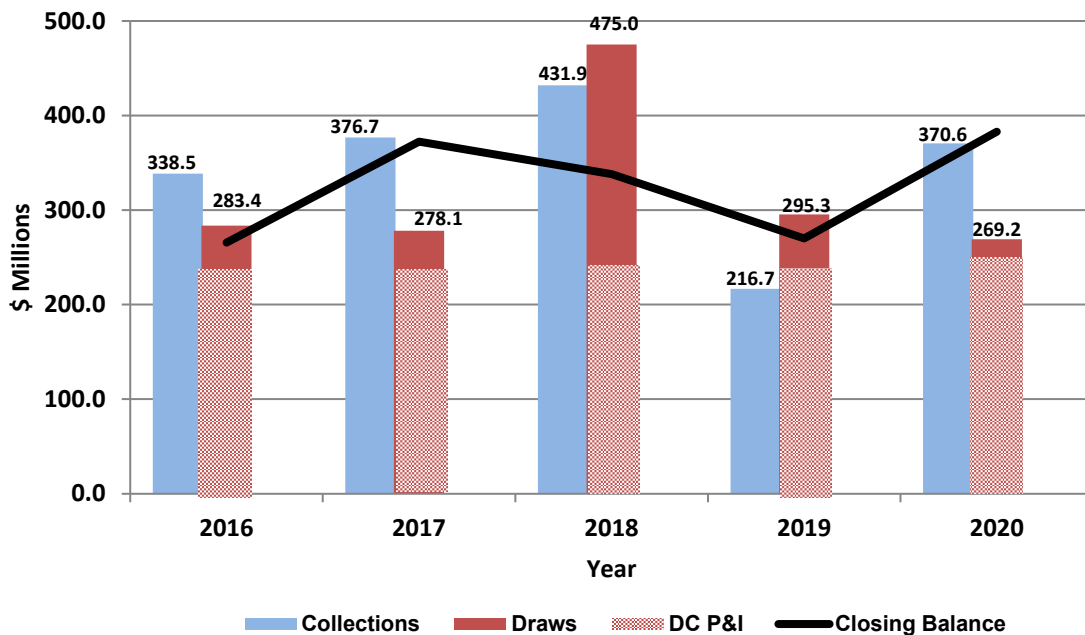
As per the Capital Financing and Debt Policy, it is the Region's practice to maintain a cash balance in the Development Charge Reserves equal to a range of 75 to 100 % of the projected annual principal and interest payments during the fiscal year for growth-related debt. In this way, the Region manages the total balance in the Development Charge Reserves against uncertainties in the development charge collections and fluctuations in the level of outstanding debt from year-to-year.

Chart 1 compares development charge collections and draws during the past five years. This chart demonstrates that for the past five years, the closing balance of the reserves have been above the principal and interest that had to be repaid.

Chart 1

York Region 2016 - 2020 Development Charge

Collections and Draws Comparison (in \$M)



6. Local Impact

Development charges are an important revenue source for funding growth-related infrastructure which benefits all municipalities in York Region.

7. Conclusion

The 2020 Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement presented in this report satisfies the Region's reporting obligations pursuant to the Act.

For more information on this report, please contact Edward Hankins, Director, Treasury Office and Deputy Treasurer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71644. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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April 29, 2021

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Attachment 1

**Regional Municipality of York
Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

	General Services ¹	Regional Roads	Water Supply	Wastewater Servicing	2020 Total
Opening Balance at January 1, 2020	\$94,791,078	\$361,735,175	(\$77,147,616)	(\$109,421,516)	\$269,957,120
Development Charges Collected (Gross) ²	45,098,109	150,764,149	58,238,935	119,255,495	373,356,687
Development Charge Credits Issued ³				(2,783,536)	(2,783,536)
Development Charges Collected (Net)	\$45,098,109	\$150,764,149	\$58,238,935	\$116,471,959	\$370,573,151
Interest ⁴	3,968,327	17,333,626	(3,964,967)	(5,649,150)	11,687,837
Revenue Sub -Total	\$49,066,436	\$168,097,775	\$54,273,968	\$110,822,809	\$382,260,988
Expenditures	\$36,474,705 ⁵	\$82,853,505 ⁶	\$51,550,222 ⁷	\$98,328,884 ⁸	\$269,207,315
Closing Balance at December 31, 2020	\$107,382,809	\$446,979,445	(\$74,423,870)	(\$96,927,591)	\$383,010,793

NOTES :

1. See Schedule 1(A) for breakdown.
2. Adjusted to reflect gross DC collections before the deduction of DC credits.
3. See Schedule 1(B) for breakdown.
4. Interest earned or internal borrowing cost.
5. See Schedule 2 for breakdown.
6. See Schedule 3 for breakdown.
7. See Schedule 4 for breakdown.
8. See Schedule 5 for breakdown.

**Regional Municipality of York
General Services Details
Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

	Opening Balance January 1, 2020	Development Charges Collected (Gross)	Development Charges Collected (Net)	Interest	Revenue Sub-Total	Expenditures	Closing Balance December 31, 2020
Growth Studies	\$6,740,691	(\$262)	(\$262)	\$290,413	\$290,151	\$899,751	\$6,131,091
Police	9,051,998	6,934,194	6,934,194	406,538	7,340,732	6,305,083	10,087,648
Paramedic Services	-4,495,195	2,722,139	2,722,139	-199,256	2,522,882	1,315,261	-3,287,574
Public Health	10,584,769	779,182	779,182	481,924	1,261,106	36,564	11,809,312
Senior Services	20,346,255	0	0	908,626	908,626	0	21,254,881
Social Housing	6,597,849	1,361,975	1,361,975	275,177	1,637,152	245,326	7,989,675
Public Works	21,431,911	1,565,752	1,565,752	954,752	2,520,504	560,459	23,391,956
Subway	37,782,397	18,986,546	18,986,546	795,727	19,782,273	40,103,992	17,460,678
Transit Infrastructure	-9,703,457	9,986,421	9,986,421	215,586	10,202,007	-14,630,479	15,129,030
GO Transit	506,608	2,132,218	2,132,218	22,546	2,154,764	1,043,462	1,617,910
Court Services	-4,705,449	301,354	301,354	-217,155	84,199	595,286	-5,216,536
Waste Diversion	652,699	328,590	328,590	33,450	362,040	0	1,014,739
2020 Total	\$94,791,078	\$45,098,109	\$45,098,109	\$3,968,327	\$49,066,436	\$36,474,705	\$107,382,809

NOTES :

**Regional Municipality of York
Development Charge Credits Issued
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Municipality	Subdivision	Developer	Hard Services			
			Regional Roads	Water Supply	Wastewater Servicing	Total
Town of East Gwillimbury	19T-08E04 Phase 3	Mosaik, Sharonvit Estates Inc.			\$808,813	\$808,813
Town of East Gwillimbury	19T-09E03	Valmadera Holdings Inc.			\$907,407	\$907,407
Town of Georgina	19T-05G07 and 19T-05G08	Greenville et al			\$1,067,316	\$1,067,316
Total Development Charge Credits Issued ¹					\$2,783,536	\$2,783,536

NOTE :

1. To register for a plan of subdivision, developers are required to pay development charges for hard services (i.e., regional roads, water supply and wastewater servicing). Development charge credits issued are direct reductions against these applicable hard services. The remaining development charges are collected at the building permit stage. Net development charge collections consist of gross collections less credits.

**Regional Municipality of York Development Charge Reserve
Capital Program Expenditures
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Service Category	Project Number	Project Description	Development Charge Reserve Funding	Other Project Funding			2020 Total Project Funding
				Tax Levy Funding	User Rate Funding	Other ¹	
Growth Studies	90000	Business Management	344,751			59,029	403,780
	95000	Long Range Strategic Planning	555,000				555,000
			899,751	0		59,029	958,780
Police	26160	Debenture Payments ²	5,522,546			5,383,226	10,905,771
	29017	Communications Bureau - Radio System Upgrades	288,698	297,973		517,755	1,104,426
	29050	Air Support Rehabilitation	170,852	1,708,703		322,666	2,202,221
	29010	Vehicles	67,618	3,561,377		961,000	4,589,994
	29042	Radio System	50,741	175,681		159,000	385,422
	29035	Closed Circuit System	20,251	70,115			90,366
	29014	Specialized Equipment	27,803	96,262			124,065
	29011	Business Intelligence	24,699	85,515			110,214
	29047	Forensic Lab Equipment	120,799	418,242			539,041
		Sinking Fund Surplus	-20,376				-20,376
29037	Marine Patrol Boat	31,451	108,893			140,345	
			6,305,083	6,522,761		7,343,646	20,171,489
Paramedic Services	54301	Paramedic Services Station New Vehicles	418,651	46,517			465,168
	54215	Operational Planning Division	896,610	17,924		44,814,091	45,728,625
			1,315,261	64,441		44,814,091	46,193,793
Public Health	H52002	Georgina Link Hub	36,564	10,894	0	0	47,458
Social Housing	67675	Richmond Hill Hub	238,026			1,585,194	1,823,220
	67510	Social Housing Predevelopment	7,300	43,929			51,230
			245,326	43,929	0	1,585,194	1,874,449
Public Works	99900	Fleet	430,531				430,531
	14170	Property Services BFM - Markham Yard	129,928				129,928
			560,459				560,459
Subway	90000	Business Management	40,177,102	-12,750,171			27,426,931
		Sinking Fund Surplus	-73,110				-73,110
			40,103,992	-12,750,171	0	0	27,353,821
Court Services	14060	Annex Facilities Operations and Management	595,286				595,286
Transit Infrastructure	90000/38001	Debenture Payments ²	330,673	31,048,957		-1,410	31,378,219
	81582	Transit Garage North	695,900	4,274,812			4,970,712
	81585	Rapid Transit Bus Garage	56,936	1,481,875			1,538,811
	82150	Bus Loops & Stops Expansion	349,335	849,892			1,199,227
	82155	Major Mackenzie West Terminal	353,285	72,360			425,645
	84399	Mobility Plus Bus Expansion	48,930				48,930
		Move 2019 Costs to Subway	-18,095,881				-18,095,881
	90992	Facilities and Terminals	1,513,569	2,781,757		4,381,232	8,676,557
	90999	Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit Studies	116,775	23,919			140,694
				-14,630,479	40,533,572		4,379,821
GO Transit	15800	GO Transit (Metrolinx)	1,043,462				1,043,462
Regional Roads		See Schedule 3 for Details	82,853,505	19,589,233		41,316,325	143,759,063
Water Supply		See Schedule 4 for Details	51,550,222	122		5,992,309	57,542,652
Wastewater Servicing		See Schedule 5 for Details	98,328,884	-287,068		0	98,041,816
Total Capital Programs			\$269,207,315	\$53,727,712	\$0	\$105,490,415	\$428,425,443

NOTES :

1. Other consists of proceeds from debenture issues, third party recoveries, other capital reserves, provincial/federal grants, fees and charges.
2. Debenture payments include both principal and interest.
3. The development charge reserve funding for Business Management was used to fund Development Charge Background Study-related work.

Regional Municipality of York Development Charge Reserves
Regional Roads Capital Program Expenditures
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Project Number	Project Description	Development Charge Reserve Funding	Tax Levy Funding	Other Project Funding ¹	2020 Total Project Funding
85560	Rutherford Road - Keele Street to Dufferin Street	\$12,547,008	\$1,394,112	(\$1,014,435)	\$12,926,685
81320	Major Mackenzie Drive - Highway 27 to Pine Valley Drive	10,011,822	2,786,521	15,068,261	27,866,604
83450	Major Mackenzie Drive - Highway 27 To Highway 50	3,680,740	632,098	2,013,015	6,325,853
39970	Miscellaneous Development Charge Credit Payments to Developers 2	3,560,634	395,626		3,956,260
81915	Leslie Street - Elgin Mills Road to 19th Avenue	2,762,208	1,307,047	9,173,485	13,242,740
81390	Bathurst Street - North of Highway 7 to Rutherford Road	2,665,624	399,073	930,022	3,994,718
81932	Quality Standards 2017 Purple	1,928,169	326,132	1,007,015	3,261,316
98340	19th Avenue - Yonge Street to Bayview Avenue	1,364,662	151,629	-1,516,144	146
80670	Bayview Avenue - 19th Avenue to Stouffville Road	1,344,202	158,141	-1,493,501	8,842
85660	Major Mackenzie Drive - Pine Valley Drive to Weston Road	658,920	71,235		730,155
84044	Viva Next	568,347	445,234	3,432,933	4,446,513
86880	Pedestrian Cycling Municipal Partnership Program	551,444	61,588	138,240	751,272
39930	Bridge & Culvert Rehabilitation	543,812	5,290,960		5,834,772
87300	East Humber River Bridge Rehabilitation - Jane Street	378,891	1,138,622		1,517,513
80105	Pavement Mark Program	334,074	147,268	984,640	1,465,982
81362	Dufferin Street and Rutherford Street Intersection	333,556	37,162		370,718
81430	Cedar Avenue Underpass - Highway 7 and Highway 407	319,431			319,431
84190	Leslie Street - John's Side Road to Mulock Drive	304,643	50,774	-344,747	10,670
99240	Kennedy Road - Steeles Avenue to 14th Avenue	301,131	34,306		335,437
97150	Leslie Street - Bethesda Side Road to Bloomington Road	291,625	2,978,100	256,000	3,525,725
83830	ODA Traffic Signals Improvement	262,264	29,140		291,404
81020	King Road and Highway 27	240,116	24,012		264,128
80680	Bayview Avenue - Elgin Mills Road to 19th Avenue	236,449	27,817	-60,257	204,009
80106	Various Maintenance Facility Upgrades	232,550	12,298		244,849
83920	Traffic Safety Program Improvements	228,080	879,120	15,680	1,122,880
83910	Roads Asset Management	222,965	666,265	-713	888,517
98670	Warden Avenue - 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive	204,049	22,672		226,721
72600	Tree Funding	1,807,638	598,375	-520,174	1,885,839
91000	Debenture Payments	49,581,201			49,581,201
14170	Property Services Building Facility Management - Markham Yard	-91,069	129,928		38,859
	Various Programs (69) ³	-14,521,682	-606,023	13,247,007	-1,880,698
Total Regional Roads Capital Programs		\$82,853,505	\$19,589,233	\$41,316,325	\$143,759,063

NOTES :

- Other project funding consists of proceeds from debenture issues, third party recoveries, other capital reserves, provincial/federal grants, fees and charges.
- Miscellaneous Development Charge Credit Payments to Developers consists of the payout of the development charge credit for work undertaken by developers such as intersection improvements.
- Consists of 69 minor road projects using development charge reserve funding.

**Regional Municipality of York Development Charge Reserves
Water Supply Capital Program Expenditures
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Project Number	Project Description	Development Charge Reserve Funding	User Rate Funding	Other Project Funding ¹	2020 Total Project Funding
72390	Water for Tomorrow Program	\$816,988		\$228,376	\$1,045,363
79670	Water System Capacity Assessment	683,042			683,042
73300	Water Master Plan Update	384,697			384,697
75520	Stouffville Zone 2 Elevated Trunk Watermain	211,273			211,273
78270	Ballantrae Water Servicing	72,664			72,664
75400	East Vaughan Pumping Station	51,291			51,291
78533	Wastewater Treatment	16,225			16,225
72500	Georgina Water Station - Georgina Water Treatment Plant	9,259			9,259
75510	2nd Concession Watermain - Pressure Reducing Valve to Doane Road	8,256			8,256
75690	South Maple Pumping Station Upgrade	146	122		268
75530	North East Vaughan Water Servicing	-959		4,621,933	4,620,974
73170	King City - Additional Water Supply Watermain	-127,013			-127,013
73790	Peel Water Supply Cost Share	-24,909,048		1,142,000	-23,767,048
46950	Debenture Payments	74,744,651			74,744,651
	Sinking Fund Surplus	-411,251			-411,251
Total Water Supply Capital Programs		\$51,550,222	\$122	\$5,992,309	\$57,542,652

NOTES :

1. Other project funding consists of proceeds from debenture issues, third party recoveries, other capital reserves, provincial/federal grants, fees and charges.

**Regional Municipality of York Development Charge Reserves
Wastewater Servicing Capital Program Expenditures
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Project Number	Project Description	Development Charge Reserve Funding	User Rate Funding	Other Project Funding ¹	2020 Total Project Funding
75640	Waste Water System Capacity Monitor Studies	\$1,426,977			\$1,426,977
79890	York Durham Sewer System Leslie Pumping Station Upgrades	470,840			470,840
79100	York Durham Sewer System Wastewater Master Plan Update	428,006			428,006
74040	York Durham Sewer System Southeast Collector	-4,537	-287,068		-291,605
44950	Debenture Payments	96,249,386			96,249,386
	Sinking Fund Surplus	-241,788			-241,788
Total Wastewater Servicing Capital Programs		\$98,328,884	(\$287,068)	\$0	\$98,041,816

NOTES :

1. Other project funding consists of proceeds from debenture issues, third party recoveries, other capital reserves, provincial/federal grants, fees and charges.

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council direct staff to work with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to update the current Memorandum of Understanding for Planning and Development Review to provide for efficient, timely, and cost-effective services.
2. That staff report back to Council on regulations related to the *Conservation Authorities Act* once released by the Province and any changes to York Region's current Memorandums of Understanding and Service Level Agreements.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Chief Administrative Officers of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Clerks of the local municipalities, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for information

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Karen Whitney, Director, Community Planning and Development Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71505 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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Committee of the Whole
Planning and Economic Development
May 13, 2021

Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Planner

Memorandums of Understanding with Conservation Authorities and Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

1. Recommendations

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2. Summary

This report updates Council on the status of York Region's current Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as directed by Council at its meeting on December 17, 2020. The report includes an outline of current Memorandums of Understanding for planning services between the local municipalities and conservation authorities and summarizes recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* related to conservation authority programs and services and potential impacts to York Region.

Key Points:

- York Region is supported by two conservation authorities, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).
- The current Memorandum of Understanding between York Region, LSRCA and TRCA sets out how the conservation authority partners provide expertise and cost-

effective service to York Region for the review of planning and development applications.

- York Region relies on the conservation authorities to effectively deliver services required to address and enable growth. Conservation authorities' core programming assists the Region in protecting residents and their property, and Regional infrastructure, from flooding, erosion and other natural hazards while protecting Regional natural heritage systems and drinking water sources.
- Most of York Region's local municipalities have Memorandums of Understanding in place with the applicable conservation authority for development application plan review and technical services.
- Recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* affecting conservation authority core services may have implications for York Region and its local municipalities.
- Outsourcing would not provide comprehensive, watershed-based plan review currently available to York Region through the Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Background

Watersheds in York Region are governed by two conservation authorities whose collective jurisdictions total over 6,800 square kilometres and watersheds cross multiple municipal borders

In Ontario, 36 conservation authorities are organized on a watershed basis. Within York Region, the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine divides the two Conservation authorities' boundaries with water from the Lake Simcoe watershed flowing into Lake Simcoe, and within the TRCA's watershed into Lake Ontario (Attachment 1).

Watersheds do not end at, or follow, municipal boundaries (Attachment 2). The Lake Simcoe watershed is made up of eighteen subwatersheds, covers 3,400 square kilometres, and crosses twenty municipal borders, including York and Durham regions, Simcoe County, and the cities of Barrie, Kawartha Lakes and Orillia. TRCA's 3,467 square kilometre jurisdiction covers nine watersheds and Lake Ontario shoreline. These watersheds extend across Durham, Peel and York Regions, Dufferin and Simcoe Counties, and the City of Toronto, covering over 21 municipal boundaries.

Each conservation authority is governed by a Board of Directors. Board members are appointed by the municipalities in the watersheds and are generally comprised of municipal council representatives and can include citizen appointees. Current Board members of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority are listed in Attachment 3.

Founded on a science-based watershed approach, conservation authorities have an important role helping achieve a healthy and safe natural environment throughout Ontario

Conservation authorities are local watershed management agencies whose core mandate is to undertake watershed-based programs to protect people and property from flooding and other natural hazards, including mitigating impacts to critical infrastructure, and to conserve natural resources for economic, social, and environmental benefits. The *Conservation Authorities Act*, 1946, was legislated by the Province in response to concerns expressed regarding the unhealthy state of the Province's renewable natural resources caused by poor land, water and forestry practices which led to extensive soil loss and flooding during the 1930s and 1940s. The LSRCA was founded in 1951 as the Upper Holland Valley Conservation Authority. It was expanded to a broader watershed in subsequent years to eventually cover the current area surrounding Lake Simcoe. The TRCA was specifically created in 1957 following Hurricane Hazel in 1954 that resulted in destroyed homes and infrastructure, and loss of life.

Conservation authority roles originate under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, *Planning Act*, *Clean Water Act* and *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*. Within their respective jurisdictions, main roles and services provided by conservation authorities include, but are not limited to:

- **Watershed management** (planning, implementation, monitoring, research and reporting)
- **Flood and erosion control management and prevention** (monitoring and warning, risk management, maintenance, structures)
- **Water quality and quantity management** (monitoring, source protection, watershed reporting stormwater)
- **Administering permits** for development and site alteration, including infrastructure works within their regulated area under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- **Natural heritage protection** (land management, official plan input and review, land acquisition and securement, tree planting)
- **Watershed stewardship** (rehabilitation and restoration programs, fish and wildlife, water quality, woodlot management)
- **Technical support for land use planning** (plan input and review commenting agency, technical advice, Environmental Impact Study reviews, Class Environmental Assessment reviews, engineering and hydrogeologic reviews, fishery reviews, stormwater/ Low Impact Development studies, geotechnical reviews, natural heritage system design)
- **Education and recreation** (Manage conservation areas, parks, trails, environmental education programs and centres, outreach activities, water festivals).

The role of conservation authorities in the planning and development review process is administered and implemented based on legislated and delegated roles and responsibilities as a public commenting body, provincially-delegated responsibility for natural hazards, service provider, regulatory authority, resource management agency and landowner. As

partners, conservation authorities provide input for municipal decision-making to help guide growth, redevelopment, revitalization and intensification throughout their respective jurisdictions.

York Region has two Memorandums of Understanding and three Service Level Agreements in place with both conservation authorities

York Region's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was originally established in 2000 as a joint MOU with LSRCA and TRCA to provide services related to plan review and technical clearance services for development applications under the *Planning Act*. The MOU provides York Region with professional expertise for implementation of Provincial and Regional planning policies in the areas of natural hazards and natural heritage. It also enables the conservation authorities to appear on behalf of York Region at the LPAT to defend the Regional Official Plan's Sustainable Natural Environment policies and applicable provincial planning policies related to natural heritage and natural hazards. The MOU was updated in 2009 and approved by Regional Council. The current MOU has no expiration date but contains a provision agreeing to review the MOU on a periodic basis to reflect changes in programs or provincial policy changes and subsequent discussions.

York Region also has an additional MOU for the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program for collection, maintenance, and distribution of program data and information. This MOU is with the Regions of Durham and Peel, City of Toronto, and nine conservation authorities, including the LSRCA and TRCA, and has been in place since 2014.

In addition to MOUs, York Region has Service Level Agreements with both the LSRCA and TRCA. These SLAs were enacted to:

- Prioritize environmental permitting and approvals related to Regional capital projects
- Support York Region approvals under the Environmental Assessment Act, and associated regulation, to assist the Region in ensuring important capital projects are delivered in an efficient and timely manner
- Ensure a streamlined process of accessing and sharing data and reduce redundant data collection

Details on York Region's MOUs and SLAs can be found in Attachments 4 and 5.

Most local municipalities have independent Memorandums of Understanding for plan review services or are working towards them

Attachment 6 highlights the local municipalities in York Region that currently have a MOU or agreement for the conservation authorities to undertake plan review within their respective municipalities and provides details on existing MOUs and status of any MOU updates. All local municipalities within the Lake Simcoe watershed currently have MOUs for plan review with LSRCA. Of the local municipalities that fall within TRCA's jurisdiction, only the City of Markham has a current MOU in place for plan review. While some local municipalities

currently do not have formalized MOUs with TRCA, they informally rely on their comments, input and expertise in the development approval process.

Prior to, and post *Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, both conservation authorities commenced a review of their MOUs and/ or are actively engaging their local municipalities, including all of York Region municipalities, to update current MOUs or formally establish MOUs. However, this process has been put on hold as all parties are awaiting the upcoming release of the regulations by the Province.

Recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* look to refocus and redefine the role of the conservation authorities

In 2017, the Province started a review to clearly define the core mandate of conservation authorities under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, with a greater focus on natural hazard management and source water protection. Key legislative changes through Bill 108, and more recently Bill 229, were made to improve accountability and transparency around the work of conservation authorities.

In July 2017, York Region submitted a [response](#) on proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* under *Bill 139 – Building Better Communities and Conserving Watershed Act, 2017*. York Region Council provided a [response](#) to *Bill 108* on May 17, 2019. In June 2019, York Region submitted a [response](#) to discussion papers on *Modernizing the Conservation Authorities Act and Development Permitting*. York Region supported the Province taking action to define the core mandate of conservation authorities under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Recognizing the importance of the conservation authorities, York Region Council recommended the core mandate of conservation authorities include: watershed management and enforcement, stormwater management, source water protection, mapping and managing flood risks, natural hazard lands, shoreline management, wetlands, assessing/monitoring natural heritage features, and establishing climate change adaptation guidelines. In November 2020, York Region [supported](#) LSRCA and TRCA resolutions regarding *Bill 229 – Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (Budget Measures), 2020*.

Passed by the Province in 2019, *Bill 108* identified key programs and services (core business) conservation authorities are mandated to provide within their respective jurisdictions related to:

- Risk of natural hazard
- Conservation and Management of lands owned or controlled by a conservation authority
- Duties, functions and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act*
- Duties, functions and responsibilities under an Act prescribed in the regulations

In addition to the identified core services, *Bill 108* enables conservation authorities to provide supportive municipal programs and services, referred to as discretionary services on behalf of a municipality located in their respective jurisdiction through a MOU or other agreement.

Bill 229, passed in December 2020, further defined the role of conservation authorities by:

- Requiring conservation authorities to issue permits where the Province has issued Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO)
- Limiting their role in the municipal planning process by excluding conservation authorities as a “Public Body” under the *Planning Act*, removing their right to appeal planning applications to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT)
- Enabling the Province to issue permits and allowing the applicant and Province to appeal conservation authority permits to the LPAT
- Directing conservation authority Board Member composition and redirecting their decision-making focus from interests of the conservation authority or watershed to that of the represented municipality
- Indicating the term “*Hazardous Lands*” is now to be defined by Regulation.

The legislative changes resulting from *Bill 108* and *Bill 229* have potential impacts for municipalities, including York Region, particularly if municipalities rely on conservation authorities to provide programs and services outside of what has been identified as a core service. Any services beyond the identified core services would require a MOU or other agreement to be enacted between the municipality and the respective conservation authority(ies), which have yet to be defined. The full impacts of these legislative changes are not fully understood as the Province has yet to release the associated regulations.

Regional Council directed staff to report back on the status of the current Memorandums of Understanding with the conservation authorities

York Region received communication from the TRCA, dated October 20, 2020, regarding an update on their municipal Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) . The TRCA Board of Directors by way of resolution, directed its staff to pursue and execute updated MOUs and SLAs, based on mutually agreed upon services, with its partner municipalities in accordance with the recent changes made to the *Conservation Authorities Act* by *Bill 108*. In response, Regional Council directed staff to report back on the status of MOUs in York Region and the local municipalities with the LSRCA and TRCA, including the potential to contract services.

4. Analysis

York Region’s partnership with both conservation authorities has many value-added benefits

The level of technical expertise, continuity of service, process efficiencies and historic knowledge of the watershed currently available to York Region through the existing MOUs and SLAs with the LSRCA and TRCA comes with several benefits related to:

- Risk management accountability
- Efficient, timely processes, consistent input and service/program continuity
- Access to specialized experts and comprehensive data to assist with Regional approvals and processes
- Cost efficiencies

Each of these benefits are detailed further as to how they are being delivered and achieved.

Conservation authorities assist York Region and have accountability for risk management

Risk management and watershed health are a shared responsibility between all levels of government including York Region. Risk management accountability is provided to York Region in part through the current MOUs and SLAs with the conservation authorities. The conservation authorities' have a delegated responsibility to represent the provincial interest on natural hazards encompassed by Section 3.1 of the Provincial Policy Statement for development applications under the *Planning Act*. Conservation authorities are also regulators for development and site alteration in flood-prone and erosion-prone areas and help deliver services and programs in partnership with all levels of government for flood and erosion control and prevention.

York Region relies on the conservation authorities for effective management of hazard lands and technical expertise for risks associated with natural hazards. Provincial and regional planning policy conformity related to natural hazards is addressed by the conservation authorities during the planning and development review process and through York Region's MOU for plan review. Natural hazards are addressed by the conservation authorities permitting process for which York Region is required to obtain permits for any capital infrastructure projects within the authority's regulated area.

Conservation authorities benefit the Region by gathering and managing significant amounts of data on a watershed basis, required to effectively model and manage flood risks. This benefits Regional capital infrastructure projects often located within regulated areas, including floodplains. The Region leverages conservation authority modelling at both the watershed and local levels to inform infrastructure design in a manner that can manage extreme weather events to support long-term asset management and reduce potential liabilities for York Region. With the increase of severe weather events associated with climate change, accurate modelling of flood risks, stream flows, and stormwater runoff is critical to help inform the approximately \$4B in infrastructure investments planned by York Region over the next 10 years.

Conservation authorities also lead implementation of source water protection plans that operationalize tools that reduce risk and consider actions across the watershed, not just within a single municipality or Region. They provide York Region efficiencies in source water protection through expertise and experience particularly related to water balance and

recharge management, in-depth review of source water protection plans, and watershed plans that municipalities can leverage to simplify compliance.

Conservation authorities are tied to their jurisdiction in perpetuity. This is a benefit to York Region as they are able to ensure compliance with conditions of approval for post-development monitoring typically associated with infrastructure approval, whereas an outsource firm may not in 5 years or 10 years later.

Conservation authorities provide York Region with efficiencies and a consistent watershed approach for input into planning review and permitting approvals

As an independent review body, conservation authorities have streamlined plan review and permitting processes in place with clear, defined roles and responsibilities, creating efficiencies for development application review. Throughout 2020, both conservation authorities combined processed over 1,000 planning applications and 670 permits in York Region. In the development review process, the conservation authority's role is threefold as a commenting agency, delegated authority for provincial interests related to natural hazards, and permit regulator. Conservation authorities operate on a "planning-first" principle, meaning that if a conservation authority permit cannot be issued, the Authority cannot support the planning application. As conservation authorities are typically involved in all stages of the development review process, this approach provides efficiencies throughout the entire process allowing applicants and municipalities to be aware of any environmental and technical concerns at the outset of the process.

The protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment, and safety of persons and property, is carried out by the LSRCA and TRCA during the review of development applications with a watershed lens. Through the current MOU both conservation authorities support York Region's planning and development review process by providing a scientific-based, systems approach to technical review to implement provincial and regional planning policies. This in-turn provides local municipalities and Council with coordinated, consolidated comments from a natural heritage and natural hazards perspective that are consistent across the watershed. Efficiencies resulting from the current SLAs prioritizing and expediting environmental permits and approvals for Regional capital projects enables York Region to get important infrastructure in the ground sooner.

The Region's partnership with both conservation authorities has laid the foundation over the years to coordinate streamlined processes and find efficiencies that avoid duplication of staff efforts. They provide York Region with access to the professional expertise needed to assist with regional reviews and approval processes and reduce process redundancies from a regional perspective. Examples of these efficiencies include the various economic development projects (Condor Walmart, Fed Ex, Costco and Home Depot) in West Vaughan where planning permissions and permits for early works were all completed within relatively short timeframes in close cooperation with York Region and City of Vaughan staff.

Partnership with conservation authorities provides York Region access to specialized experts and comprehensive data assisting Regional processes

Partnership with the conservation authorities allows York Region to have access to a wide range of environmental and technical experts York Region currently does not have on staff necessary to effectively conduct plan review and undertake environmental approvals/ Environmental Assessment (EA) submissions for infrastructure projects. Through the partnership with the conservation authorities, York Region has access to data that support regional processes including plan review, flood analysis, flood monitoring, preparation of EA/ Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) submissions, water monitoring and source protection.

York Region relies on the LSRCA and TRCA to scope and review technical environmental studies, provide technical knowledge and expertise related to the implementation and conformity with provincial and regional planning policies for natural heritage, natural hazard and water resources and provide technical expert witness testimony at the LPAT. York Region also relies on conservation authorities for their expertise, data, and support throughout the EA process and in completing Permit To Take Water and ECA applications, along with maintaining compliance with EA/ECA conditions of approval. Conservation authority support for York Region's EA processes includes access to supporting data helping to meet federal and provincial requirements related to endangered species and surface water monitoring that supported wastewater treatment facility proposals.

The technical professionals available to York Region through the current arrangement act as an extension to Regional staff. Without this the Region would have to hire the applicable technical staff and/or tender out to a third party to undertake these services on behalf of the Region. Doing so could lead to duplication of efforts, services possibly being needed by multiple outsourced firms, resulting in a more complex review process and potential elongated approval times and inefficiencies. Technical information required to undertake and support technical reviews is often required and provided by conservation authorities who have extensive historical context and knowledge of their respective watersheds. An outsourced third party may need to access the information from the conservation authorities, resulting in added steps and time for the application process.

Cost efficiencies result from sharing resources and operating on a cost recovery model versus a for profit model

The plan review and technical clearance of conditions of approval articulated in the MOU fall within the operating levy portion of the conservation authorities' budgets. No additional costs, beyond the operating budget amounts, are incurred by York Region for the service provided by the conservation authorities. Currently the conservation authorities review consultant's technical studies in support of an application at no extra cost. Application review fees typically charged by the conservation authorities are on a cost recovery basis, whereas services rendered by a private company would typically include "for profit" costs. The following are examples of cost efficiencies associated with conservation authority involvement in the development review process:

- For a plan of subdivision application in York Region, the total cost for a full review by the conservation authority across all disciplines, and including permitting, was approximately \$80K. The local municipality uses an external engineering consultant for their technical / peer review which resulted in the cost for only the engineering review was more than \$350K.
- Looking to outsource services covered by the municipality's general levy contribution (\$40K) to the conservation authority, it was determined the municipality could not replicate the technical expertise for the same services for flood forecasting, stormwater and development engineering, planning review, natural heritage review, hydrogeology review, geomorphic and aquatic habitat, etc., at the same cost.

Conservation authorities provide efficiencies by having environmental experts on staff working on behalf of York Region and local municipalities across the watershed. Hiring the environmental and technical professional staff to build the capacity internally within the Region or hiring external consultants to complete the work would not result in cost or service level efficiencies while potentially sacrificing consistency across the watershed.

Recent legislative changes and forthcoming regulations will likely result in updates to York Region's current agreements with both conservation authorities

Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* addressing the mandate of the conservation authorities received Royal Assent on December 8, 2020. Until the implementing regulation is released from the Province, expected imminently, the impacts of these legislative changes are currently unknown. Programs and services provided on behalf of municipalities may be prescribed and prevail over MOUs if there is a conflict.

Once released, further analysis is required to understand implications to the conservation authorities' roles and services and their full impacts on York Region current processes, practices, and agreements. York Region will review services and projects undertaken by the conservation authorities to determine whether they fall into the conservation authorities' mandated responsibilities. To date, possible services outside of core services that may need to be addressed in an agreement include planning and development review on behalf of municipalities. It is anticipated that existing agreements between municipalities (regional and local) and partner conservation authorities will need to be updated and/or established based on agreed upon services. This will allow York Region, and local municipalities, an opportunity to evaluate and update the current arrangements based on evolving responsibilities. Municipalities have 18 months from when the new regulations take effect to enter into agreements.

Any update to York Region's MOU would be undertaken in consultation with both conservation authorities, local municipalities and BILD. Opportunities for further process improvements will also be examined. Staff will report back to Council on the impacts of the new regulations and prior to any updates to the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Financial

York Region's current MOU for plan review is currently fully funded by the review fees and the conservation authorities general levy and is not an extra cost to the Region. The plan review services, and technical expertise provided to the Region by both conservation authorities continues to provide significant efficiencies in environmental resources and knowledge throughout the Region's active development review process.

Council reviews and approves conservation authority budgets on an annual basis. Conservation authorities operating budgets include York Region's share of each conservation authority's general levy budget and additional funding for conservation authority special capital and reforestation. As more information is released by the Province on the detailed regulations, further review will be undertaken to determine appropriate updates needed, and budget impacts will be determined and reflected in the 2022 or 2023 budget.

6. Local Impact

For plan review, York Region's current MOU ensures a consistent expert review and consolidated comments provided to the local municipalities on planning and development applications on behalf of the Region. The current SLAs assists York Region in getting important regional projects built and in operation sooner within the area municipalities.

While it is recognized that local municipalities negotiate their respective MOUs with the conservation authorities based on their own needs, there are benefits and efficiencies with consistent MOUs for planning services, across the watershed(s), for the local municipalities and the Region. Local municipalities may also be impacted depending on the extent of the legislative changes and forthcoming regulations affecting the mandated roles of conservation authorities.

7. Conclusion

Conservation authorities assist York Region with ongoing regional efforts to achieve environmental goals. Since 2000, a Memorandum of Understanding between York Region, LSRCA and TRCA has been in place providing the Region with environmental and technical expertise related to natural heritage and natural hazard matters on development applications. This arrangement, together with the additional agreements outlined in this report, work well as conservation authorities are best positioned to provide environmental programs and review services that result in York Region being able to deliver a consistent, efficient, timely, cost-efficient level of service. The value-added benefits to York Region include risk management accountability, and consistency to support plan review and application processes throughout the watershed, providing access to specialized technical experts and high-quality data. Given there is continuing benefit to the Region, the conservation authorities, local municipalities, and the public of the efficiencies of one agency providing this service through the MOU arrangement, staff is not recommending these services be outsourced.

Recent changes in legislation through *Bill 108* and *Bill 229* affect conservation authorities mandated roles and core services. While the full impacts of these legislative changes are currently unknown, York Region's current arrangements with both the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have resulted in a collaborative effort in plan review and permitting, and consistency throughout the watersheds.

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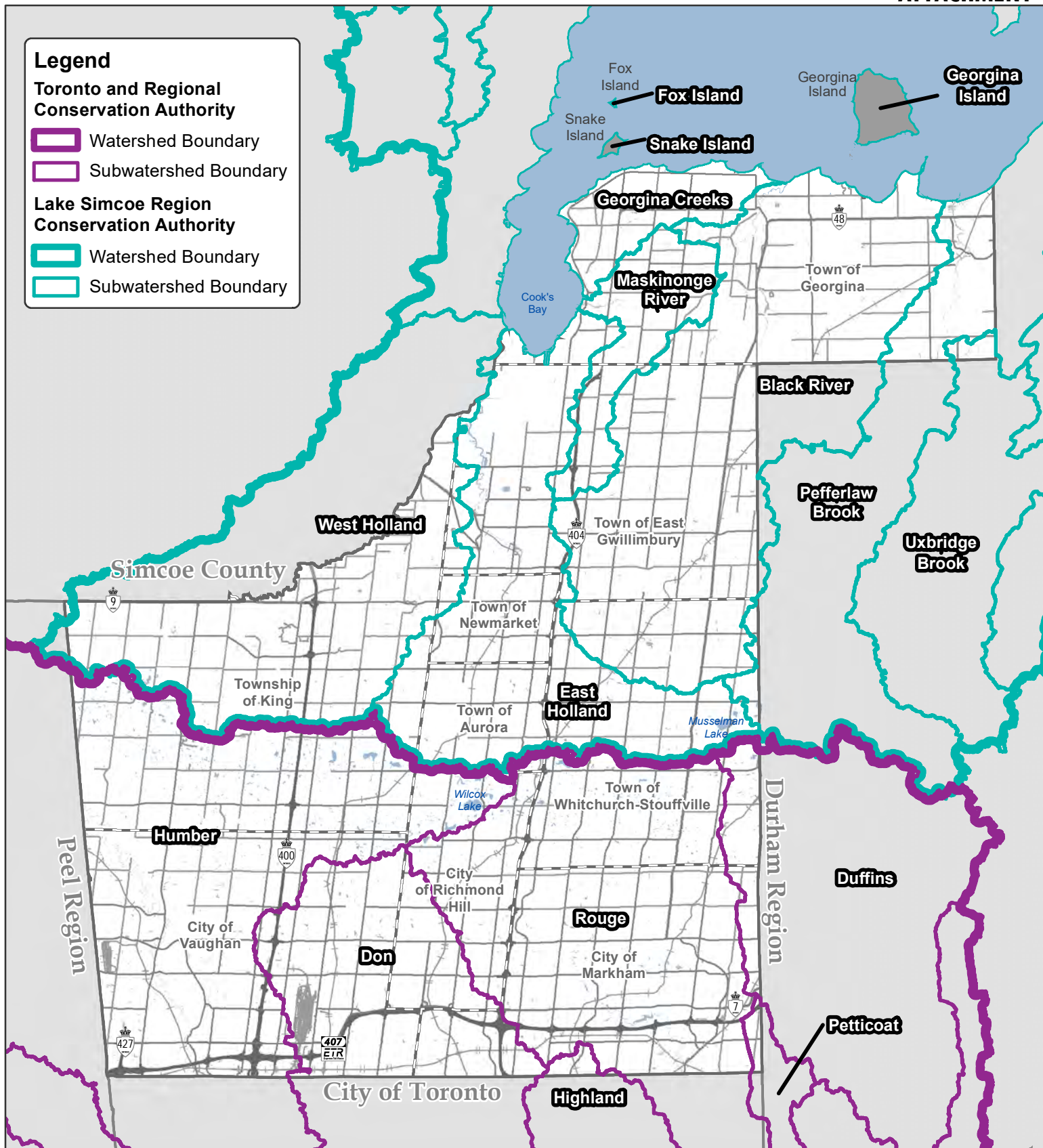
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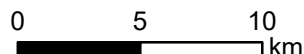
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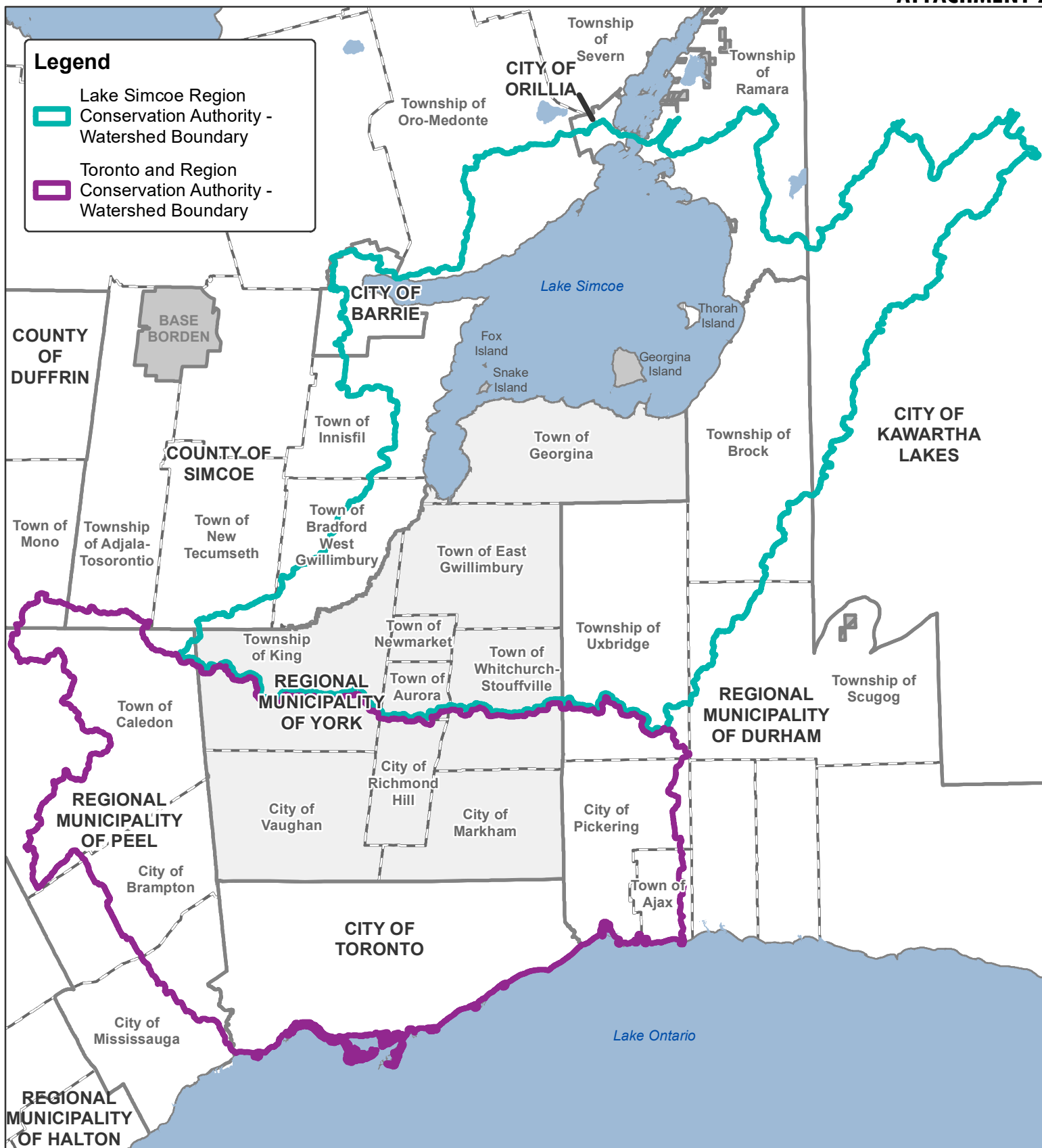


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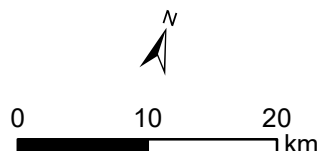


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**Existing Memorandums of Understandings
and Service Level Agreements - York Region and Conservation Authorities**

Type of Agreement	Partners	Details	Notes
Memorandum of Understanding	York Region (PED), LSRCA and TRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the parameters of the plan review and technical clearance expertise that LSRCA and TRCA will provide to assist the Region when making decisions on planning applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments and advice in context of Provincial, Regional and Local planning documents and Acts, the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i>, <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>, <i>Fisheries Act</i> and <i>Clean Water Act</i> - Comments and advice in context of effective watershed management and environmental protection and enhancement, including air and water quality, biodiversity and sustainable living - To ensure consistency with the Natural Heritage and Natural Hazard policies of applicable Provincial and Regional Statement/ Plans and make recommendations on development applications on behalf of the Region - Identify/ interpret features/ functions and establish requirements and conditions, determine need and adequacy of studies to the Region or on behalf of the Region - Assist in the aspects of applying sustainable alternative development standards - LPAT representation on behalf of York Region • Streamlines the municipal planning system where opportunities exist • Data sharing (Fees Policy/ Regulation Mapping updates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally signed in 2000, re-affirmed in 2009. Currently no expiration date

Type of Agreement	Partners	Details	Notes
Service Level Agreement	York Region (ENV, TRN & YTN) and TRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the provision of services related to environmental permitting and approvals under the Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Regulation 166/06 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed in 2004, renewed in 2015, extended in 2020 through to 2025 through amending agreement
Service Level Agreement	York Region (ENV) and LSRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In support of services provided by LSRCA to York Region for applications made under the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> related to all Regional capital projects and annual operating requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed in 2019, effective from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.
Memorandum of Understanding	York Region, City of Toronto, Durham Region, Peel Region and 9 Conservation Authorities, including the LSRCA and TRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program For the purpose of providing a multi-agency, collaborative approach to collecting, analyzing and disseminating water resource data and information as a basis for effective stewardship and management of water resources For collection, maintenance, and distribution of program data and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised version signed at end of 2020, extended through to 2030. Original signed in early 2000s, renewed every 10 years
Service Level Agreement	York Region (ENV), LSRCA and TRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation Authority Data Acquisition Business Requirement document To streamline the process of data sharing between York Region and the Conservation Authorities to reduce redundant data collection 	

ENV = Environmental Services, PED= Planning and Economic Development, TRN = Transportation Services, YTN = York Transit Network

LSRCA = Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, TRCA= Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM

FOR

PLANNING SERVICES

BETWEEN

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

AND

THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

**(LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND
TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY)**

1. CONTEXT

Vision 2026: Towards a Sustainable Region, the Strategic Plan of the Regional Municipality of York (the “Region”) recognizes that it is everyone’s duty to protect the legacy of York Region’s natural environment and heritage by integrating and balancing the three elements of environmental protection, economic growth and social equity. Furthermore, it is the goal of the York Region Official Plan to identify, protect and restore definable natural areas and functions.

The protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment, and the safety of persons and property, is carried out in part through the review of, and preparation of comments on development applications, is a shared responsibility with the Region, its Local Municipalities and the Conservation Authorities. This Partnership Memorandum serves to guide the Conservation Authorities in assisting the Region to carry out their shared responsibility to foster an ecosystem approach to sustainable living and thereby achieve the goals set out in the York Region Strategic Plan and Official Plan.

2. DEFINITIONS

“Plan Review” is defined as:

- a) the review of development applications as set out in the *Planning Act*;
- b) identifying the need for technical surveys, studies and reports; and
- c) specifying conditions of approval.

“Technical Clearance” is defined as:

- d) assessing technical reports submitted by the proponent to determine if the reports satisfy the conditions specified; and
- e) clearing conditions of approval.

3. **THE PURPOSE** of this Partnership Memorandum is to:

- a) establish the parameters of the plan review and technical clearance expertise that the Conservation Authorities will provide to assist the Region when making decisions on planning applications, where the Region is the approval authority or a commenting agency; and,
- b) streamline the municipal planning system where opportunities exist.

4. STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Notwithstanding the purpose of this Partnership Memorandum and the Roles and Responsibilities set out in Section 5, it is recognized that the Conservation Authorities will continue to fulfill their own mandate and provide the Region comments in the context of:

- a) the Conservation Authorities will review and provide comments and advice in the context of the Provincial Policy Statement, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Fisheries Act*, the *Oak Ridges Moraine Act* and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the *Planning Act*, the *Greenbelt Act* and the Greenbelt Plan, the *Clean Water Act*, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, the York Region Official Plan policies and land use designations of approved Local official plans, other guiding municipal and Conservation Authority documents and other applicable legislation as may from time to time be enacted;
- b) the Conservation Authorities will review and provide comments and advice in the context of the goals of effective watershed management and environmental protection and enhancement, including air and water quality, biodiversity and sustainable living, which requires the appropriate consideration of provincial, regional and local natural resources as identified through official and secondary plans, municipal studies, watershed and subwatershed studies, or a site specific proposal;
- c) the Conservation Authorities will continue to provide comments and recommendations as outlined in Section 5, on planning matters circulated by the Region such as regional and local official plans and policy amendments and municipal studies; and
- d) nothing, in this Partnership Memorandum, precludes the Conservation Authorities from commenting to the Region as they would normally exercise their rights under the *Planning Act*, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, or other applicable legislation.
- e) the Region and the Conservation Authorities may seek additional technical expertise in matters of Provincial or Regional interest, from third parties, as required.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Region and the Conservation Authorities agree that:

- a) the Region is responsible for ensuring consistency with Provincial policies and Regional Official Plan policies, with respect to any planning applications for which the Region has approval authority or otherwise comment on;
- b) any information or data sources provided by the Province or generated through municipal or watershed studies will be shared;
- c) the Conservation Authorities will provide the Region with plan review and technical clearance services which will ensure consistency with Natural Heritage and Natural Hazard policies of the applicable Provincial Policy Statement, where the Region does not have appropriate internal services available, in accordance with Provincial Policy Statements and all other applicable provincial planning legislation (refer to Section 4a), as articulated and expanded on in the Regional Official Plan, in a timely fashion, and will make recommendations to the approval authority on development applications, on behalf of the Region, and copy the Region on all correspondence;
- d) the Conservation Authorities will identify or interpret features/functions, and establish requirements and conditions, to determine the need for and adequacy of studies (including environmental impact studies) which assess impacts and propose mitigation measures to the Region or on behalf of the Region, as appropriate; and
- e) the Conservation Authorities will assist the Region in the technical aspects of applying sustainable alternative development standards as a best management practice.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

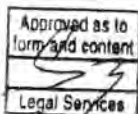
The Region and the Conservation Authorities agree:

- a) to review and amend this Partnership Memorandum on a periodic basis to reflect changes in programs of the parties or as a result of changes in provincial policies or as a result of subsequent discussions;
- b) to ensure staff is aware of this Partnership Memorandum, as required;

- c) to explore further opportunities to streamline the plan review system as it relates to Provincial and regional/local interests;
- d) to make provisions, on a general basis, for Conservation Authority staff to attend Ontario Municipal Board hearings, upon the request of Regional staff, with respect to the plan review and technical clearance services provided pursuant to this Partnership Memorandum, at no cost to the Region. Notwithstanding this clause, the Conservation Authorities are in no way limited from independently appealing a decision to the Ontario Municipal Board;
- e) that fees for plan review and technical clearance services will be set by the Conservation Authorities;
- f) that the Conservation Authorities will be responsible for collecting any Processing/Approvals and/or Final Clearance Fees as required; and
- g) that the Conservation Authorities provide the Region with an approved Schedule of Fees and any approved revised schedules as they occur.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have affixed their seals properly attested, this 30th day of September, 2009.

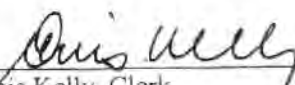
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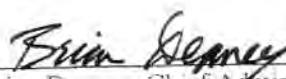
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**Local Municipalities in York Region with Existing Memorandums of Understanding
with Conservation Authorities for Plan Review**

Municipality	Conservation Authority	Current MOU (Date)	MOU Purpose	Conservation Authority Role	Status of MOU Update
Town of Aurora	LSRCA	Yes (2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline circulations procedures for all applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> • Clarify roles of the LSRCA and Town in the planning process related to public health and safety and environmental protection based on legislation and practice • Creating efficiencies by reducing duplication of service • Providing the Town with increased decision-making autonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review (Planning policy and CAs permitting regulation) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural hazard lands - Natural heritage - Water quality and quantity - Source water protection - Subwatershed Plan recommendations - Stormwater management - Advise on other legislation: <i>Environmental Assessment Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act</i> • Technical Review related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stormwater management - Major Development applications for WHPA-Q2 for conformity with the South Georgina Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan • Assistance at LPAT or Environmental Tribunal • Participate in pre-consultation meetings • Scoping of complete application requirements including Terms of 	On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release

Municipality	Conservation Authority	Current MOU (Date)	MOU Purpose	Conservation Authority Role	Status of MOU Update
				Reference for Environmental studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data sharing (Fees Policy/ Regulation Mapping updates) 	
	TRCA	No	Note: Confirmation is required from TRCA as to whether a formal MOU will be pursued with the Town given TRCA's jurisdiction within the Town of Aurora is very small		Unknown
Town of East Gwillimbury	LSRCA	Yes (2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline circulations procedures for all applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> • Clarify roles of the LSRCA and Town in the planning process related to public health and safety and environmental protection based on legislation and practice • Creating efficiencies by reducing duplication of service • Providing the Town with increased decision-making autonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review (Planning policy and CAs permitting regulation) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural hazard lands - Natural heritage - Water quality and quantity - Source water protection - Subwatershed Plan recommendations - Stormwater management - Advise on other legislation: <i>Environmental Assessment Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act</i> • Technical Review related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stormwater management - Major Development applications for WHPA-Q2 for conformity with the South 	On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release

Municipality	Conservation Authority	Current MOU (Date)	MOU Purpose	Conservation Authority Role	Status of MOU Update
				<p>Georgina Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the LSRCA Phosphorus Offsetting Policy • Site Plan Control application determination for environmental lands • Assistance at LPAT or Environmental Tribunal • Participate in pre-consultation meetings • Scoping of complete application requirements including Terms of Reference for Environmental studies • Data sharing (Fees Policy/ Regulation Mapping updates) 	
Town of Georgina	LSRCA	Yes (2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline circulations procedures for all applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> • Clarify roles of the LSRCA and Town in the planning process related to public health and safety and environmental protection based on legislation and practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review (Planning policy and CAs permitting regulation) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural hazard lands - Lake Simcoe Shoreline - Natural heritage - Water quality and quantity - Source water protection - Subwatershed Plan recommendations - Stormwater management - Advise on other legislation: <i>Environmental Assessment</i> 	On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating efficiencies by reducing duplication of service • Providing the Town with increased decision-making autonomy 	<p><i>Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Review related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stormwater management - Major Development applications for WHPA-Q2 for conformity with the South Georgina Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan • Assistance at LPAT or Environmental Tribunal • Participate in pre-consultation meetings • Scoping of complete application requirements including Terms of Reference for Environmental studies • Data sharing (Fees Policy/ Regulation Mapping updates) 	
Township of King	LSRCA	Yes (2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline circulations procedures for all applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> • Clarify roles of the LSRCA and Town in the planning process related to public health and safety and environmental protection based on legislation and practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review (Planning policy and CAs permitting regulation) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural hazard lands - Natural heritage - Water quality and quantity - Source water protection - Subwatershed Plan recommendations - Stormwater management - Advise on other legislation: <i>Environmental Assessment</i> 	On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release

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City of Markham	TRCA	Yes (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Plan Review, Technical Clearance and Fee Collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development application review - Identifying need for technical reports 	Underway/ On hold – Awaiting Provincial

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide for TRCA plan review and technical clearance expertise to assist the City in making decisions on planning applications. • Streamline the municipal planning system where opportunities exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specifying conditions of approval • Technical Clearance Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical Review - Clearing conditions of approval • Plan and Technical Review based on, and related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning policy and CA permitting regulation - Defining features/functions, establish requirements, conditions, and study Terms of Reference for natural heritage, natural hazards, groundwater recharge, ground and surface water quality and quantity, ground and surface water taking permits, fisheries, requirements under other legislation - Assist in technical aspects related to stormwater management and natural heritage feature enhancement • Data sharing • Pre-consultation 	regulation release

Municipality	Conservation Authority	Current MOU (Date)	MOU Purpose	Conservation Authority Role	Status of MOU Update
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Town of Newmarket	LSRCA	Yes 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamline circulations procedures for all applications under the <i>Planning Act</i> Clarify roles of the LSRCA and Town in the planning process related to public health and safety and environmental protection based on legislation and practice Creating efficiencies by reducing duplication of service Providing the Town with increased decision-making autonomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Review (Planning policy and CAs permitting regulation) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural hazard lands Natural heritage Water quality and quantity Source water protection Subwatershed Plan recommendations Stormwater management Advise on other legislation: <i>Environmental Assessment Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act</i> Technical Review related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater management Major Development applications for WHPA-Q2 for conformity with the South Georgina Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Assistance at LPAT or Environmental Tribunal Participate in pre-consultation meetings Scoping of complete application requirements including Terms of 	Underway/ On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release

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City of Richmond Hill	TRCA	No	<u>Note:</u> However, currently relies on TRCA input through plan/ development review process		Underway/ On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release
City of Vaughan	TRCA	No	<u>Note:</u> However, currently relies on TRCA input through plan/ development review process		Underway/ On hold – Awaiting Provincial regulation release
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The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Krista South, Executive Manager, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71208 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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Committee of the Whole
Finance and Administration
May 13, 2021

Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

Renewing York Region's Vision: "Strong, Caring, Safe Communities"

1. Recommendations

The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

2. Summary

This report presents the updated Draft Vision.

Key Points:

- Vision outlines Regional Council's commitment towards realizing the quality of life our residents want now and in the future
- Vision serves as the guiding star for the Region's corporate planning activities and ensures all York Region staff are working in the same direction, regardless of their role or function within the organization
- Consultation efforts identified a desire for a simplified Vision document while maintaining key components of Vision, including the Vision statement of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities and support of the four community result areas of Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government
- Community indicators will be reported to each term of Council to share the progress towards achieving Vision
- A Final Vision is anticipated to be presented to Council before end of 2021

3. Background

Vision is Regional Council’s commitment to the community, outlining the quality of life our residents want now and in the future

Vision outlines aspirations for our community and measures of success towards achieving the quality of life our residents want now and in the future. York Region works with community partners towards achieving this “Vision”.

The previous Vision, [Vision 2051](#), was endorsed [May 2012](#) and carried forward the vision statement of “Strong, Caring, Safe Communities” from Vision 2026.

The Vision update process was last communicated to Council through the [October 2019](#) Council Education Session and follow-up memo in [November 2019](#). Due to COVID-19, this Draft Vision report to Council has been slightly delayed.

The Region’s Corporate Strategic Plan, Multi-Year Budget and other plans align with Vision

Vision serves as the guiding star for the Region’s corporate planning activities and strengthens corporate culture. It ensures all York Region staff are working in the same direction, regardless of their role or function within the organization. York Region’s corporate performance management framework ensures consistent, corporate-wide application and alignment with Vision through the Corporate Strategic Plan, Multi-Year Budget, Departmental Plans and Individual Performance Plans.

To maintain a focus on the longer-term Vision, the Region sets priorities over each four-year Term of Council through the Corporate Strategic Plan, in alignment with the four community result areas of Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government. To ensure progress is achieved, the Corporate Strategic Plan aligns performance measures and activities with Council’s priorities and is integrated with the Region’s Multi-Year Budget, department-led plans and individual performance plans.

Vision also serves as a guiding document for the Region’s provincially-mandated plans such as the Regional Official Plan.

4. Analysis

Engagement with stakeholders and staff identified what our residents want for their communities now and in the future

The Draft Vision was created through consultations with our community that have been ongoing since 2018. The Region encouraged stakeholders to share information, exchange ideas, generate discussion and ask important questions about York Region’s future.

The updated Vision is intended to connect and unify residents and our community partners in achieving York Region's Vision. Consultation efforts have identified a desire for a simplified Vision document while maintaining key components, including the Vision statement of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities and support of the four community result areas of Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government.

Progress towards achieving Vision will be monitored through community indicators

Progress towards achieving Vision will be measured through community indicators that will be reported to each Term of Council.

Community indicators are measures that help quantify the achievement of our desired results for our communities. Multiple community and government partners are involved in improving the results of community indicators.

Community indicators are important to provide measurement and integrity for Council's Vision. They are the final steps towards making the Vision credible, measurable and tangible.

Many of the community indicators being considered are also social determinants of health, such as those relating to employment, education, housing and access to services, recognizing that social and economic factors influence people's health and are key to ensuring positive health and wellness outcomes for York Region residents.

Validation sessions will be hosted over the next several months with various stakeholders, including local municipal leaders and key staff from York Region and York Regional Police, to select and prioritize meaningful community indicators.

Meaningful feedback representative of the community will continue to inform the Draft Vision

York Region has a long history of surveying York Region residents to better understand residents' preferences, needs, opinions and satisfaction levels with Regional services. The annual community surveys are statistically representative of the make up of York Region's population according to the latest Census data. Feedback and input received are a tool for internal decision-making and help to inform program and policy decisions.

A Final Vision is anticipated to be presented to Council by end of 2021

Over the next several months, staff will work with key stakeholders to clearly define the Vision's aspirational statements and select meaningful community indicators to measure Vision's goals. Staff plan to develop a final Vision for Council's consideration by end of 2021. The completion and approval of final Vision will kick off the start of a fulsome communications campaign to share Vision with the community, including promotional materials and messaging.

5. Financial

The development of the updated Vision is being completed using the existing Regional Staff complement and within approved business plans and budgets.

6. Local Impact

Local municipalities are key stakeholders in achieving our community Vision for York Region.

Staff recommend this report be circulated to local municipalities for their information and will be reaching out to local CAOs and their senior staff for feedback. This feedback will be used to further inform the final Vision.

7. Conclusion

Vision is Regional Council's long-term commitment to the community and guides decision making towards realizing the quality of life our residents want now and in the future. Vision serves as the guiding star for the Region's corporate planning activities and ensures all York Region staff are working in the same direction, regardless of their role or function within the organization.

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For more information on this report, please contact Krista South, Executive Manager, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71208. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



Approved for Submission: **Bruce Macgregor**
Chief Administrative Officer

April 30, 2021
Attachments (1)
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Strong, Caring, Safe Communities

NOTE: Draft content to be finalized through consultations





**Chairman & CEO
Wayne Emmerson**

**A Message from
York Region Chairman
and CEO and Members of
Regional Council**

Vision represents York Regional Council's commitment to the community to realize the quality of life our residents want, now and in the future.

Vision documents our aspirations for a perfect York Region – that of strong, caring, safe communities. It is the outcome of more than two years of outreach and engagement with our residents, partners and staff, listening closely to ensure we truly understood and captured what residents wanted and needed, today and tomorrow.

The Vision document is also a recognition of our accountability to the community. It is the north star that aligns all work we do and guides the practices of our ambitious and productive workforce of more than 4,900 staff. From this Vision document flows the actions and measurements captured in our

Corporate Strategic Plan, departmental plans and, ultimately, the performance plans of each one of our staff members.

We acknowledge York Region is on the traditional territories of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe People, whose presence here continues to this day. We also acknowledge York Region is the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and thank them and other Indigenous Peoples for sharing their land with us. The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation is our closest Indigenous community.

With great mindfulness of the past and great hope for the future, we are proud to share our Vision with you and invite you to join us in achieving this Vision for the future.



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Markham**



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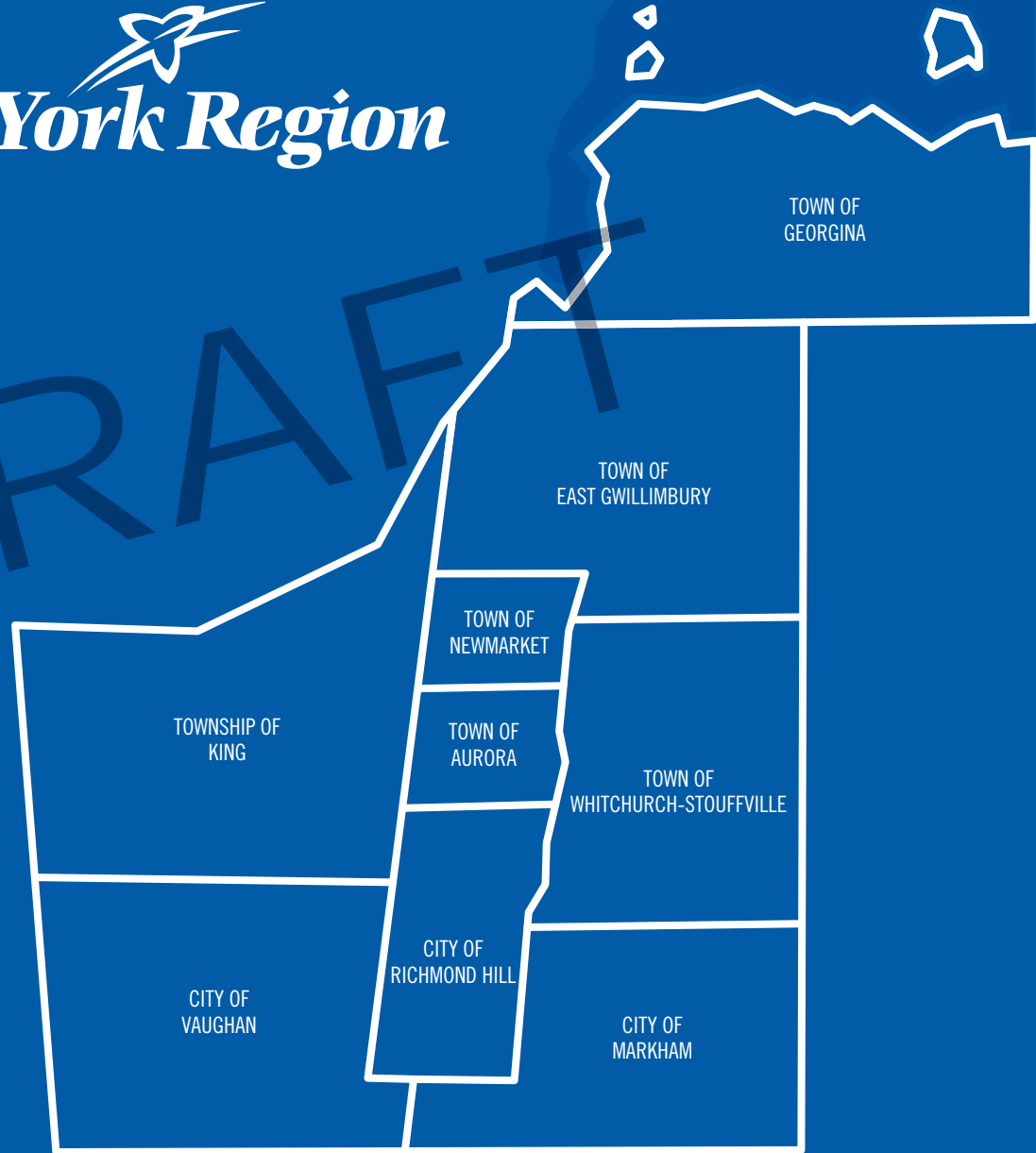
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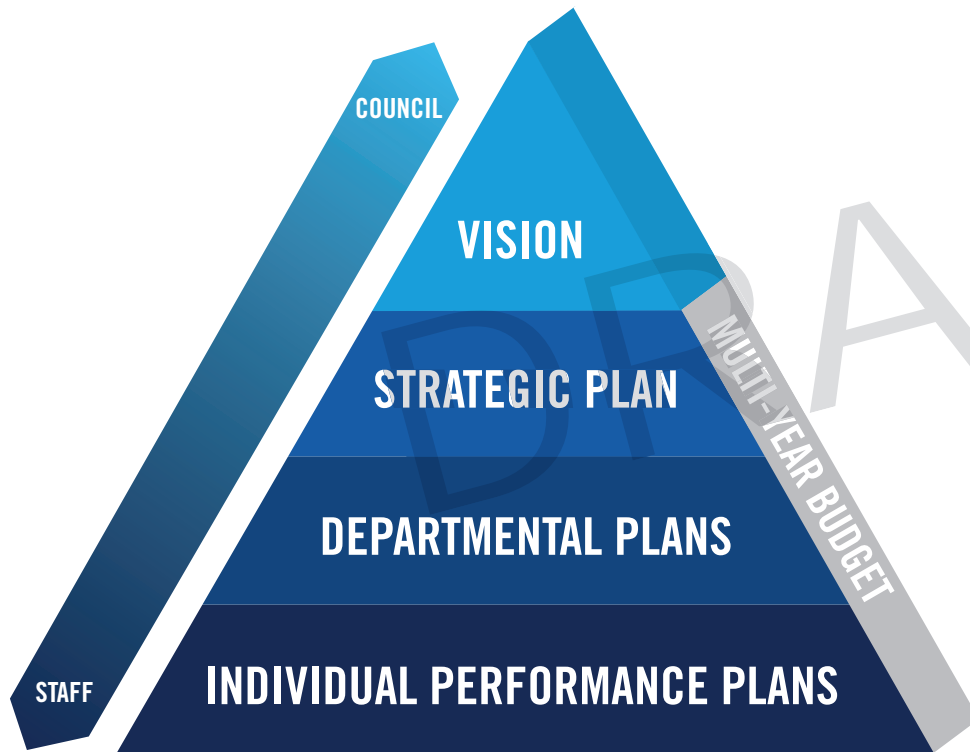
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This diagram illustrates York Region's accountability framework and shows how Vision guides all corporate plans.

What is York Region's Vision?

York Region's Vision expresses Council's commitment to strong, caring, safe communities. It is a statement of our ideal future. It is ambitious, optimistic and aspirational.

Vision serves as the guiding star for the Region's corporate planning activities. It ensures all York Region staff are working in the same direction, regardless of their role or function within the organization. It guides Regional Council's decision making towards achieving the kind of community York Region residents want, now and in the future.

Vision has a long-term outlook well beyond the time frames of the Region's more time-bound documents, such as the 4-year Strategic Plan and Multi-Year Budgets, and the Region's statutory obligations to plan for population and employment growth with a 30-year outlook. In contrast to these documents and plans, Vision looks well into the future to set the direction today for the kinds of communities in which we aspire to create, work and live.

YOUR **community**
YOUR **ideas**
YOUR **future**

York Region staff listened closely to residents, partner agencies and key stakeholders to create this Vision.

This included outreach to every household in York Region through the Region's print publication, York Region Matters, along with more than 3,500 direct engagements with stakeholders. Community members came together in person to enjoy walk and talks with the Chief Planner; York Region's social agencies and police service came together for consultations; and futurist and planning sessions were held with Council and senior management by renowned experts in the field.

We surveyed residents to better understand their preferences, needs and opinions in a way that ensured the survey sample and responses were reflective of the actual population of York Region, all the way from age, gender and education to diversity. We learned that residents felt we are living up to our Vision statement of Strong, Caring, Safe Communities, and most residents felt the quality of life here in York Region was excellent and safe.

We heard about what residents wanted most for our communities in the future, including walkable and compact communities; employment opportunities;

spaces and services for social connections; and protection for the Region's natural environment. We listened to the good and the bad, recognizing that key issues facing our Region were those of housing affordability and the need for more robust transportation options.

And we recognized how the Region has evolved and continues to evolve, with new trends appearing such as an increased need for innovation, digitization, connectivity, inclusivity, resiliency, equality, social cohesion and prosperity.

We also listened to the concerns of a Region that was living through a global pandemic and the increased focus on public health measures and economic prosperity.

To the 1.2 million residents of York Region, including all those who personally responded to, communicated with, and took part in these listening events: Thank you.

This Vision does not belong to Regional Council alone. It belongs to all of us. It reflects 1.2 million aspirations for tomorrow.

The Evolution of Vision

The Vision you hold in your hands is the next step in a long history of visioning by York Region.

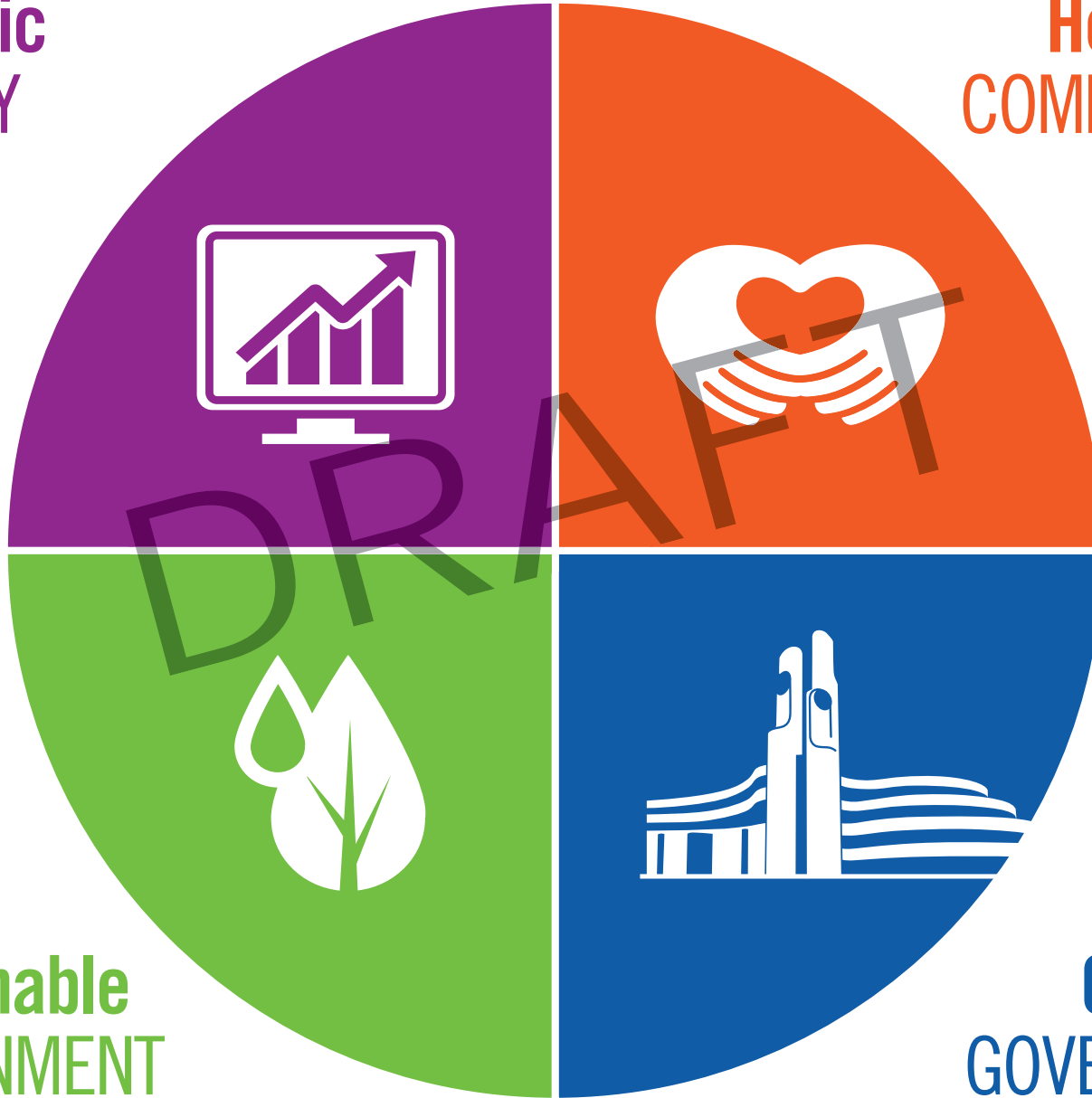
Like the Visions that came before this, the current Vision was developed with a great mindfulness of the past in addition to a great deal of conversation with the community.

York Region's Vision has evolved and matured over time, but the overall goals of the Region have remained consistent. These goals have aligned with the Region's four community result areas – the four overarching conditions of well-being for our communities: Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment and Good Government.

The four community result areas are at the heart and soul of our work and cascade through our entire organization. They are captured and reported in the Corporate Strategic Plan and supported by the Region's Multi-Year Budget. Our aspirations for achieving the community result areas are captured in the following pages.

Economic
VITALITY

Healthy
COMMUNITIES



Sustainable
ENVIRONMENT

Good
GOVERNMENT

Measuring Vision

Vision without action is just a dream. Recognizing this, York Region's action towards Vision occurs through the corporate strategic planning and multi-year budget process.

Progress towards achieving Vision will be further measured through community indicators that will be reported to each term of Council. These indicators are important to provide measurement and integrity to Council's Vision. They are the final steps towards making Vision credible and tangible.

In 2020, 80 per cent of residents agreed that York Region was living up to its Vision (Community Opinion Polling 2020). It is our goal to maintain and improve this belief, along with the results of the rest of the community indicators in this document, as we continue our journey towards achieving our Vision.

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IS JUST A **dream**,
action WITHOUT
VISION JUST PASSES
the time, and
VISION WITH ACTION
CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD

Nelson Mandela



Economic VITALITY

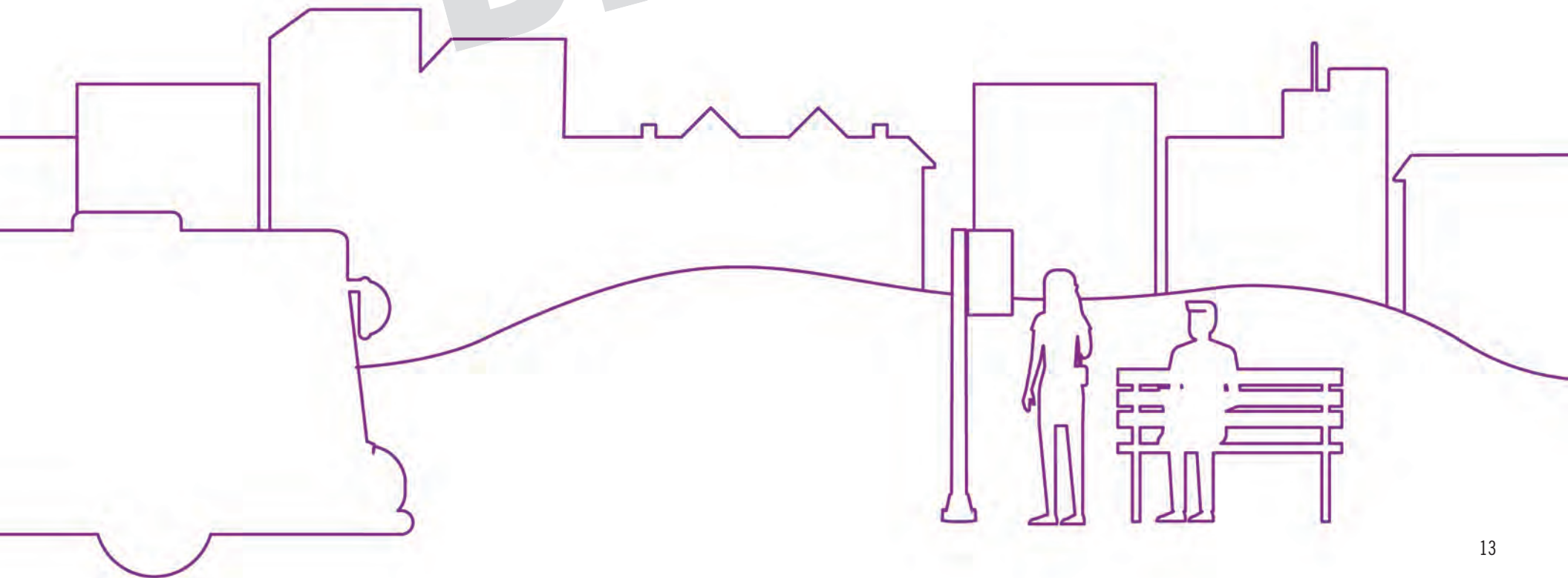
Focuses on what is needed to encourage and sustain economic growth and vitality of the Region.

the VISION

York Region has a knowledge-based economy. It has smart cities, interesting and exciting places to live, work and play, robust services and infrastructure, and a seamless network for mobility of goods, services and people. It is a place of abundant economic opportunity for all.

HOW DO WE GET there?

- Participation Rate
- % of population with access to internet service
- % of labour force live and work in York Region
- % of population completed post-secondary education
- % of daily trips by mode of transportation (automobile, transit, walk/cycle, other)





Healthy COMMUNITIES

**Focuses on the
livability, health,
safety and social
well-being of our
communities.**

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York Region is renowned for healthy living. It is a place of social inclusion and support that promotes and protects social cohesion for all. It is a place where vulnerable populations can live and thrive as much as others and all have equal access to social services and support for health. York Region is safe and welcoming with accessible opportunities for recreation and affordable housing.

HOW DO WE GET there?

- % of community sense of belonging
- % of population in households in low-income based on the low-income concept of Low Income Measure, After Tax (LIM-AT)
- % of survey respondents perception of safety
- Average life expectancy
- Number of cultural institutions and sporting facilities per 100,000 population





Sustainable ENVIRONMENT

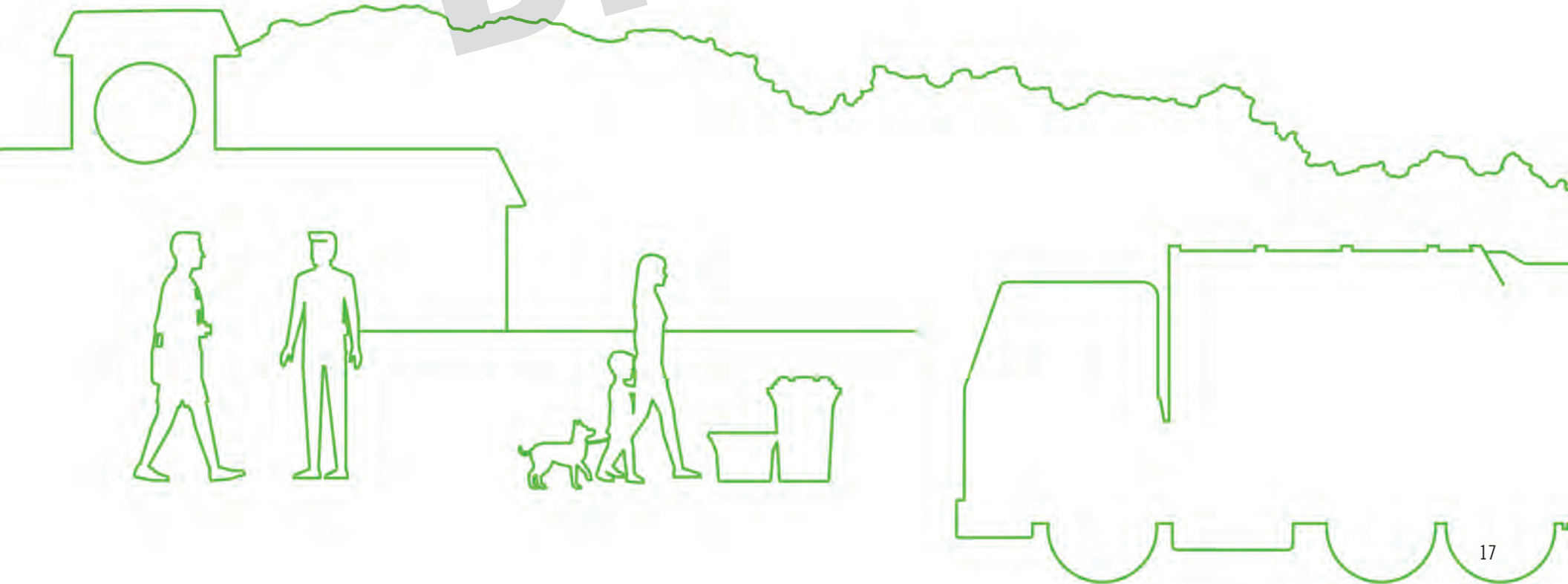
Focuses on the need to protect and sustain the natural and built environment and reduce our ecological impact.

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York Region continues to protect its natural environment with a focus on sustainable building and living to reduce our ecological impact. It is known for its thriving local agriculture and agri-food system.

HOW DO WE GET there?

- % of land area designated for natural protection
- # of greenhouse gas emissions measured in tonnes per capita
- % of land area designated for agricultural use
- % of compliance rate of drinking water quality



A stylized white graphic on a blue background. On the left, a vertical pen-like shape is shown with a paperclip. To its right, several horizontal lines of varying lengths extend to the right, resembling a stack of papers or a document. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the text 'GOVERNMENT'.

Good GOVERNMENT

Focuses on the financial sustainability, openness, accessibility, transparency, accountability and reliability of government and its related programs and services to our communities.

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York Region's government is renowned for its openness, accountability, fiscal responsibility and engagement of community in decision making. It is recognized as a leader in smart, digital services.

HOW DO WE GET there?

- % of debt service ratio
- % of survey respondents satisfaction level with government
- % of survey respondents satisfaction level with value for their tax dollars
- % of survey respondents satisfaction level with overall quality of services



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**strong,
caring,
safe communities**

through our mission of

**working together to serve
our thriving communities
– today and tomorrow**

by relying on our values of

**Integrity
Commitment
Accountability
Respect
Excellence**

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May 13, 2021

Report of the Commissioner of Environmental Services

2020 Greening Strategy Achievements and State of the Forest

1. Recommendation

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2. Summary

This report provides Council with an update on activities, partnerships, significant 2020 Greening Strategy achievements and progress towards canopy and woodland cover objectives.

Key Points:

- Canopy cover and woodland cover in York Region have increased to 33.4% and 23.6%, respectively
- While the timeframe to achieve 40% canopy cover by 2051 remains the same, the date for achieving 25% woodland cover will be revised from 2031 to 2051 through the Municipal Comprehensive Review. This allows time to better reflect gains in woodland cover as natural regeneration and past tree planting efforts materialize
- 2020 Greening Strategy achievements include planting 60,539 trees and shrubs, inspiring residents to action through 108 events, and leveraging \$534,000 in external funding
- York Regional Forest has experienced a significant increase in visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Increased monitoring and additional temporary parking locations have been implemented to ensure a safe and positive visitor experience
- *Lymantria dispar dispar* (European Gypsy Moth) monitoring has identified the potential for severe tree defoliation in 2021; steps are being taken to protect Regional assets and support residents in managing their trees

3. Background

Regional Greening Strategy delivers on-the-ground action through adaptable partnerships and programs that strengthen the natural environment

The [Greening Strategy](#), developed in 2001 and updated in 2012, delivers on-the-ground action to help achieve the Region Official Plan goal of a sustainable natural environment. Actions such as environmental land securement and restoration contribute to Official Plan objectives to protect and enhance the Regional Greenlands System and associated features including forests, wetlands and grasslands (Figure 1). Through its four action areas, the strategy supports healthy natural environments that improve the quality of life for residents across the Region. Success is achieved through innovative and adaptable partnerships that enable the Region to deliver programs that inspire resident action. The Strategy continues to be a key delivery mechanism for increasing canopy and woodland cover across the Region.

Progress towards canopy and woodland cover targets are reported through the State of the Forest report

Trees and forests provide a multitude of environmental, health and economic benefits that make our communities more sustainable and help the Region mitigate and adapt to climate change. In recognition of the vital role that trees and forests play, Council approved the York Region Forest Management Plan on [November 17, 2016](#). The Plan expands on the Greening Strategy and identifies a series of short-, medium- and long-term actions focused on increasing canopy and woodland cover (Figure 1).

A goal of the Plan is to increase tree cover working towards targets to grow canopy cover to 40% by 2051 and woodland cover to 25% by 2031. Progress towards these targets is reported through the State of Forest report (Figure 1). Canopy and woodland cover was last reported to Council on [March 23, 2017](#) as 31% and 23.2%, respectively.

Figure 1**Key Strategies and Plans Deliver on Regional Official Plan Objectives****4. Analysis****Regional Greening Strategy's diverse partnerships demonstrate resilience delivering on-the-ground action in challenging times**

In 2020, implementation of Greening Strategy actions delivered tangible, on-the-ground results despite challenges posed by COVID-19. These achievements (Table 1) represent the Region's ongoing commitment to a sustainable natural environment. Staff and partners quickly pivoted programs to reflect changing COVID-19 public health measures while managing an increased demand from residents to access natural areas and participate in programs.

While some partners made the decision to cease or reduce operations, others were able to shift to virtual and socially distanced program delivery. As a result, over 60,000 trees and shrubs were planted and 108 events were held, contributing the creation of 24.8 hectares of new woodland.

Table 1
Greening Strategy 2020 Achievements

Action Area	Goal	Target (Minimum)	2020 Achievement
Stewardship and Education	Educate residents about the value of the natural environment and provide opportunities to connect with nature and inspire action	100 outreach events Engage 50,000 residents	108 outreach events Over 50,000 residents engaged
Enhancement and Rehabilitation	Enhance and rehabilitate the natural environment on both public and private lands	Plant 70,000 trees and shrubs	60,539 trees and shrubs planted
Environmental Land Protection and Preservation	Restore linkages and protect core natural areas including forests, wetlands and significant habitat	Increasing area (hectares) of environmental lands secured	No hectares of environmental land secured
Leadership, Innovation and Knowledge	Share knowledge, demonstrate leadership and be innovative in the protection of the natural environment	Host four technical regional forums Present at two science and technology forums	10 forums hosted with agencies and local municipalities 16 presentations at science and technology forums

The Greening Strategy strengthened the natural environment in 2020 through projects and programs that resulted in planting 4,034 pollinator and grassland plants, distributing 1,500 pollinator seed packets, enhancing 14 hectares of in-stream and streambank habitat, and creating habitat for five species at risk. Securing land in 2020 posed a challenge as landowners were hesitant to make large financial decisions while facing the uncertainties of COVID-19. Despite this challenge, work continued with partners to engage over 30 landowners regarding future securement opportunities. To continue engagement during COVID-19, programs were adapted to allow residents to participate through self-guided activities, webinars, and other virtual events. In place of in-person York Regional Forest events, staff delivered Discover Your Forest Kits with self-guided activities.

In 2019, York Region was approved for \$10 million in funding through Infrastructure Canada's Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) to implement a natural infrastructure project. The project will result in over 400,000 trees and shrubs being planted across the Region, including establishing 100 hectares of new woodland by 2027. On-the-ground implementation of the DMAF project was initiated in 2020 with the planting of over 2,600 trees and shrubs to help mitigate the impacts of extreme heat in urban areas.

York Region has been recognized as a Tree City of the World

In March 2021, York Region was recognized as a Tree City of the World. Tree Cities of the World program is an international effort to recognize cities and towns committed to ensuring their urban forests and trees are properly maintained, sustainably managed and duly celebrated. The program, established in 2019, is administered by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Over 100 cities in 23 countries are currently recognized including the Cities of Richmond Hill, Toronto, Mississauga, Guelph, and Whitby.

There are five standards that must be met to be recognized: Establish responsibility (individuals dedicated to management), set the rules (policies, bylaws, standards and plans), know what you have (inventory, cover assessments, studies), allocate the resources (budget, staff, and/or volunteers), and celebrate achievements (events, media, promotion). York Region has demonstrated ongoing commitment in each of these five standards.

State of the Forest Report demonstrates an increase in canopy cover to 33.4% and woodland cover to 23.6%

The 2021 State of the Forest report (Attachment 1), contains an updated assessment of canopy and woodland cover across the Region. Canopy cover is the measure of land area covered by tree canopies on both public and private lands. The 2021 assessment was completed with the University of Vermont using high resolution satellite imagery and LiDAR imagery. Canopy cover in York Region was measured at 33.4%, an increase of 2.4% since 2017 (31%). Improved assessment methods and technology attributed to 1.4% of this increase with the balance resulting from planting and growth of young trees. The addition of a 40% canopy cover target in the Regional Official Plan will be considered through the current Municipal Comprehensive Review.

Woodland cover is a subset of canopy cover and measures larger and more densely treed areas in York Region. The 2021 assessment measured woodland cover at 23.6%, an increase of 0.4% since 2017 (23.2%). Approximately half of this increase is related to improved methods and the remainder to natural expansion of woodland edges and large-scale tree plantings which outpaced the loss of woodland due to clearing (a net gain of 261 hectares).

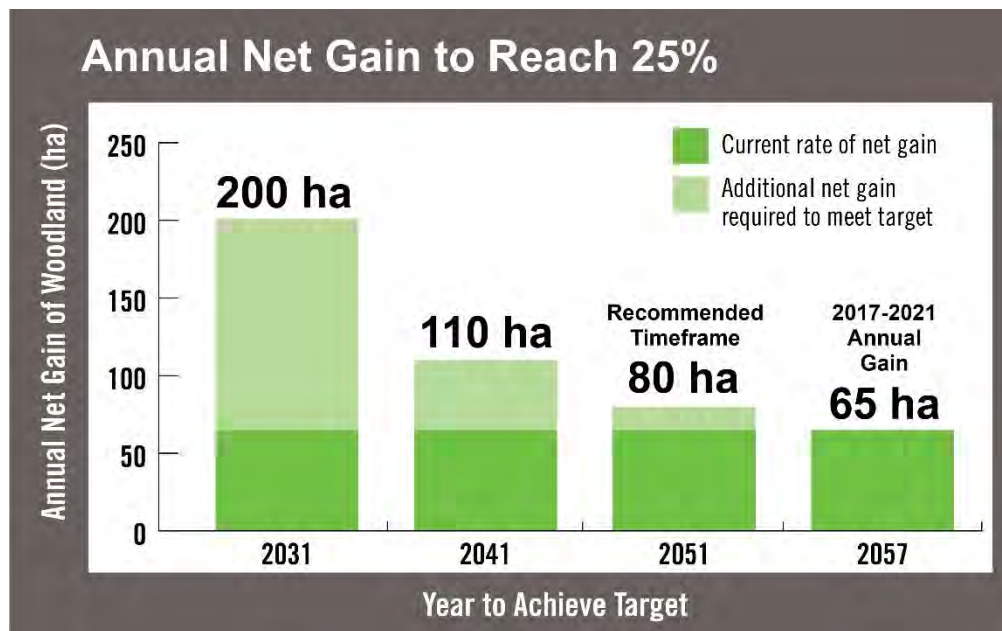
Timeframe to achieve the woodland cover target will be revised to 2051 to better reflect actual increases being achieved

Based on the 2021 analysis of woodland cover and recent annual gains, the Region is unlikely to meet the target of 25% woodland cover by 2031. To achieve this goal by 2031 we would need to increase the rate of gain annually from our current 65 hectares per year to 200 hectares per year. The lower rate of increase in woodland cover over the previous twenty years represents a balance between gains from tree planting and natural growth, and losses to development, agriculture and other uses. While the actual rate of increase, 65 hectares annually, is less than anticipated, reasonable gains are being made given the pressure from different land use needs. The Region is achieving a desired balance among the multiple goals and objectives in the Official Plan. Other challenges to increase woodland cover

include impacts of invasive species, funding for land acquisition and tree planting programs, and landowner participation in planting programs.

Despite these challenges, the Region has seen gains in woodland cover with each assessment. With a modest increase in the annual net gain from 65 hectares to 80 hectares, 25% woodland cover can be reasonably achieved by 2051 (Figure 2). Increases in woodland cover are realized through natural expansion of woodlands and through large-scale tree planting. The recent woodland cover analysis revealed that there is an eight to ten-year delay before new plantings show up as woodland cover in the assessment, which also signifies a lag time between removals and the contribution of compensation plantings. Progress towards canopy and woodland cover targets will be assessed every five years allowing future refinement of targets and timeframes based on measured growth of trees and forests. The revised timeframe for achieving woodland cover will be reflected through the updated Regional Official Plan.

Figure 2
Annual Net Gain to Reach 25% Woodland Cover



York Region Forest Management Plan sets out a roadmap to increasing canopy and woodland cover

Goals and actions in the York Region Forest Management Plan (2016) set the roadmap to increase canopy cover to 40% and woodland cover to 25%. The actions address the challenges associated with increasing canopy and woodland cover including landowner engagement programs, communicating the value of trees and forests, and impacts of invasive species. To date 41 of the 63 short-term and medium-term actions have been completed or are being delivered annually. Of the remaining 22 actions, work has commenced on seven, with the remainder scheduled to commence in future years.

Recent initiatives such as development of a tree planting prioritization tool and Benefits of Trees and Forests Communications strategy combined with the two billion tree program Federal Government funding announcement further support annual tree planting initiatives. These recent initiatives support the projected annual increase in tree planting from 65 to 80 hectares.

To achieve an annual net gain of 80 hectares staff will also focus on actions to increase tree planting capacity and program uptake, including working with partners to refine large-scale tree planting programs and implement strategies from the Benefits of Trees Communications strategy to increase awareness of tree planting programs.

In partnership with each local municipality and conservation authority, the Region will undertake forest studies across the Region. These studies will be completed between 2021 and 2025. Outcomes will be reported in the 2026 State of the Forest report along with updated canopy and woodland cover metrics. Results will be used to identify the greatest opportunities for increases and inform the York Region Forest Management Plan update ensuring strategies and actions remain effective.

Urban expansion into whitebelt lands to accommodate Provincially mandated growth will influence progress towards canopy and woodland cover targets. Through protection policies in Regional and local official plans key natural heritage features, including woodlands, are protected and compensation plantings implemented to offset losses. With urban expansion into whitebelt lands it is anticipated that canopy cover will increase over time as new trees are planted and mature trees continue to grow within streetscapes, urban parks and residential backyards.

Invasive species continue to impact York Region's trees and natural areas

Many invasive insects and plants continue to impact or pose a threat to the Region's urban landscapes and natural areas. Priority invasive species in York Region are identified where they pose a significant risk based on potential impacts to residents, Regional assets, natural heritage features and public health. The Region continues to collaborate with local municipalities, provincial and federal governments, and non-governmental organizations to manage invasive species, while also providing education and resources to residents.

Examples of priority invasive species currently found in York Region include emerald ash borer, wild parsnip, dog-strangling vine, and Phragmites. Priority invasive species not currently found in the Region but found either in Ontario or close to the border in the United States include hemlock woolly adelgid, oak wilt and spotted lanternfly. In 2020, staff piloted best management practices to address priority populations of Phragmites and the effectiveness of these efforts will be evaluated in 2021. Based on the pilot's success, staff will continue these efforts in collaboration with partners to manage Phragmites.

Invasive moth *Lymantria dispar dispar* outbreak is expected to cause severe tree defoliation in parts of York Region in 2021

Originating from Europe, this invasive moth was first detected in Ontario in the 1960's, however widespread defoliation was not observed until the late 1980's. The last notable

outbreak in York Region was in the early 1990's. The moth population quickly crashed during this outbreak and management was not required. This invasive moth is now well established and will likely never be eradicated. During June and July caterpillars eat the leaves of host species such as oak, birch, maple and elm, and can be a nuisance by leaving droppings and bits of foliage on decks and walkways near infested trees. As with most forest pests, their population growth is cyclical, with populations growing to high numbers in certain locations and then crashing to almost undetectable levels for years after.

Surveys completed in the fall of 2020 identified high populations throughout the Region and potential for severe tree defoliation in 2021. A communications strategy has been prepared to inform residents of the potential defoliation and direct them to resources for managing their trees. Control measures in the form of pesticide treatment will be implemented to protect high value Regional street trees. Results of the survey have been shared with local municipal staff, conservation authorities and partners, and work is underway to coordinate communications and response.

York Regional Forest is experiencing significant increase in visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic

Outdoor recreation spaces, including the York Regional Forest, are experiencing a significant increase in use during the pandemic. With many activities reduced or suspended due to public health measures, residents have sought opportunities to explore natural areas. Residents spending more time in nature is one of the positive outcomes of COVID-19.

Increased use of the Forest has resulted in challenges during peak periods as parking lots frequently exceed capacity. Through collaboration with Regional departments and local municipalities, strategies are being implemented to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit. A communication strategy was developed to direct users to less popular tracts while providing key messages related to public health measures. Staff presence at busy parking lots and addition of temporary parking are helping to manage use during peak periods. Use is expected to decline once public health measures are relaxed, but we anticipate many users who discovered the Forest during the pandemic will continue to visit in the future. Construction of additional parking capacity will be considered based on post pandemic use and budget availability.

5. Financial

Through partnerships, the Greening Strategy leverages significant resources and funds for each action area. In 2020, \$1,895,000 was approved in the operating budget for the Greening Strategy, including \$974,000 for environmental land purchases (Table 2). The remaining \$921,000 supports operating programs and partnerships including large scale reforestation, backyard tree planting, outdoor education, and land securement.

In 2020, program partners leveraged the Region's investment by securing an additional \$534,000 in funding for program delivery through grants and matching funds. For example, Ontario Streams secured over \$50,000 in funding to support the Adopt-a-Stream program

and tree planting in York Region through grants such as the Federal Canada Nature Fund and through private foundations such as the Echo Foundation.

Table 2
Greening Strategy 2020 Operating Budget Overview

Program	2020 Budget
Environmental Land Purchases	\$974,000
Greening Strategy Implementation	\$921,000
Total 2020 Operating Budget	\$1,895,000

The approved 2021 operating budget includes \$1,940,000 to support Greening Strategy initiatives.

6. Local Impact

Canopy and woodland cover assessments support local municipal efforts to plan and manage trees and forests locally. Results of these assessments are shared with local municipalities to inform development of their own urban forest management plans and policies. The Region is also partnering with each municipality and conservation authorities to initiate the 2021-2025 forest studies. These studies will provide a better understanding of what trees we have, vulnerabilities to our trees and forests, and quantify the benefits provided by them. The studies, completed every 10 years, support forest management planning at the Regional and local municipal level.

Greening Strategy programs provide local municipalities and residents with opportunities to enhance the natural environment. Greening initiatives support protection of Regional and local natural heritage systems, which in turn support sustainable communities. In 2021, staff will consult with local municipalities and partners to update the Greening Strategy ensuring that programs and projects continue to support the four action areas of the Strategy. This update to the Greening Strategy will be brought to Council in 2022.

7. Conclusion


Trees and forests contribute to healthy, sustainable and livable communities throughout York Region. Canopy and woodland cover across the Region are increasing despite ongoing pressures from invasive species, extreme weather events and intensification. The timeframe to achieve 25% woodland cover will be revised to 2051 through the Municipal

Comprehensive Review which will better reflect gains. Implementation of the York Region Forest Management Plan will continue to guide our actions to achieve canopy and woodland cover objectives.

The Region's Greening Strategy continued to deliver results despite challenges from the global pandemic in 2020. The ability to continue to deliver successful programs and projects was due to the flexibility and resilience inherent in working with multiple partners to deliver the Greening Strategy. These achievements will continue to support the health of the natural environment and contribute to a high quality of life for York Region residents.

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STATE OF THE FOREST

REPORTING PROGRESS ON CANOPY AND WOODLAND COVER

MAY 2021



Forests include **woodlands and trees** in all urban and rural areas

YORK REGION'S TREE COVER IS INCREASING, BENEFITING PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

York Region is steadily increasing the benefits residents and communities enjoy from its trees and woodlands, despite challenges from pests, extreme weather, and urbanization.

York Region has over 30 million trees, collectively called the Region's forest. These trees grow on public and private lands, including woodlands, trees along streets, in parks, cemeteries, and backyards.

In 2016, York Region published its Forest Management Plan, which laid out a path for protecting and managing the forest within its borders. It included a goal for woodland cover as set out in the Regional Official Plan (2010), added a new goal for canopy cover and provided the roadmap to achieve these goals. The management plan also committed to regularly monitoring and reporting on canopy and woodland cover every five years and forest diversity and benefits every ten years through the State of the Forest reports.

The first State of the Forest report was prepared in 2017 and this 2021 report provides an update on canopy and woodland cover in York Region. The 2026 report will incorporate a five-year update on canopy and woodland cover and a ten-year update on forest diversity and benefits.



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CANOPY COVER = EVERY TREE



CANOPY COVER

Area of land across the Region under every tree

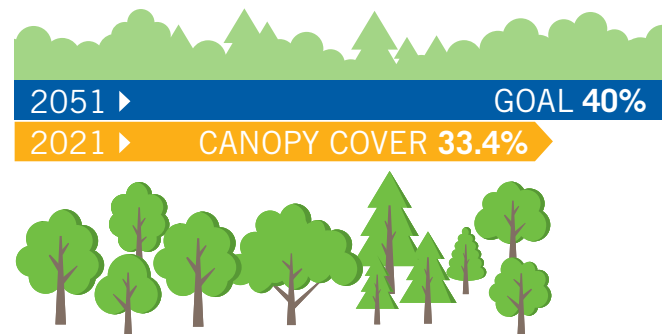
WOODLAND COVER

Area of land across the Region under heavily treed areas that are at least 0.2 hectares in size

Studies carried out for this report show that woodland cover had a net gain of 260 hectares, increasing it to 23.6% in 2021. Woodlands were estimated to cover 41,500 hectares of the Region, making up about two-thirds of the Region's entire canopy cover. Despite a net gain in woodland cover, the Region is unlikely to meet the target of 25% woodland cover by 2031. While the natural expansion of woodland edges and large-scale tree planting outpaced the loss of woodland due to clearing, the net gains achieved are not enough to close the gap by 2031. Even though the rate of increase is less than anticipated, reasonable gains are being made despite the ongoing pressure from different land use needs. With continued planting and protection efforts, the target of 25% woodland cover can reasonably be achieved by 2051.

Canopy cover reached 33.4% in 2021, moving it closer to the goal of 40% by 2051. Canopy cover increases were largely due to the growth and planting of trees in newer residential areas. Many new developments involve the planting of neighbourhood trees. As well, the Region and local municipalities plant and maintain trees along roads and parks, and support partnerships that encourage planting on private property.

Trees outside woodlands now make up about one-third of the total canopy and are expected to be important in achieving the 2051 goal of 40% canopy cover. Their contribution will depend, however, on continued new plantings and good care of existing trees to ensure their long-term health.





The distribution of canopy cover varies across the Region due to urban and rural landscapes. While it would be impossible to distribute canopy cover evenly across the Region, there is the potential in every municipality to increase the number and size of trees and shrubs.


First Nation/Municipality	Canopy Cover	Recommended Range	Woodland Cover	Recommended Range
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	88.9%	★★★★	78.7%	★★★★
Aurora	34.0%	29% to 35%	18.4%	19% to 20%
East Gwillimbury	37.4%	39% to 44%	30.4%	31% to 33%
Georgina	44.4%	46% to 47%	34.8%	39% to 40%
King	34.3%	36% to 41%	26.5%	26% to 28%
Markham	20.6%	20% to 35%	7.5%	8% to 10%
Newmarket	28.1%	25% to 35%	9.8%	11% to 13%
Richmond Hill	29.8%	26% to 35%	14.7%	14% to 15%
Vaughan	21.9%	25% to 35%	12.4%	14% to 17%
Whitchurch-Stouffville	38.9%	40% to 45%	30.9%	30% to 32%
York Region	33.4%	40% by 2051	23.6%	25% by 2051

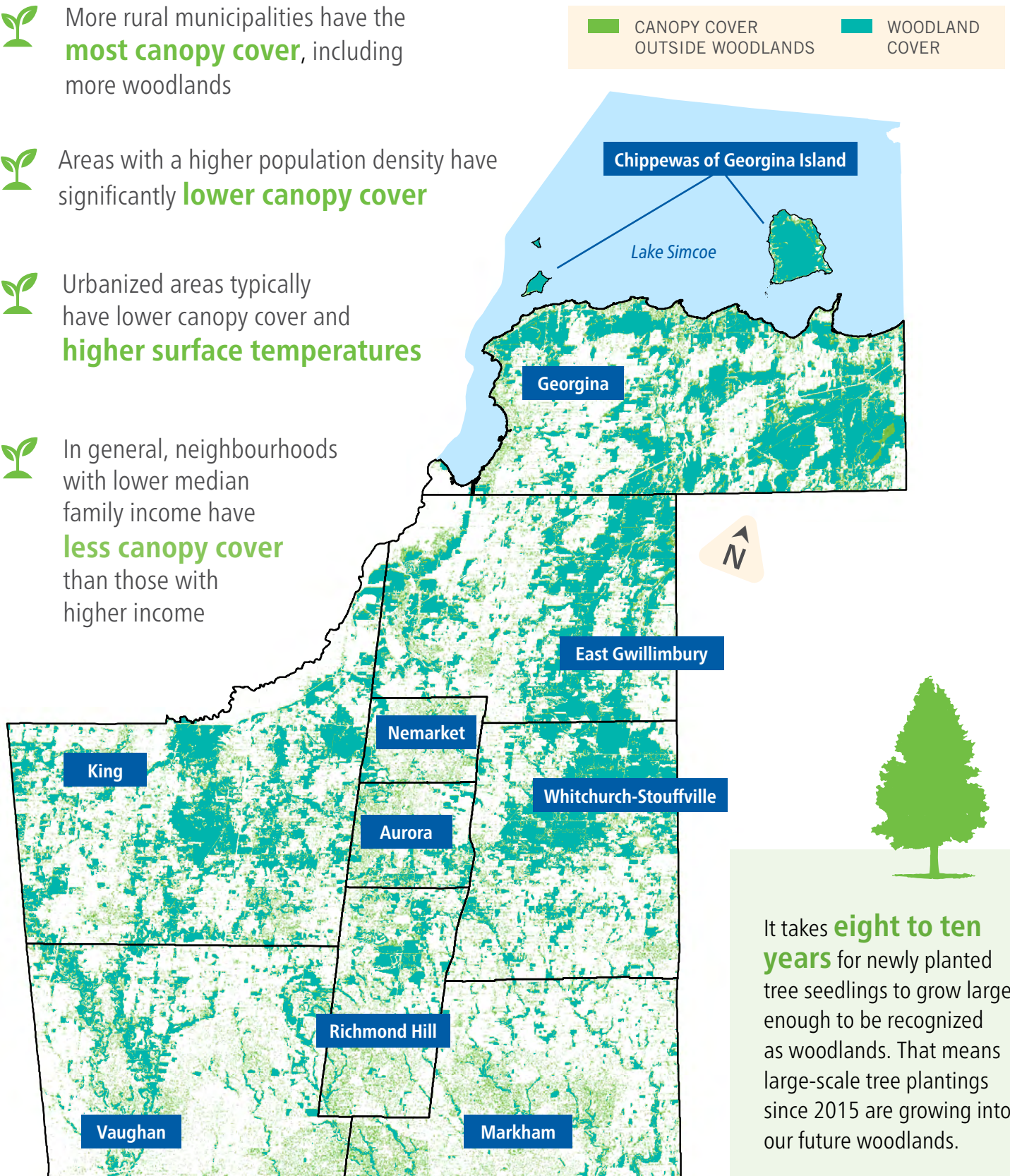
THE 2021 CANOPY COVER ASSESSMENT FOUND THAT:

 More rural municipalities have the **most canopy cover**, including more woodlands

 Areas with a higher population density have significantly **lower canopy cover**

 Urbanized areas typically have lower canopy cover and **higher surface temperatures**

 In general, neighbourhoods with lower median family income have **less canopy cover** than those with higher income



It takes **eight to ten years** for newly planted tree seedlings to grow large enough to be recognized as woodlands. That means large-scale tree plantings since 2015 are growing into our future woodlands.

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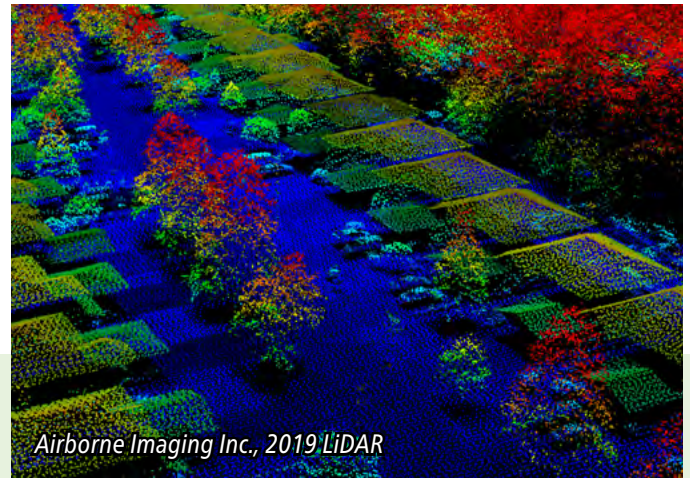
ADVANCED MEASURING TOOLS GIVE A BETTER ESTIMATE OF CANOPY AND WOODLAND SIZE

For this report, canopy cover estimates were updated using sophisticated methods that included high-resolution multi-spectral satellite imagery and LiDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging.

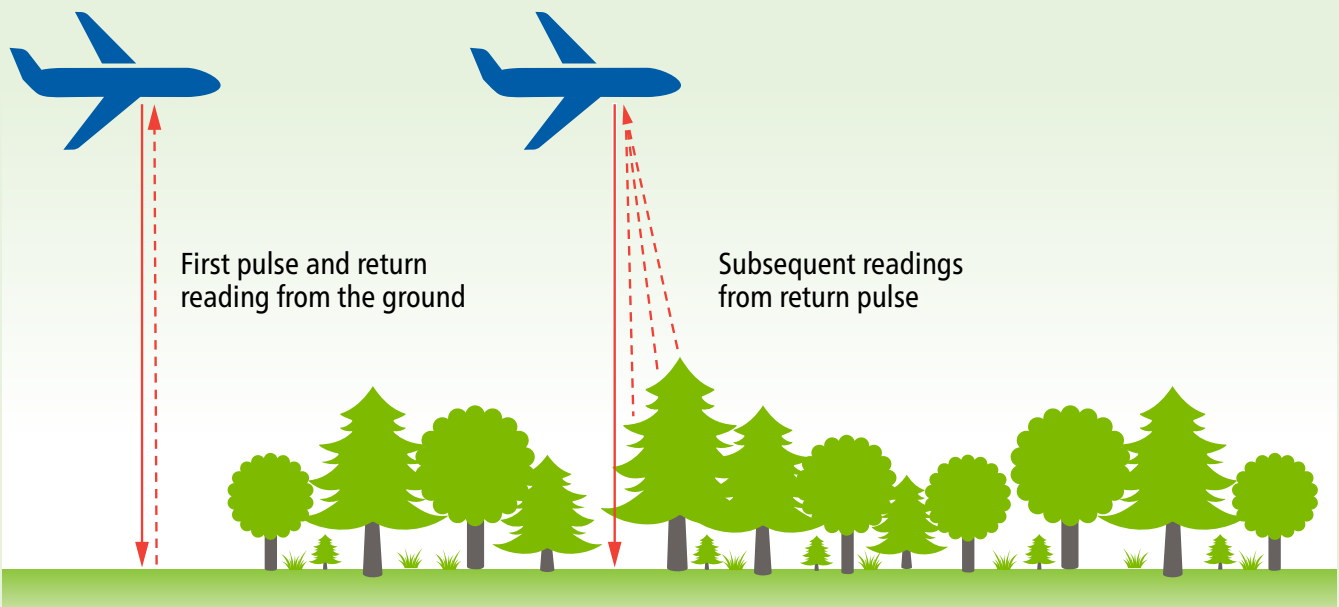
Multi-spectral satellite imagery captures different wavelengths of light to identify vegetation, bare ground, water and built structures like roads and buildings. Images are corrected for viewing angles, topography, and earth curvature to give what is called orthoimagery.

To generate LiDAR data, a pulsed laser beam is projected from an aircraft to measure the constantly changing distance to the earth, producing a three-dimensional image of the surface. LiDAR data is then combined with orthoimagery and other information to produce a detailed image of the earth's surface that identifies canopy cover provided by trees and shrubs.

Previous estimates of canopy cover relied on a variety of methods used at different points in time, and satellite imagery was not available for the entire Region. Because the combination of LiDAR and Region-wide orthoimagery improved the accuracy of canopy mapping, for this report visual inspections were carried out in some areas to determine how much of the apparent increase in canopy from earlier studies was due to more precise measurement techniques and how much reflected actual canopy growth.



HOW LIDAR WORKS



Woodland cover across the Region has **increased** by **260 hectares** - that's about **363 soccer fields**

The analysis showed that just over half of the increase resulted from better measuring techniques while the remaining increase was from actual canopy growth. Canopy cover grew to 33.4% in 2021, and the previous canopy cover estimate of 31% was underestimated.

Unlike canopy cover, woodlands are identified from digital orthophotographs based on size and tree density. Past assessments calculated woodland cover using the total area but using land area (excludes water bodies) is a more accurate reflection of woodland cover. From satellite imagery and LiDAR, the land area for the Region is derived, therefore, with this report, the land area is used to estimate the 2021 woodland cover and correct the 2017 woodland cover from 23.2% to 23.5%.

The techniques used for this report have created a solid baseline, and the Region plans to use them again to measure canopy and woodland cover in 2026 to ensure consistency and accuracy in measuring progress.



WITH GROWTH AND URBANIZATION, INVESTING IN TREES IS MORE ESSENTIAL THAN EVER

Forests provide a wide variety of public health, economic, social, and environmental services that help make York Region a better place to live. These services are becoming more essential as growth and urbanization continue, bringing more people and more intense development.

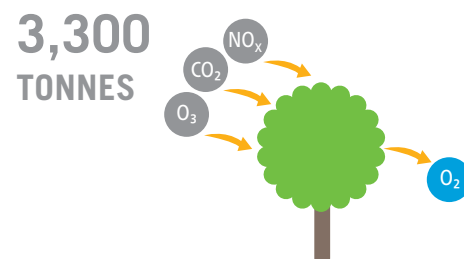
Attempting to provide these same services with built or manufactured infrastructure would be extremely costly and in some cases impossible. In addition, the huge intrinsic value that nature provides to residents cannot be quantified or replaced.

Examples of services that trees and forests provide:



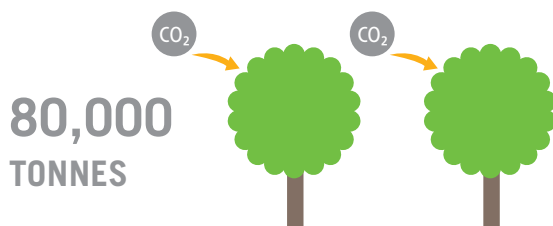
REDUCING ENERGY USE

The shade provided by trees around homes and buildings reduces the need for conventional air conditioning, saving York Region property owners an estimated \$8 million a year in energy costs. In winter, trees planted as windbreaks can lower home heating bills.



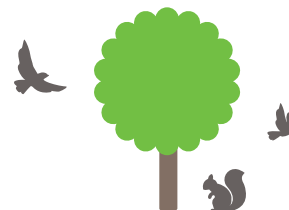
IMPROVING AIR QUALITY

Air pollutants reduce respiratory health and air quality. Each year, the Region's trees and shrubs "breathe in" about 3,300 tonnes of air pollutants such as ozone, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide through their leaves, trap or convert the harmful chemicals, and breathe out pure oxygen in return.



FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

Trees in York Region store, or sequester, roughly 80,000 tonnes of carbon each year by absorbing carbon dioxide. This is equivalent to taking 62,000 vehicles off the road.



SHELTERING WILDLIFE

Trees and shrubs provide critical habitat for a wide range of wildlife, including birds, pollinators and other insects.



REDUCING EXTREME HEAT IN BUILT-UP AREAS

Hard surfaces such as roads and buildings collect the sun's heat, then radiate it out again. This "urban heat island effect" raises local temperatures and is especially hard on children, seniors and the chronically ill. Numerous studies show that canopy cover reduces temperatures and the heat island effect.



ADDING TO PROPERTY VALUE

Canadian surveys have shown that having mature trees around a house can increase its value by up to 15% by providing privacy and adding character to a neighbourhood. Trees and shrubs also advance the Region's goal of creating Complete Communities by encouraging active transportation and enhancing natural heritage.



IMPROVING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

Research has verified that simply spending time near trees improves physical, emotional, mental, and social wellbeing. Woodlands and urban trees create an appealing environment that encourages walking, running, cycling and other outdoor exercise. Trees block UV rays, which helps prevent skin cancer, and their shade makes exercising more comfortable.



ABSORBING STORMWATER AND IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

If unchecked, the runoff from storms can flood basements and low-lying areas, carry away valuable topsoil, erode stream banks and overburden storm sewers. The Region's trees and shrubs absorb millions of cubic metres of stormwater each year through their roots, countering these threats. They also reduce suspended solids in streams and rivers, making water cleaner and clearer.

LIDAR GIVES FIRST DETAILED LOOK AT TREE HEIGHTS ACROSS THE REGION

Using LiDAR for the 2021 assessment allowed the varying height of the canopy across the Region to be measured for the first time. Height was found to range from 2 metres to 36 metres (or about 6 to 120 feet) with half of the canopy measuring at a height below average.

This supplements earlier conclusions based on trunk diameter that the trees in the Region's forest are generally younger. Over the past 20 years, the Region and its partners have planted trees along streets and in residential areas, often after land was developed. In areas with little canopy cover, even a small tree significantly improves the local environment.

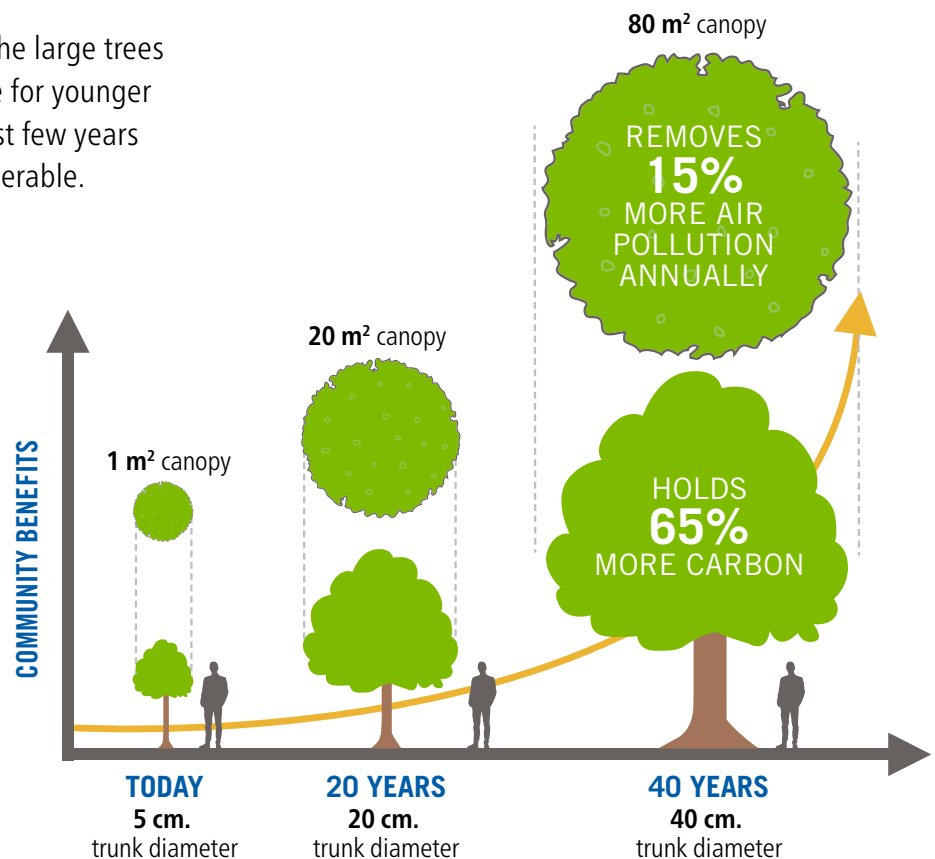
Larger trees, however, provide exponentially more canopy cover and associated services than smaller ones. One large healthy tree can store about 65 times more carbon and remove 15 times more air pollution annually than one small tree. It also provides far more shade and shelter.

The most effective way of developing the large trees the Region needs is to protect and care for younger trees as they grow, especially in the first few years after planting when they are most vulnerable.

Results from the Region's 2020 Street Tree Health Assessment reinforced the importance of actions such as mulching and watering to reduce stress from transplanting and drought. This attention is especially important for trees outside woodlands, which tend to face more stressful growing conditions.

Since larger trees provide far more services, investing in their survival in the early years provides excellent returns. Continuing to plant and encourage new trees every year also remains important, so that when the largest and oldest trees eventually die, trees of the right size are always in place to succeed them.

The use of LiDAR for future five-year reports on the state of the forest, combined with field measurement every ten years, will help improve management decisions by providing valuable insight into how the forest is maturing.



Human life could not **exist**
if there were **no trees**.



A MIX OF SPECIES PROVIDES BETTER PROTECTION FROM THREATS

Greater species diversity is important to the health of a forest because it reduces vulnerability to threats like invasive pests and diseases and climate change. It also supports a greater range of ecological processes and provides food and habitat for more birds, pollinators and other wildlife.

When the mix includes native species, the benefits are even greater. While a central goal of forestry programs is continuing to encourage native species, the challenges posed by some planting locations, especially in highly urbanized areas, coupled with a changing climate, support the use of select non-native species.

The 2017 State of the Forest Report showed that forests in York Region contained approximately 50 different native tree species and were dominated

by maple, cedar and ash. The 10-year assessment being carried out for 2026 State of the Forest report, using the i-Tree Eco tool developed by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, will show how tree species composition is changing.

One important shift has been in the prevalence of ash, which has been declining in the Region because of the invasive emerald ash borer. The 2026 State of the Forest report will also provide an update on the impact of this and other invasive species.



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FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN: THE REGION'S ROADMAP TO A HEALTHY FOREST

The 77 actions in the 2016 York Region Forest Management Plan are the roadmap to achieving the goals of 40% canopy cover and 25% woodland cover by 2051.

In the four years since the plan was adopted, 45 of the 63 short and medium term actions have been completed or are being delivered on an ongoing basis, and work on the 14 long term actions are planned for future implementation.

Actions aim to leverage opportunities to grow the forest by engaging private landowners and communicating the value of trees to all residents, while addressing challenges like the impacts of invasive species. Since 2016, the Region has:



Secured **\$10 million** in funding from the federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for land securement and tree planting



Planted **over 350,000 trees** and shrubs through the Region's Greening Strategy and on heavily travelled roads as part of the Viva bus rapidways program



Developed and adopted *It's in our Nature: Management Plan for the York Regional Forest 2019 – 2038*



Secured an **additional 64.5 hectares** to link natural areas in the Greenlands System, bringing the **total to 1,376 hectares** of environmentally significant land protected through its land securement program since 2001



Worked with partners to counter **invasive species** such as dog-strangling vine, and taking part in ongoing forums to **share knowledge** about other known and **emerging threats**



Shown leadership in innovation in forestry practices, as evidenced by research findings presented at a total of **35 science and technology gatherings** from 2018 to 2020



Developed a communication strategy to **increase public awareness** of the benefits of trees and forests



Developed **best practices** for tree planting along rural roads, based on a review of existing practices



Created a **planting prioritization tool** to analyze planting opportunities across the Region



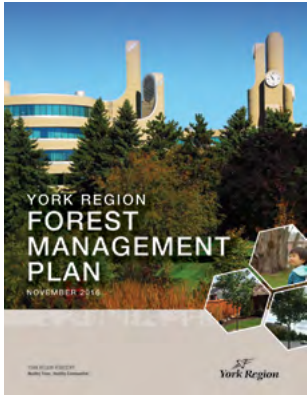
Public engagement and education are key to creating a sense of forest stewardship across the Region. Recent outreach efforts include:

Hosting or co-hosting over **400 events** between 2018 and 2020 involving more than **15,000 participants**, who learned about the importance of the natural environment and the benefits of trees

Delivering an **outdoor education pilot project**, targeting the Region's rapidly growing seniors' cohort, to highlight the York Regional Forest and explain the **benefits of connecting with nature**




CONTINUING TO GROW: THE JOURNEY AHEAD



Gathering in-depth data and using it to work toward the goals of the York Region Forest Management Plan is an important aspect of adaptive management -- that is, management that is flexible to respond to changing needs and conditions.

A key example is the next important step in realizing the plan: working in partnership with local municipality and conservation authorities to undertake forest studies across the Region. These studies will be completed between 2021 and 2025 and results will be included in the 2026 State of the Forest report, along with updated canopy and woodland cover metrics. These results will be used to review and update the overall plan to ensure its strategies and actions remain effective.


As it continues to implement the forest management plan, York Region will:


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Promote and support stewardship and planting programs on private land, such as *Grow Your Legacy* and residential tree-planting programs
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Work with partners to leverage the prioritized planting tool to target planting to areas that will most benefit
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Deliver the Nature's Classroom program to engage and increase public awareness of the York Regional Forest and the natural environment
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Continue to use the *Green Infrastructure Asset Management Plan* to drive better stewardship and care of the Region's existing trees and woodlands
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Identify and work towards securing land for conservation and planting in partnership with local organizations and municipalities
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Work with partners to research and monitor the forest to protect and enhance forest health
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Participate in programs that communicate the value of trees and support tree-planting initiatives, such as *Adopt-A-Stream* and planting on school grounds
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Plant 400,000 trees and shrubs and establish 100 additional hectares of woodland by 2027 with funding from Infrastructure Canada's *Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund*
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Enhance and rehabilitate natural areas with local municipalities and conservation authorities through the *Greening Action Partnership*

Canada's federal government has committed to using nature-based solutions to fight climate change, including planting **two billion trees** over the next **10 years**. The Region looks to this and other federal initiatives to provide additional funding for its tree-planting initiatives.



MAKING HEADWAY DESPITE A RANGE OF THREATS REQUIRES CONTINUED COMMITMENT

Guided by the Regional Official Plan and York Region Forest Management Plan, the Region has made good progress on the goal of increasing tree cover. While woodland cover is growing more slowly than anticipated, reasonable gains are being made as the Region balances tree-planting and stewardship efforts with the need for land for development, agriculture and other uses. Progress on all fronts is being made despite threats posed by invasive species and weather that is both less predictable and more extreme.

These threats are not just continuing, they are increasing. If left unchecked, they could easily push the Region and its communities off their current path to success. Reaching the Region's goals for canopy and woodland cover, which are key to the Region remaining welcoming and livable as it grows and urbanizes, will require continued vigilance and commitment.

It will also call for recognition that as living infrastructure, trees and woodlands are a long-term investment in the Region's future. Rows of saplings planted 8-10 years ago to reclaim and rebuild woodlands are now starting to show the diversity and complexity of thriving woodlands. Street trees in their fifth growing season are beginning to soften the hardscaping around them, providing shade, shelter and visual interest.

This is a reminder that while the impacts of today's work to expand the canopy and enhance its health will take decades to fully mature, the ultimate result will be an invaluable legacy to the people of York Region.

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Establishing Speed Limits on Regional Roads policy be updated to include the new school zone maximum speed sign introduced by the Province.
2. Existing speed limits on Regional roads in all school zones identified in Attachment 1 be reduced by 10 km/h.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of local municipalities, public school boards and the Chief of York Regional Police.
4. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

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Committee of the Whole
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May 13, 2021

Report of the Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services

Reduced Speed Limits in School Zones

1. Recommendations

1. The Establishing Speed Limits on Regional Roads policy be updated to include the new school zone maximum speed sign introduced by the Province.
2. Existing speed limits on Regional roads in all school zones identified in Attachment 1 be reduced by 10 km/h.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of local municipalities, public school boards and the Chief of York Regional Police.
4. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaws.

2. Summary

This report seeks Council approval to apply a consistent approach in school zones adjacent to Regional roads, through the reduction of speed limits by 10 km/h and use of a single new school zone maximum speed sign introduced by the Province.

Key Points:

- The Province has introduced a new school zone maximum speed sign with a reduced speed limit to allow the use of automated speed enforcement in school zones
- A 10 km/h reduced speed limit in school locations and use of the new school zone maximum speed sign will promote consistency, ease of enforcement and facilitate the use of automated speed enforcement
- School boards, York Regional Police and local municipal staff were consulted and are, in principle, supportive of a Region-wide harmonized approach in reducing speed limits in school zones
- The Region is prepared to manufacture and supply the new school zone maximum speeds signs at no cost to local municipalities at existing locations, to create a consistent application Region-wide

3. Background

The Region's speed limit policy allows for reduced speed limits in school areas using school zone maximum speed when flashing signs

In April 2011, Council approved the [Establishing Speed Limits on Regional Roads](#) policy (Policy), which is based on guidelines provided by the Transportation Association of Canada. The Policy allows for a reduced speed limit of up to 20 km/h lower using school zone maximum speed when flashing signs on an identified section of road.

Several versions of signs are currently used in school zones connecting to Regional roads

There are 64 elementary and secondary schools adjacent to Regional roads. Forty-two have school area signs (Figure 1), eight have school area with flashing beacons signs (Figure 2) and 14 have school zone maximum speed when flashing signs (Figure 3). School zone maximum speed when flashing signs include a reduced speed limit during school start, lunch hour and dismissal. Flashing signs operate at various times Region-wide without advertising the times, days and months to the motoring public, which precludes the use of automated speed enforcement.

Figure 1
School Area Sign



42 schools

Figure 2
School Area with Flashing Beacons Sign



8 schools

Figure 3
School Zone Maximum Speed When Flashing Sign



14 schools

The Province has introduced a new school zone maximum speed sign with a reduced speed limit to allow the use of automated speed enforcement in school zones

On August 28, 2020, the *Highway Traffic Act* amended Regulation 615 for a school zone maximum speed sign (Figure 4) to include the times, days and months to inform motorists when the reduced speed limit is in effect. Under Regulation 615, the use of flashing beacons with the new school zone maximum speed sign is not permitted. The new sign permits the use of automated speed enforcement and addresses evidentiary concerns by advertising the times, days and months when the lower rate is in effect.

Figure 4
New School Zone Maximum Speed Sign



4. Analysis

Reducing speed limits in school areas will help improve traveller safety and protect our most vulnerable road users

School areas throughout the Region experience different modes of travel by students to get to and from school, including walking, cycling and rolling. As the Region continues to grow, pedestrian and cycling volumes are increasingly putting greater demand on motorist attention. Rates of injuries sustained by pedestrians and cyclists remain a concern. While 24% of vehicle-only collisions result in injuries or fatalities, almost all pedestrian (94%) and cycling (82%) collisions result in injury or death. Reduced speed limits throughout the Region's school zones help increase a motorist's ability to stop in time to avoid collisions, preventing serious injury or death to vulnerable road users. Reduced speed limits may also strengthen active school travel initiatives and promote safety of vulnerable road users in school zones throughout the Region.

A Region-wide 10 km/h speed limit reduction in school zones using the new sign promotes consistency, ease of enforcement and facilitates the use of automated speed enforcement

There are more than 550 elementary and secondary schools adjacent to Regional or local municipal roads that would benefit from reducing speed limits by 10 km/h, using the new school zone maximum speed sign from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. This will help enhance safety, including when school is in session, the morning and evening commute periods when children are walking, cycling, being dropped off/picked up, and during after-school activities.

The new school zone maximum speed sign promotes a common understanding to motorists and York Regional Police when the lower rate of speed is in effect. The new sign also facilitates the use of automated speed enforcement through clear direction to motorists as to the day and time when reduced speed limits are in effect.

Stakeholders have indicated their support of reduced speed limits in all school zones Region-wide

Staff consulted the school boards, York Regional Police and local municipal staff about a harmonized approach in reducing speed limits in school zones on Regional and local roads. York Regional Police are very supportive.

Local municipal staff agree in principle and will consider applying a consistent approach on local roads including the use of the new sign. Recognizing the Region-wide benefit, the Region is prepared to manufacture and supply new signs at existing locations at no cost to local municipalities.

Staff propose implementing new school zone maximum speed signs prior to September 2021

Starting this spring, staff will install new school zone maximum speed signs at the 64 elementary and secondary schools on Regional roads listed Attachment 1. This includes upgrading school areas to include a new school zone maximum speed sign with a 10 km/h speed reduction and removing all existing flashing beacons. One school currently has a 20 km/h speed reduction when flashing, which will be maintained. The signs are proposed to be installed before September 2021, prior to the start of school.

5. Financial

Costs to manufacture and install new school zone maximum speed signs at all elementary and secondary schools in Attachment 1 are approximately \$60,000. The cost to remove all flashing beacons from 22 existing locations as noted in Attachment 1 are approximately \$30,000. Funding for this initiative is included in the approved 2021 Transportation Services Operating budget.

Manufacturing costs for signs at all elementary and secondary schools on local municipal roads is approximately \$100,000 and is included in the approved 2021 Transportation Services Operating budget and 2022 outlook.

6. Local Impact

Staff will continue to work with school boards, local municipalities, York Regional Police and Public Health on active school travel initiatives. Our partners are supportive of reducing speed limits in school zones on Regional and local roads.

7. Conclusion

The Province has introduced a new school zone maximum speed sign with a reduced speed limit to allow the use of automated speed enforcement in school zones. A 10 km/h reduced speed limit in school locations and use of the new school zone maximum speed sign will promote consistency, ease of enforcement and permit the use of automated speed enforcement.

Staff recommend the Establishing Speed Limits on Regional Roads policy be updated to include the new school zone maximum speed sign introduced by the Province and that existing speed limits on Regional roads in school zones identified in this report be reduced using the new sign. Staff propose installing the new signs before September 2021.

For more information on this report, please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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Table 1**Proposed Speed Limit Reductions and New School Zone Maximum Speed Signs on Regional Roads**

Municipality	School Name	Regional Road	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Zone Speed Limit
Town of Aurora	St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School	Wellington Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of Aurora	Aurora High School	Wellington Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of Aurora	Wellington Public School	Wellington Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of Aurora	Ecole Secondaire Catholique Renaissance	Bloomington Road Bathurst Street	60 km/h 70 km/h	New 50 km/h New 60 km/h
Town of Aurora	St. Andrew's College	Yonge Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of Aurora	La Maison Montessori House	Bayview Avenue	70 km/h	New 60 km/h
Town of Aurora	Cardinal Carter Catholic High School	Bloomington Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Mount Albert Public School	*Mount Albert Road	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Sharon Public School	*Leslie Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Queensville Public School	*Leslie Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School	2 nd Concession Road *Mount Albert Road	60 km/h 60 km/h	New 50 km/h New 50 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Queensville Montessori Academy	Leslie Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Town of East Gwillimbury	Ecole Elementaire Catholique Jean-Beliveau	2 nd Concession Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h

Municipality	School Name	Regional Road	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Zone Speed Limit
Town of Georgina	Jersey Public School Prince of Peace Catholic Elementary School Our Lady of the Lake Catholic College School	*Glenwoods Avenue	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
Town of Georgina	Sutton District High School Sutton Public School	Baseline Road *Baseline Road	50 km/h 40 km/h when flashing	New 40 km/h 40 km/h
Town of Georgina	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary School	Old Homestead Road	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Township of King	The Country Day School	*Dufferin Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Township of King	Nobleton Public School	*Highway 27	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Township of King	King City Secondary School	*King Road	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Township of King	Schomberg Public School	Highway 27	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Township of King	Kettleby Public School	Lloydtown-Aurora Road	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
Township of King	King Christian School	Bathurst Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Father Michael McGivney Academy Catholic High School	McCowan Road *14 th Avenue	60 km/h 40 km/h when flashing	New 50 km/h 40 km/h
City of Markham	St. Brother Andre Catholic High School	*16 th Avenue	50 km/h when flashing	50 km/h

Municipality	School Name	Regional Road	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Zone Speed Limit
City of Markham	Thornlea Secondary School	Bayview Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Unionville High School	Warden Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Unionville Montessori School	Kennedy Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
		16 th Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Milliken Mills High School	Kennedy Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School	Highway 7	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
City of Markham	St. Robert Catholic High School	Leslie Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Trillium School	14 th Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Markville Secondary School	McCowan Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Markham	Sir John A. Macdonald Public School	Woodbine Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of Newmarket	Pickering College	*Prospect Street	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
Town of Newmarket	St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School	Bathurst Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of Newmarket	Newmarket High School	Mulock Drive	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Walter Scott Public School	*Major Mackenzie Drive	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Alexander Mackenzie High School	Major Mackenzie Drive	60 km/h	New 50 km/h

Municipality	School Name	Regional Road	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Zone Speed Limit
City of Richmond Hill	16 th Avenue Public School	*16 th Avenue	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Roselawn Public School	*Carville Road	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Richmond Green Secondary School	Leslie Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Richland Academy	Yonge Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning	Yonge Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Bayview Secondary School	Bayview Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Jean Vanier Catholic High School	Bayview Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill Christian Academy	Bayview Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Holy Trinity School	Bayview Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Global Montessori Day Nursery and Private Elementary School	16 th Avenue	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
City of Richmond Hill	Academie de la Moraine	Yonge Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Vaughan	Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School	*Keele Street	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
City of Vaughan	Joe Dwek Ohr HaEmet Sephardic School	Bathurst Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Vaughan	Toronto Waldorf School	Bathurst Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h

Municipality	School Name	Regional Road	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Zone Speed Limit
City of Vaughan	Emily Carr Secondary School	Rutherford Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Vaughan	Thornhill Public School	Yonge Street	50 km/h	New 40 km/h
City of Vaughan	Westmount Collegiate Institute	Bathurst Street	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Vaughan	St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School	Weston Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
City of Vaughan	Tommy Douglas Secondary School	Major Mackenzie Drive	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Whitchurch Highlands Public School	*Bloomington Road	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
		Warden Avenue	60 km/h	New 50 km/h
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Ballantrae Public School	*Aurora Road	50 km/h when flashing	50 km/h
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Glad Park Public School	*Ninth Line	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	St. Brendan Catholic Elementary School	*Ninth Line	40 km/h when flashing	40 km/h

*Includes eight school area signs with existing flashing beacons and 14 school zone maximum speed signs with existing flashing beacons

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve establishment of a local community action table for each of the four focus areas described in Attachment 1 to support completion of a proposed Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to Clerks of local municipalities, York Regional Police Services Board and Human Services Planning Board of York Region.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

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May 13, 2021

Report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services

Update on the Development of a Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region

1. Recommendations

1. Council approve establishment of a local community action table for each of the four focus areas described in Attachment 1 to support completion of a proposed Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to Clerks of local municipalities, York Regional Police Services Board and Human Services Planning Board of York Region.

2. Summary

This report provides Council with an update on the development of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region (the Plan), including outcomes of consultations undertaken as part of Plan development as directed by Council in [November 2019](#). Council approval is requested to implement local community action tables in each of the four focus areas that are part of the Plan's place-based approach: northern Georgina, central Newmarket, south-central Richmond Hill and south-central Markham. The community action tables will consider the top risk categories outlined in this report, as well as any additional risk categories deemed a priority, and help identify targeted solutions that will form part of the proposed Plan for Council consideration, expected in 2022.

Key Points:

- The *Police Services Act, 1990* requires single-tier and regional municipalities to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan. The Plan must identify and prioritize, and include strategies to address, risks to community safety and well-being
- In [November 2019](#), Council approved using a place-based approach to developing the Plan and authorized the Commissioner, Community and Health Services to identify geographic areas of focus
- Based on research, data and initial consultations, and with support of local mayors, four focus areas—in the Town of Georgina, the Town of Newmarket, the City of

Richmond Hill and the City of Markham—were identified and communicated to Council in [June 2020](#)

- Regional staff conducted further targeted consultations with community agencies, residents and other stakeholders to prioritize risks in the four focus areas, and identified mental well-being, housing stability and employment and income as top risk categories to consider
- The community action tables will include representatives of local municipalities, York Regional Police, school boards, service providers and resident leaders and will further explore top risks and identify locally-driven solutions
- The Ministry of the Solicitor General set July 1, 2021 as the revised due date for completion of Community Safety and Well-being Plans, and Regional staff have advised provincial counterparts that the Region will not complete its plan until 2022 given the higher priority of addressing COVID-19
- The Human Services Planning Board of York Region, approved by Council as the Advisory Committee to the Plan, supports this approach

3. Background

Preparation and adoption of a community safety and well-being plan is provincially mandated

In March 2018 and April 2019, the Regional Solicitor reported to Council on requirements to prepare the Plan. Municipalities are required to establish an Advisory Committee and consult with members of the public to identify, prioritize and develop strategies to address risks to community safety and well-being. In [June 2018](#) Council designated the Human Services Planning Board of York Region as the advisory committee for the Region's Plan.

The Plan focuses on geographic areas that would most benefit from community safety and well-being planning, leveraging existing community strengths

In [November 2019](#) Council approved a place-based approach to developing the Plan, focusing on geographic locations that would most benefit from community safety and well-being planning. Council directed the Commissioner of Community and Health Services to determine areas of focus and to report-back on outcomes of consultations. Based on research, data and initial consultations, and with support of local mayors, four focus areas—northern Georgina, central Newmarket, south-central Richmond Hill, and south-central Markham—were identified to Council in [June 2020](#) (see Attachment 1).

As part of the provincial guidance for this work, community safety and well-being plans are not meant to 're-invent the wheel' but to instead leverage existing community assets. The Region's place-based approach to developing its plan, and the establishment of community action tables aligns well with the provincial framework.

The COVID-19 pandemic impeded ability to continue with planned community consultations, but demonstrated the value of strong community partnerships

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted work plans for completing the Community Safety and Well-being Plan, including required consultations. The Region needed to divert resources from Plan activities to respond to the public health and social services emergencies caused by the pandemic. Stakeholders vital to the development of a comprehensive plan were also under pressure to respond to increasing community needs.

The pandemic, however, has underscored the need and value of collaborative community action in improving the safety and well-being of residents, and provided the impetus for the formation of such initiatives as the [COVID-19 Community Coordination Initiative](#) in partnership with United Way Greater Toronto. The insights gained through this ongoing initiative have helped to identify risks and strategies that will shape the Plan.

The Province moved the deadline for the Plan to July 1, 2021, but with limited consultation on the new timeline and no funding to support the work

Recognizing the impact of the pandemic on communities and organizations, in April 2020 the Province cancelled the original January 1, 2021 deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt their plans, noting that a new deadline would be announced later. In late December 2020 the Province advised, with limited consultation with and notice to municipalities, that the new deadline would be July 1, 2021. All other legislated requirements remain the same and no municipal funding has been committed by the Province for the work it has mandated. Municipalities, along with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, have expressed concern with the new timeline.

Regional staff informed the Province of challenges with meeting the new deadline due to constraints posed by the continuing pandemic

In February 2021 the Commissioner of Community and Health Services advised Provincial staff of the Region's inability to meet the new deadline due to its focus on responding to the pandemic, a situation in which many other municipalities find themselves. The Commissioner shared information about collaborative activities the Region is undertaking as part of its pandemic response, including the COVID-19 Community Coordination initiative and [work under the Province's High Priority Communities Strategy](#), which complement and support development of the Plan. In its response, the Province stated it was encouraged to hear of the Region's progress in developing its Plan however, noted the extension from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021 should provide sufficient time for municipalities to complete a Plan.

The Province may appoint a Planner to complete the Plan on behalf of a municipality that intentionally and repeatedly fails to comply with legislated requirements

Under the Police Services Act, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services "may appoint a person as a community safety and well-being planner for a municipality if, in the Minister's opinion, the municipality has intentionally and repeatedly failed to comply with

one of its obligations” for preparing a Community Safety and Well-being Plan. Renumeration and expenses incurred by the Planner would be covered by the municipality.

Based on staff-level discussions, the likelihood of incurring legislative penalties for missing the July 1, 2021 deadline is low as the Region has demonstrated its commitment, and active efforts, to prepare and adopt a Plan (which the Province has acknowledged).

4. Analysis

Public consultation identified and prioritized mental well-being, housing stability and employment and income as top risk categories in the focus areas

Regional staff leveraged existing collaborative networks and community tables established as part of the Region’s pandemic response to continue to engage with community agencies, residents and stakeholders to support development of the Plan. An online community survey was released in summer 2020, followed by rounds of public virtual consultations later that fall and in Q1 2021. Participants included subject matter experts, service providers, funders like United Way Greater Toronto, residents, community leaders, school boards, York Regional Police, local mayors and municipal staff. The feedback resulted in the prioritization of top risks as outlined in Table 1. Actions to mitigate and respond to these risks will be the focus of the Plan.

Table 1
Prioritized Risks to Community Safety and Well-being

Focus Area	Prioritized Risks
Northern Georgina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and income concerns • Mental well-being concerns
Central Newmarket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental well-being concerns • Housing instability
South-Central Richmond Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental well-being concerns • Housing instability
South-Central Markham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental well-being concerns • Housing instability

In addition to identifying top risk categories, consultation feedback noted that solutions need to come from the community

One clear and consistent feedback was that solutions to reduce and address risks are most effective when developed by and alongside local communities. Advantages of local collaborative planning include increasing collective impact across communities, building local capacity to respond to broader challenges, and allowing for the development of stronger

service system planning that can be informed by local perspectives. This model has been successfully implemented in many jurisdictions, including Toronto's Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy and Montreal's Collective Impact Project.

Other feedback included need to build the capacity of community agencies to respond to local needs, and to improve service coordination and navigation to make it easier and more effective for residents and clients to access supports. More information on feedback received to date is provided in Attachment 2.

Next steps in developing the Plan include establishing community action tables to delve deeper into priority risks and develop locally-responsive solutions

In response to community feedback, the next phase of Plan activity will include establishment of community action tables in each of the focus areas, pending Council approval.

Membership of the community action tables will include service partners, school boards, the local municipality, York Regional Police, residents and community leaders. The Tables will be led by a community agency (or network of agencies or organizations) that best make sense for the focus area, with support from Regional staff.

Community action tables will be asked to explore the top risk categories further, particularly in the context of the local community, and identify possible shorter-and-longer term solutions that will be considered in the development of the proposed Community Safety and Well-being Plan. It is anticipated that the Plan will be brought forward for Council consideration during the first half of 2022. The Plan is expected to include local actions that can also be scaled up to support communities recover from the social and economic impacts of the pandemic, as outlined in regular reports to Council on the Region's social service response to the COVID-19 pandemic (last reported in [April 2021](#)).

While some of the approaches require intervention and leadership from senior levels of government (e.g., income supports), there are Regional and local initiatives that can be leveraged to help respond to and mitigate identified risks, such as actions under the Region's 10-Year Housing Plan, [Housing Solutions](#), the Region's [Homelessness Prevention and Housing Stability programs](#), [partnership with Ontario Health Teams](#), and services provided by agencies supported under the Region's [Community Investment Fund](#).

An update on the development of the Plan was brought forward to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region, the Advisory Committee for the Plan, in March 2021. The Board was supportive of the approach outlined in this report.

Community Safety and Well-being Plan aligns with Vision 2051 and the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan

Community safety and well-being planning directly supports the Region's efforts in achieving the vision of strong, caring, safe communities. The Plan supports the Vision 2051 A Place Where Everyone Can Thrive goal area which identifies "developing sustainable community safety and crime prevention strategies through community mobilization, engagement and education" as one of the actions.

The Plan also supports the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan community result area of Healthy Communities and achieves one of the key activities under the Support Community Health, Safety and Well-Being priority area: “develop a community safety and well-being plan to enhance collaboration, engagement and outreach with our community and policing partners.”

5. Financial

In [March 2018](#) Council endorsed Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s advocacy for provincial funding to help municipalities meet community safety and well-being plan obligations. At this time, however, the Region has not received any provincial funding to support the preparation or implementation of the Plan.

Through the 2021 budget process, Regional tax levy was approved for some resources to lead efforts to complete development of the Plan and to support implementation and monitoring of approved actions. Staff will continue to explore opportunities to leverage existing Regional initiatives and any external funding sources to help further support implementation of the Plan. In particular, as part of the review of the Region’s Community Investment Fund staff are considering opportunities to leverage that program to support Community Safety and Well-being Plan actions.

Any additional resources that may be needed will be identified as part of future budget processes.

6. Local Impact

Collaboration and partnerships are key to community safety and well-being planning. This work provides an opportunity to build on Regional initiatives through the development of targeted plans that reflect local context and address community-level gaps. The Region will continue to work closely with York Regional Police, focus area mayors and local councillors, local municipal staff, United Way Greater Toronto, and other community partners to learn more about risks and priorities, leverage resources, and collaborate on implementation of actions under the Plan.

7. Conclusion

The Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region will help build and sustain strong, caring, safe communities for all residents and support the Region as a vibrant, growing destination of choice for employers and residents and their families. Taking a local collaborative planning approach to the preparation of the Plan provides an opportunity to build on Regional initiatives and develop targeted strategies that reflect community needs and address specific services gaps. Insights from local tables will inform the proposed Community Safety and Well-being Plan that will be brought forward to Council in 2022.

For more information on this report, please contact Joseph Silva, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77201. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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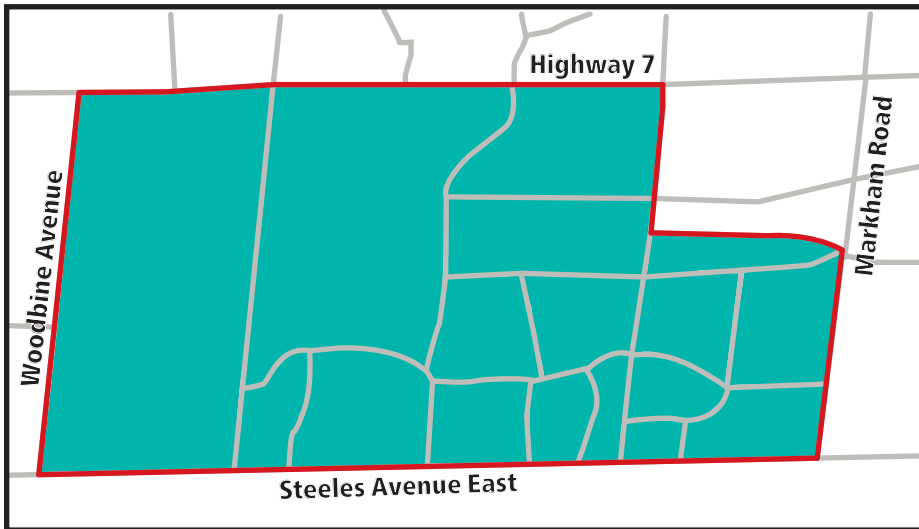


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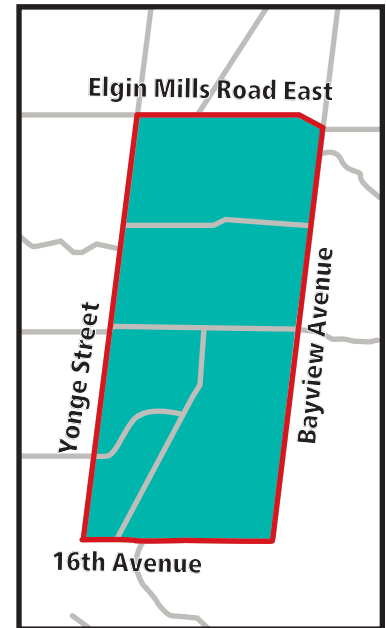
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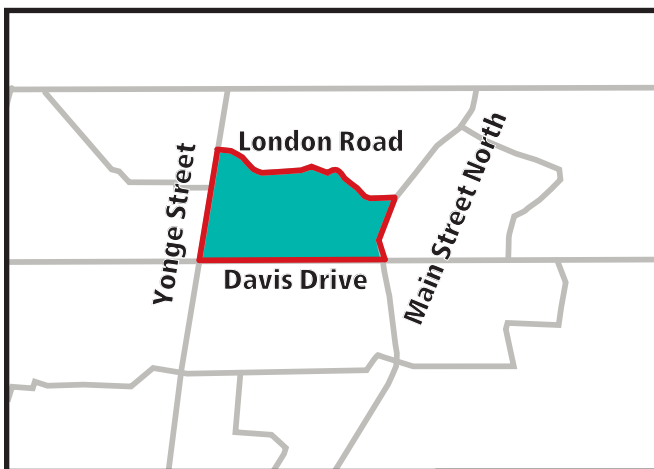
Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Focus Areas¹



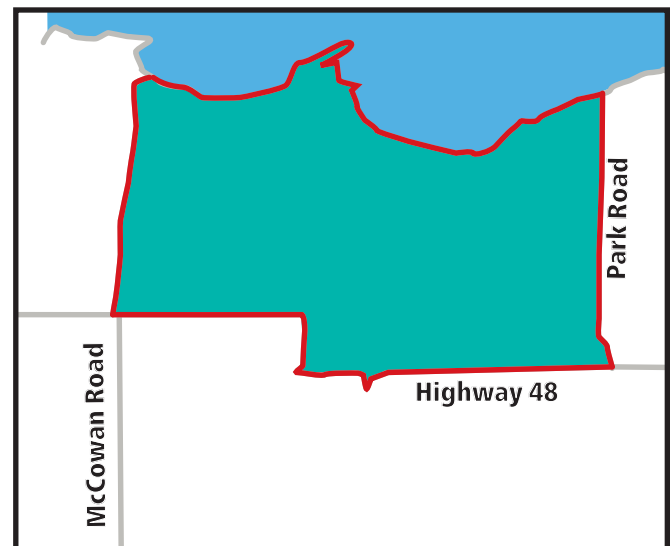
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¹Focus areas were identified using a composite measure of data across three domains: economic, health and social and human development. These were also confirmed through research and consultations, including with local municipalities.

Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region: Consultation Highlights and Key Themes

The *Police Services Act, 1990* requires single-tier and regional municipalities to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

York Region is in the process of developing its first Community Safety and Well-being Plan, which will strengthen our relationships and how we collaborate and coordinate services with community partners on issues related to safety and well-being.

Between August 2020 and March 2021, over **700** members of the public and stakeholders from across York Region participated in the engagement process, including through online surveys and iterative rounds of virtual consultations.

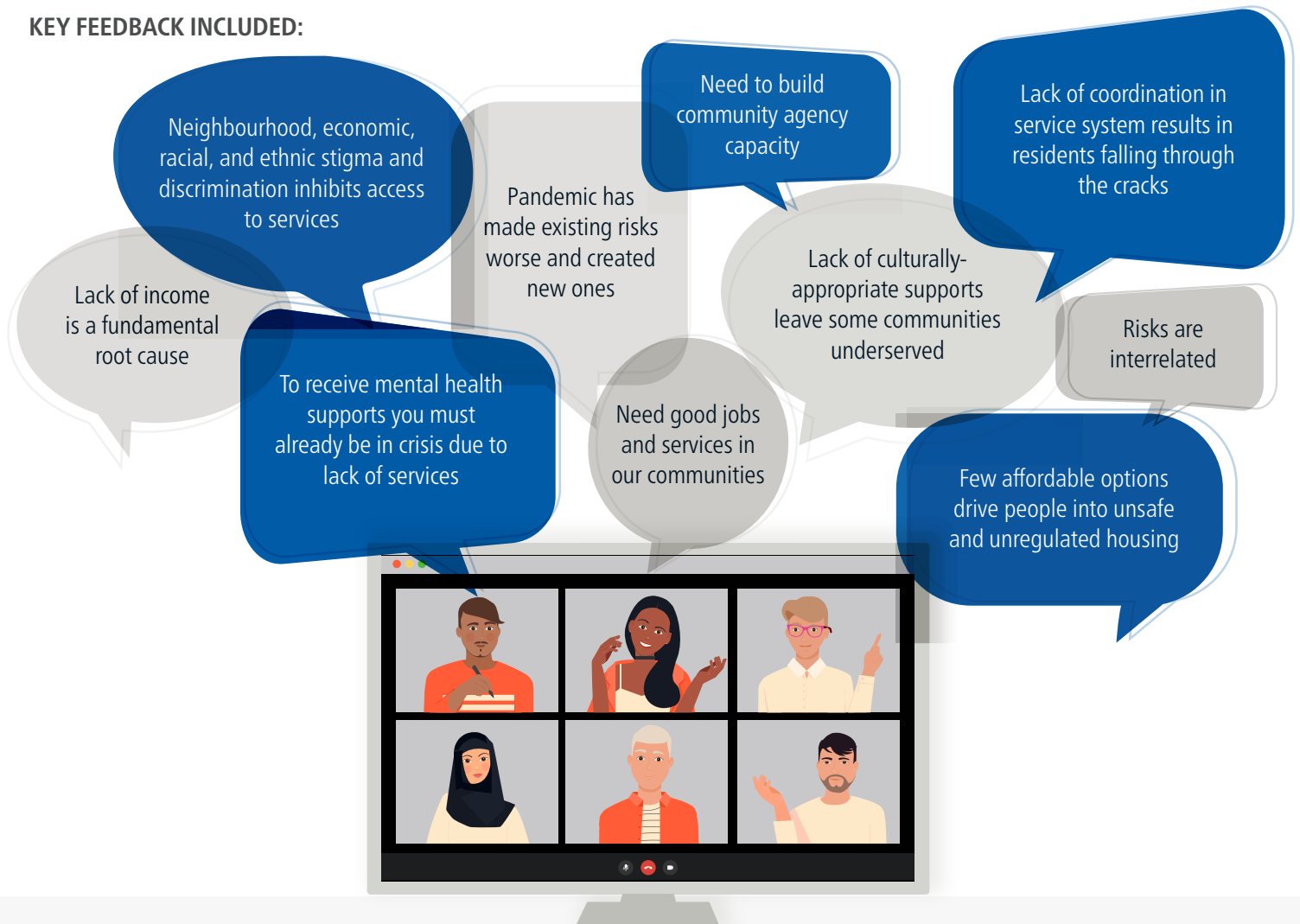
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Concerns

Housing Instability

Employment and
Income Concerns

KEY FEEDBACK INCLUDED:





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May 27th 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 26th 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Motion 10

Moved by Gary Atkinson

Seconded by Muriel Wright

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

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May 18, 2021

Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
777 Bay St., 5th Floor
Toronto, ON
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To Whom it May Concern:

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday May 17, 2021, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA

Resolution: 122-2021

Moved by: Councillor St.Louis

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Terrace Bay, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual; shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Sincerely,



Jon Hall
CAO/Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities



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June 1, 2021
File #120203

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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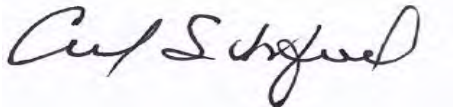
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

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c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Ontario Municipalities



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June 1, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building
 Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's Resolution - Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Corporation of the Town of Perth dated April 30, 2021 requesting that further consideration be given to having the Province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals or alternatively assume full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely.

Attached please find a copy of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's correspondence dated April 30, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
 Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

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Attach

c.c. Ontario Municipalities

AMO@amo.on.ca

John Fenik, Mayor of Perth adminclerk@perth.ca

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THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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April 30, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Sent via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment

The Town of Perth is requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations. As set out in their asset management plans and cannot afford to directly absorb the financial responsibility for the replacement costs of the hospitals' major capital equipment without jeopardizing their financial sustainability.

As well, if the province is unwilling to assume the full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely, the Town of Perth requests that the province must develop a legislative framework as to how counties and municipalities should best address the financial shortfalls facing hospitals throughout Ontario, specifically the funding of major capital equipment;

Sincerely,


John Fenik
Mayor of Perth

cc: Ontario Municipalities
AMO – amo@amo.on.ca

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June 2, 2021

Via email: schofield@forterie.ca

Town of Fort Erie
Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
 1 Municipal Centre Drive
 Fort Erie, ON
 L2A 2S6

Dear Ms. Schofield:

**RE: Correspondence – Township of The Archipelago – Road Management
 Action on Invasive Phragmites**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(a)/06/01/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk for the Town of Fort Erie requesting support for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Communicate the Strategy on Mapping and Controlling Invasive Phragmites on Provincial Highways, dated April 27, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of The Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting site) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region, and each highway in the region and work in collaboration with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive Phragmites.

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie, Township of The Archipelago, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, MPP Norm Miller, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
 Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
 CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Township of The Archipelago
 Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
 Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
 Hon. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
 All Ontario Municipalities



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April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks jeff.yurekco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

Christopher Balasa, Manager, Maintenance Management Office Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca

Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls wqates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca

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April 9, 2021

21-073

**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.



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June 2, 2021

Via email: clerks@leamington.ca

Municipality of Leamington
Attention: Brenda Percy, Clerk
 111 Erie Street North
 Leamington, ON
 N8H 2Z9

Dear Ms. Percy:

RE: Correspondence – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(b)/06/01/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Brenda Percy, Clerk for the Municipality of Leamington requesting support for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), dated May 5, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the Municipality of Leamington resolution requesting that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and to consider the recommendations outlined in the Municipality of Leamington's resolution;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Leamington, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer services
All Ontario Municipalities



Legislative Services
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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 5, 2021

**Re: Advocacy for Reform
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-119-21

Re: Advocacy for Reform - MFIPPA Legislation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Leamington has received Clerk's Department Report LLS-15-21 regarding Advocacy for Reform of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"); and

That that the following motion be passed in support of a request to review and reform of MFIPPA:

WHEREAS MFIPPA dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Leamington, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the municipal clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
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6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;

7. That administrative practices implied or required under MFIPPA, including those of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of MFIPPA be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Carried

Sincerely,
Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham Kent - Leamington
Dave Epp, MP Chatham Kent - Leamington
Minister of Consumer Services
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Clerks



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 178-21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved By: M. Chomut

Seconded By: D. Smith

THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding the Tax Relief on CERB Payments, dated May 11, 2021

AND FUTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance, Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Patty Hadju, MP Thunder Bay-Superior North and other Municipalities.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Signature



Township of McKellar

701 Hwy #124, P.O. Box 69, McKellar, Ontario POG 1C0

Phone: (705) 389-2842

Fax: (705) 389-1244

May 17, 2021

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

Re: Requesting Consideration of Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB payments

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, May 11, 2021 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 21-195

Moved by: Marco Ancinelli
Seconded by; Don Carmichael

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need;

AND WHEREAS many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit;

AND WHEREAS when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld similar to EI;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time as promised;

AND WHEREAS CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax on CERB funds;

AND WHEREAS these recipients were never advised of this issue;

AND WHEREAS these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government;

AND WHEREAS many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations;

AND WHEREAS those most in need do not have the means or understanding of how the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

NOW THEREFORE, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

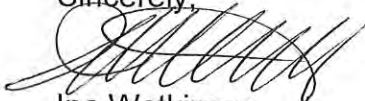
AND FURTHER when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

THEREFORE we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,



Ina Watkinson
Acting Deputy Clerk
Township of McKellar

Encl.

cc: Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance
Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: May 11, 2021

RESOLUTION No. 21- 195

Moved by:	Marco Ancinelli <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seconded by:	Marco Ancinelli <input type="checkbox"/>
	Don Carmichael <input type="checkbox"/>		Don Carmichael <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Morley Haskim <input type="checkbox"/>		Morley Haskim <input type="checkbox"/>
	Mike Kekkonen <input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Kekkonen <input type="checkbox"/>

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need; and

WHEREAS many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit; and

WHEREAS when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld, similar to EI; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time, as promised; and

WHEREAS CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax for 2020 on CERB funds; and

WHEREAS these recipients were never advised of this issue; and

WHEREAS these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government; and

WHEREAS many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations; and

WHEREAS those most in need do not have the resources, means or understanding of the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

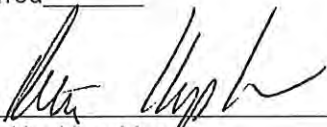
NOW THEREFORE, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

AND FURTHER, when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

THEREFORE, we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried ✓ Defeated _____ Deferred _____



Peter Hopkins, Mayor

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Marco Ancinelli	_____	_____
Councillor Don Carmichael	_____	_____
Councillor Morley Haskim	_____	_____
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	_____	_____
Mayor Peter Hopkins	_____	_____

June 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Dear Premier Ford;

Re: Elimination of LPAT

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, May 25, 2021, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021-0115

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019, (Bill108);

AND WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 gives LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective “best planning outcome” approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019;

AND WHEREAS Regional and City/Town Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

AND FURTHER THAT in the long term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Small Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2021-0115.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament
Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Small Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario
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Town of Milton
Town of Oakville
City of Burlington

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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2021-0115

Title: Elimination of LPAT

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

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Mayor Rick Bonnette



June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution – Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 11, 2021 in regards to municipalities using Automatic Speed Enforcement, and passed the following resolution:

R-046-21 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
 Seconded by Councillor Webb

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement.
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Bianca Boyington

Bianca Boyington
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities



June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution – Continuous Increases of Cost for Municipal Insurance

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on January 28, 2021 in regards to the continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance and passed the following resolution:

R-047-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Gerow
 Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance.
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Bianca Boyington

Bianca Boyington
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2021

RE: Insurance Rates Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held January 20, 2021, passed the following resolution:

2021-39

Moved by Tom Allwood, Seconded by Aakash Desai

Whereas the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and

Whereas Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property **taxpayers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a** municipality is found at minimum fault; and

Whereas these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as nonprofit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments

as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

Be it further resolved that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.
CARRIED.

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk
Council and Legislative Services
Municipality of Grey Highlands



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at it's November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill

Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

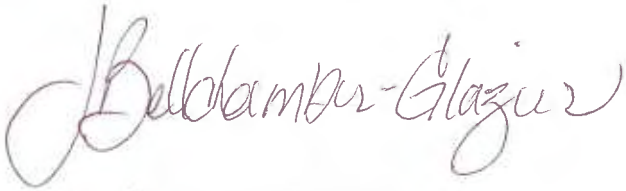
THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bellchamber-Glazier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

Hello,

York Region, Environmental Services – Capital Planning and Delivery will be working in the community, decommissioning groundwater monitoring wells located along the path of the York Durham Sewage Solutions, Forcemain Twinning project. The drilling related to the Forcemain Twinning project has been completed, and the monitoring wells are no longer needed.

Please ensure the attached **Notice of Well Decommissioning** is sent to the Clerk's office, Customer Service, Public Works, Communications department's, and members of the Town of Newmarket Council.

Between June 9 and June 23, 2021, 32 existing groundwater wells will be decommissioned by filling and sealing them according to the **Ontario Water Resources Act** and seven existing wells will be repaired for long-term monitoring. The decommissioned well sites will be restored to their original condition, including the removal of any excess soil. It will take approximately half-a-day to decommission each well. The remaining long-term monitoring wells are on public lands and will not impact recreational activities in the area. For more information about the Newmarket Forcemain Twinning project, visit york.ca/forcemaintwinning.

Safety is the Region's top priority. As we monitor the ongoing COVID-19 situation in York Region, we continue to deliver essential services while staying current with all health and safety related information and complying with guidelines related to COVID-19 published by the Ontario Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development and York Region Public Health.

For more information about the project, contact:

Ewelina Chojecka
Special Projects Technologist
Environmental Services
York Region
1-877-464-9675 ext. 75587
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Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you

Cathy Downard Parmer | (She/Her) Communications and Community Engagement,
Capital Planning and Delivery, Environmental Services

*Working remotely

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NOTICE OF WELL DECOMMISSIONING

YORK DURHAM SEWAGE SYSTEM
**FORCEMAIN
TWINNING**
PROJECT 2021

In the Town of Newmarket

June 7, 2021

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What can you expect?

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- Due to the nature of the work, there will be some construction-related noise though every effort to minimize it will be made
- There is no impact to your water service

Thank you for your patience while we complete this vital work. As with all construction projects, work may be rescheduled due to weather or other conditions.

Visit york.ca/forcemaintwinning for more information about the Newmarket Forcemain Twinning project.



Example of a groundwater monitoring well

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If you have any questions, please contact:

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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Patty Hajdu;

Re: Copy of Resolution #374

Motion No. 374

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports The Town of Caledon in endorsing the Federal governments initiative to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), iscott@telesat.com All Ontario Municipalities



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Sent via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

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

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

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

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and

That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Allan Thompson
Mayor

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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The Honourable Patty Hajdu
 Federal Minister of Health
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
 Via email: Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca

April 20th 2021

Sent via e-mail

Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on April 14th 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

Motion #16 – Moved by Tim Wilkins, Seconded by Mike Vasey that Council support correspondence item 'o' from the Town of Caledon regarding support for 988, a 3-digit suicide crisis prevention hotline.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
 Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

- cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - christine.elliott@ontario.ca
 Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton, marilyn.gladu@garl.gc.ca
 Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton, bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org
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Sent via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

March 31, 2021

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Allan Thompson
Mayor

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca
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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Caroline Mulroney;

Re: Copy of Resolution #373

Motion No. 373

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports The Township of The Archipelago in requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates their strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago to help try to manage the effect of the invasive Phragmites AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Lush". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

**The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss**

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Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca , and All Ontario Municipalities



Community Services

Legislative Services

April 27, 2021
File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

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Attach

c.c.

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

Christopher Balasa, Manager, Maintenance Management Office Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca

Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca

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April 9, 2021

21-073

Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

Received by
APRIL 26, 2021
COUNCIL

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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premier@ontario.ca

June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Re: Copy of Resolution #370

Motion No. 370

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Lillian Abbott

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support the Town of Cochrane and the Township of Hudson in their request that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

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c.c: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities



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March 31st, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Premier Ford

RE: Support for Fire Departments

At the Township of Hudson's Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday March 3rd, 2021, the following resolution 2021-049 was put forward and passed:

WHEREAS the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

WHEREAS Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Kemp". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Hudson

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COCHRANE**WONDERFULLY UNEXPECTED****“VIA EMAIL”**

April 21, 2021

The Corporation of the Township of Hudson
 903303 Hanbury Road
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Attention: Jordan Kemp – Clerk/Treasurer

Dear Ms. Kemp:

Re: Support for Fire Departments

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and resolution dated March 31, 2021 pertaining to the above noted.

This will also serve to advise you that your correspondence was received by Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

“Resolution No.: 103-2021

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle Seconded by :Councillor Shea Henderson

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Township of Hudson that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

CARRIED”

Trusting that this action of Council will be of assistance, I remain

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier
 Clerk

/am



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June 1, 2021

Re: Copy of Resolution #371

Motion No. 371

Moved by: Ed McGugan Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support South Bruce Peninsula in requesting that the Province of Ontario give consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licencing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery licence AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Lush". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario



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April 23, 2021

Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honorable Mr. Downey:

Re: Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations

Small organizations are the foundation of rural Ontario. Thousands of hours of selfless volunteerism are logged each year by organizations who may not necessarily be considered not-for profit or charitable. That doesn't mean that they don't contribute to our communities; small organizations cook for the homeless, clean up parks and flower beds, read to young people, teach life skills to young adults, organize parades, put on concerts...the list goes on.

Many of these small organizations are not eligible to receive a lottery license. This makes it impossible for them to continue to be successful as their fundraising capabilities are extremely limited.

Through this correspondence, we request that you give serious consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licensing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery license. Those who are not able to sustain a non-profit or charitable status could still receive a lottery license if their proceeds benefit the community. Thresholds could be placed on the prize values and perhaps even the number of events which could be held in a calendar year.

We hear over and over again about the hardships in our community and we know that there are organizations who have the ability to help and are not permitted to. Understanding this, Council adopted a resolution seeking your consideration.

R-226-2021

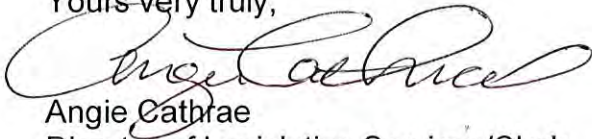
*It was **Moved** by J. Kirkland, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried***

***That** staff are directed to contact the Ministry responsible for Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance in implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations;*

And further that all municipalities in Ontario are sent this resolution to seek their assistance in lobbying the Ministry.

We look forward to your consideration of our request.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Cathrae", written in a cursive style.

Angie Cathrae
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc: MPP Bill Walker, All Ontario Municipalities

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Office of the

CAO/Clerk

May 11, 2021

Angie Cathrae
 Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk
 Town of South Bruce Peninsula
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 315 George Street
 Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0

Re: Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations

Please be advised that at a recent meeting held on May 10, 2021 Gore Bay Council reviewed your letter requesting support in lobbying the Ministry of the Attorney General to implement an additional level of licensing to permit small organizations to hold fundraisers that support our communities and organizations.

The Town of Gore Bay, being a small community, agrees that small organizations are the foundation of rural Ontario with their countless hours of volunteerism. We feel that they should be entitled to a lottery license if the proceeds benefit the community.

The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay fully supports your efforts. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 15054 indicate the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr,
 CAO/Clerk
 Encl.
 SC/pf

CC: All Ontario Municipalities
 Ministry of Alcohol and Gaming

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15054

Moved by Kevin Woestenenk

Second by Leeanne Woestenenk

THAT the Town of Gore Bay send a letter of support to the Town of South Bruce Peninsula lobbying the Ministry of the Attorney General to consider an additional level of lottery licensing to assist small organizations in rural communities that do not have nonprofit or charitable status;

FURTHER a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Ministry for Alcohol and Gaming in Ontario and to all other Ontario municipalities. Carried

Carried

**THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 15054
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON
May 10, 2021**



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**Stasia Carr
CAO/Clerk**

From: Alpi, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:54 PM

Subject: York Region Water and Wastewater Master Plan – Notice of Open House #3

Hello,

I am pleased to let you know that York Region's project team for the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update has been preparing for the third and final round of public community engagement. Attached is an advance copy of the Notice of Open House 3 that will run in local community newspapers and York Region social media starting June 10, 2021.

The third Open House is scheduled to run online from June 24 – July 8, 2021 on york.ca/waterplan. This Open House will:

- Present the draft infrastructure projects and high-level servicing strategies for servicing future growth
- Offer residents an opportunity to learn more about their water and wastewater system and the Region's public-facing water and wastewater programs
- Feature engaging videos and multiple opportunities for visitors to provide feedback

The first Open House (fall 2019) introduced the project and the second (winter 2021) described options and high-level servicing strategies considered for servicing future growth.

Participation and coordination between the Region and local municipalities is critical to the success of the project. A high-level summary of the draft water and wastewater infrastructure plans will be shared prior to the Open House going live. We look forward to meeting virtually with town staff in July to discuss the draft infrastructure plans in greater detail.

York Region's number one priority remains protecting the health and safety of staff and our communities. We continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 situation in York Region and remain committed to effective engagement and consultation with the public and stakeholders in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Project engagement has shifted to a virtual format for the foreseeable future.

For further information about the project, please visit the project website at york.ca/waterplan or contact me directly.

Best regards,

Laura Alpi

Project Liaison

The Regional Municipality of York

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Encl. Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update - Notice of Open House 3

YOU'RE INVITED!

From the comfort of your own home, find out York Region's plans to continue providing safe, cost-efficient and reliable water and wastewater services to residents, businesses and communities. Visit our third and final Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update Online Open House to explore recommended infrastructure projects to meet the needs of our growing communities.

**PARTICIPATE IN OUR
ONLINE OPEN HOUSE**

JUNE 24 TO JULY 8, 2021
YORK.CA/WATERPLAN

Please let us know if you require accommodations to participate. An accessible version of this notice and Open House materials are available upon request. To submit questions, comments or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

Laura Alpi, Project Liaison
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Personal information submitted (e.g., name, address and phone number) is collected, maintained and disclosed under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of creating a public record and for and consultation purposes. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public, unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

2021 WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Online Open House #3

York Region is updating its Water and Wastewater Master Plan through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment master planning process. The Master Plan update will identify long-term infrastructure projects for future water and wastewater servicing needs to 2051. Feedback gathered through this Online Open House will help shape the final report to York Regional Council in early 2022.

DID YOU MISS OUR PREVIOUS OPEN HOUSES?
Get caught up at york.ca/waterplan



Shannon Stubbs, MP
Lakeland

May 28, 2021

Mayor and Council/Reeve and Council,

On February 16, 2021 Bill C-21, a bill that makes changes to the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act, and targets law abiding firearms owners, was introduced and is being debated in the House of Commons. Conservatives constitutently call for cracking down on illegal gun smuggling, trading, gang and crime gun use, but Bill C-21 misses the mark if the aim really is to improve and protect the personal and public safety of Canadians. Bill C-21 focuses on the wrong people and groups, while also creating uncertainty and adding undo pressure on other levels of government.

Bill C-21 includes provision to allow municipalities to create handgun bylaws, which would place conditions on federal firearms licenses relating to handgun use, storage, or transportation within municipalities that have passed such bylaws.

Residents in cities and other places, with ever increasing gang shootings and violence rightfully expect their government ought to be taking action to keep them safe, but a regulation that gives municipalities the ability to pass bylaws does not do that. The municipal provision in Bill C-21 would be a bylaw on licenses, so this measure literally, specifically, and only targets Canadians who have licenses. This does nothing to stop dangerous criminals who certainly would never comply with a municipal bylaw when they do not obtain their guns legally, do not get licenses and who frankly do not care about criminal laws. What this purposed municipal bylaw section would do is lead to yet another layer of confusing, overlapping regulations and a patchwork of rules for already law-abiding Canadians within and between communities, while violations could result in two years imprisonment or permanent license revocations.

I have been hearing from municipalities concerned with being tasked by the Federal government to create these types of bylaws. They are sharing fears about economic and housing impacts by the perception that one community has higher safety standards than others, or that law-abiding firearms citizens will literally be unaware they are in violation just by crossing a municipal boundary that has different bylaws.

Some municipalities are saying that they do not have the expertise to create these bylaws and certainly would not have the resources to enforce such regulations. They are also concerned these bylaws potentially violate their own provinces' jurisdiction. Some provinces in opposition to the federal legislation have already passed or are proposing laws that would prohibit this type of power to shift to individual municipalities. Saskatchewan has already passed such a provincial law, and Alberta's bill received royal assent on April 29, 2021.

Due to these concerns, some municipalities have already opposed Bill C-21 and have taken the steps to pass resolutions in opposition to this potential new power that they neither requested, nor have the resources to impose and enforce.

I have attached a copy of the resolution passed by the council in Kingsville, Ontario. I encourage you to seek feedback from your rate payers, and to discuss this issue in council. You may decide to pass a similar resolution on behalf of your community. Please feel free to advise my office if you do so, and to reach out if you require any additional information on Bill C-21.

Sincerely,

Thank you



Shannon Stubbs, MP
Lakeland



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Sub-Item 3

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 25, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, MP
 Prime Minister of Canada
 Langevin Block
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Prime Minister:

RE: Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)

At its Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

“205-2021

Moved By Councillor Thomas Neufeld, **Seconded By** Councillor Larry Patterson

A Resolution concerning Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms), specifically Amendment 26, Section (58.01 (1-8), Conditions-bylaw.

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding Kingsville residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the CFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of by-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville is OPPOSED to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following public officials: MP Chris Lewis-Essex, MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex, Premier of Ontario The Honourable Doug Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Andrea Horwath, Prime Minister of Canada The Honourable Justin Trudeau, and Leader of Official Opposition The Honourable Erin O'Toole.”

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

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen
Deputy Clerk-Council Services
Legislative Services Department
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cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: Hon. Erin O'Toole, Official Leader of the Opposition
cc: MP Chris Lewis- Essex
cc: MPP Taras Natyshak-Essex
cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
cc: MP Shannon Stubbs
cc: Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Town of Amherstburg
cc: Mayor Larry Snively, Town of Essex
cc: Mayor Tom Bain, Town of Lakeshore
cc: Mayor Marc Bondy, Town of LaSalle
cc: Mayor Hilda MacDonald, Municipality of Leamington
cc: Mayor Gary McNamara, Town of Tecumseh
cc: all Municipalities in Ontario

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At the Regular E-Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes held Monday, June 7, 2021, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION #68-2021

Moved By: Councillor Livingston
 Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Maxwell

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS at the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held May 20, 2021, Resolution #12-2021 was passed regarding cemetery funding;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have been made responsible for abandoned cemeteries within their boundaries, and are required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* "to ensure that the cemetery grounds, including all lots, structures, and markers, are maintained to ensure the safety of the public and to preserve the dignity of the cemetery;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, preserving the memory of families, prominent citizens, and local history; some cemeteries are landmarks in themselves and hold great historical value worldwide;

AND WHEREAS preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly, requiring the specialized services of stonemasons and archeologists;

AND WHEREAS the care and maintenance funds of abandoned cemeteries are generally non-existent or so small as to produce insufficient annual interest to cover even the cost of lawn care at the site;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes hereby Urges the Government of Ontario to immediately provide funding sources for Municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries in their care;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, the Minister of Government and Consumer Affairs, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and MPP Steve Clark.

Certified to be a true copy of the original

Date: June 8, 2021

Signature: M. E. Livingston

Title: Clerk, The Corporation of the
 Township of Rideau Lakes

Carried:

Signed: Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor

York Region Committee of the Whole made the below recommendation at its meeting on June 10, 2021. This recommendation will be ratified by Regional Council on June 17, 2021 but is being shared now in the interest of time.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has vaccinated over 71% of residents age 12+ with their first dose and over 10% with their second dose; and

WHEREAS over 73% of York Region residents age 12+ have received their first vaccination; and,

WHEREAS COVID-19 cases in York Region have dropped to under 25.5 per 100,000; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is entering Step One of the Reopening Plan on June 11, 2021, ahead of schedule due to strong provincial vaccination numbers, reduced ICU cases and reduced COVID-19 infections; and,

WHEREAS personal service businesses such as hair salons, nail salons and tattoo shops have implemented strict COVID-19 safety precautions as part of the Province's previous re-opening plan to ensure the safety of their staff and customers; and,

WHEREAS personal service businesses have most recently been closed since April 3, 2021 and owners and staff have suffered greatly throughout the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the closure of personal service businesses has led to illegal underground activity and confirmed COVID-19 cases linked to these activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that York Regional Council request that the Province consider allowing personal services businesses and gyms to a maximum of 10 people or as deemed appropriate to re-open as of 12:01 am on Friday, June 18, 2021 as part of Step One with strict limited capacities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be brought forward for ratification at the special Regional Council meeting being held on June 17, 2021; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Dr. Dave Williams, Chief Medical Officer and all York Region MPPs and municipalities.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services

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**MEDIA RELEASE
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Shining a light on brain injury in Canada

Richmond Hill, Ontario - June is Brain Injury Awareness Month in Canada. 452 Canadians suffer a serious traumatic brain injury every day. This amounts to nearly one person every 3 minutes, equaling almost 165,000 serious brain injuries per year. This does not include concussions, non-traumatic brain injuries, military injuries, or unreported cases.

The results of a recent survey conducted by Canadian brain injury associations revealed that approximately **61%** of respondents found general lack of awareness about brain injury a key issue. These results demonstrate that we need to work harder to shine a light on the prevalence and intersectionality of brain injury.

Through multiple digital platforms and events, Canadian brain injury associations are working together towards one common goal: raising awareness about the prevalence of brain injury, the challenges faced by those living with it every day and how we can work together to ensure every individual is valued, supported and engaged in their communities.

Acquired brain injury is defined as damage to the brain that occurs after birth. Brain injuries can have a variety of causes and affect every aspect of a person's life. The statistics surrounding brain injury are astonishing. Approximately 1.5 million Canadians live with the effects of an acquired brain injury. Annual incidences of acquired brain injuries in Canada are:

- **30 times** more common than breast cancer
- **44 times** more common than spinal cord injuries
- **400 times** more common than HIV/AIDS

The term physical distancing was introduced as a safety measure during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but social and physical distancing is something that is often experienced by survivors of brain injury in their normal lives. Individuals with brain injury face environmental, cognitive, mental, emotional, physical, and societal barriers that cause increased isolation and affect daily living. And still as we all cope with months of separation from loved ones and restrictions from normal activities, those with brain injury are not considered or widely recognized. It's time for that to change.

The *Brain Injury Association of York Region (BIAYR)* is a non-profit organization providing support, education and advocacy to individuals who have survived brain injury, as well as their families. Last year was a great year at BIAYR, as we were thrilled to be able to offer our members an unprecedented number of educational programs, recurring workshops and social events. We were proud to have moved quickly to online programming at the onset of the pandemic and will continue to hold our events virtually for the foreseeable future, but hope





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to host in-person events as soon as we are able to. We continue to add to the infrastructure of BIAYR on a yearly basis and are driven to provide additional information, programming and events for our community.

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Childhood Cancer Canada

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Charitable No. 8282 52346 RR0001



Date: March 29, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see details below pertaining to lighting request for Childhood Cancer Canada.

About Make Canada Gold Campaign:

Childhood Cancer Canada aims to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month every September by lighting up Canadian landmarks in gold in honour of families affected by childhood cancer. Landmarks across the country are lit gold to honour the Gold Ribbon, the international symbol for childhood cancer awareness.

About Childhood Cancer Canada:

Childhood Cancer Canada is Canada's leading foundation dedicated to funding national research, while delivering support and programming for families affected by childhood cancer. More than 10,000 children in Canada are in treatment for cancer right now and one in five will not survive beyond five years. Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease of Canadian children. Childhood Cancer Canada's focus is on saving, enhancing, and extending the lives of kids with cancer.

Requested Date: September 1, 2021

Requested Colour: R255 G166 B0 (Yellow)

Organization's Name: Childhood Cancer Canada

Organization Type: Non-profit or Charity

Address: 20 Queen St W, Suite 702, Toronto, ON, M5H 3R3

Website: childhoodcancer.ca

Hashtag: #MakeCanadaGold

Facebook Handle: @ChildhoodCancerCanada

Instagram Handle: @childhoodcancercanada

Marketing Materials:

- Press Release
- Social Media Posts
- Newsletters
- Website

We thank you for your time in reviewing our application. Please feel free to contact us directly to discuss confirmation of the lighting or if you require any further information from our organization. Thank you kindly!

Best,

Isabella Bozzo