



The Corporation of the Town of Ajax Council Information Package August 1, 2025

Durham Region Municipalities Correspondence

1. The Regional Municipality of Durham – Indexing of Regional Development Charges and Amendments to By-law #39-2022 (Regional Transit Development Charges By-law) and By-law #42-2023 (Region Wide Development Charges By-law)

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2. Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan – Bill C-2, Section 77.5 (1)
3. The Municipality of The Village of Burk's Falls – Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
4. Town of Orangeville – Support for H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) Elect Respect Campaign

Summary of Advisory Committee Activities

None.

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5. National Coaches Week – September 15-21, 2025
6. National Dental Care Day – October 10, 2025

Staff Correspondence

None.

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July 28, 2025

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**RE: Indexing of Regional Development Charges and
Amendments to By-law #39-2022 (Regional Transit
Development Charges By-law) and By-law #42-2023
(Region Wide Development Charges By-law) Our File: F32**

Council at its meeting held on June 25, 2025 passed the following By-laws pursuant to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*:

- By-law #2025-027 being a By-law to amend By-law #39-2022, a by-law regarding development charges for transit services; and
- By-law #2025-028 being a By-law to amend By-law #42-2023, a by-law regarding the imposition of development charges.

Attached are certified copies of the By-laws as well as the two Notices of Passing by The Regional Municipality of Durham.

Would you kindly bring this matter to the attention of your Council and appropriate staff.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

AH/np

Attachments

- c: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works
S. Austin, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic
Development
J. Hunt, Director, Legal Services
B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit

By-law Number 2025-027
of The Regional Municipality of Durham

Being a by-law to amend by-law number 39-2022.

Whereas section 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.27 (the "Act") provides for amendments to development charge by-laws.

And Whereas the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham requires certain amendments to By-law 39-2022.

And Whereas in accordance with the Act, Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* eliminates the need for a development charge background study as well as the need for a public meeting to make an amendment to By-law 39-2022, and is therefore not provided in the amendment of this By-law.

And Whereas a public notice will be made available to inform the public that By-law 39-2022 has been amended.

Now therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham hereby enacts as follows:

1. Following section 20 add new section, as follows:

20.1 Notwithstanding section 20 of this by-law, development charges imposed pursuant to this by-law shall not be adjusted as of July 1st, 2025 and instead shall be adjusted on November 1st, 2025 in accordance with the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics, catalogue number 62-207, for the most recently available annual period ending March 31.

This By-law Read and Passed on the 25th day of June, 2025.

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

A. Harras, Regional Clerk

By-law Number 2025-028
of The Regional Municipality of Durham

Being a by-law to amend by-law number 42-2023.

Whereas section 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.27 (the "Act") provides for amendments to development charge by-laws.

And Whereas the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham requires certain amendments to By-law 42-2023.

And Whereas in accordance with the Act, Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* eliminates the need for a development charge background study as well as the need for a public meeting to make an amendment to By-law 42-2023, and is therefore not provided in the amendment of this By-law.

And Whereas a public notice will be made available to inform the public that By-law 42-2023 has been amended.

Now therefore, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham hereby enacts as follows:

1. Following subsection 3.16 add new subsection, as follows:

3.16.1 Notwithstanding subsection 3.16 of this by-law, development charges imposed pursuant to this by-law shall not be adjusted as of July 1st, 2025 and instead shall be adjusted on November 1st, 2025 in accordance with the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics, catalogue number 62-207, for the most recently available annual period ending March 31.

This By-law Read and Passed on the 25th day of June, 2025.

J. Henry, Regional Chair and CEO

A. Harras, Regional Clerk



NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW #39-2022, A BY-LAW REGARDING DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham passed By-law No. 2025-027, being a By-law to amend By-law No. 39-2022, a by-law regarding development charges for transit services, on the 25th day of June, 2025 pursuant to Section 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (“Act”);

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT By-law No. 2025-027 amends By-law No. 39-2022 as follows:

Following section 20 of By-law 39-2022, that the following new section be added:

- 20.1 Notwithstanding section 20 of this by-law, development charges imposed pursuant to this by-law shall not be adjusted as of July 1st, 2025 and instead shall be adjusted on November 1st, 2025 in accordance with the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics, catalogue number 62-207, for the most recently available annual period ending March 31.

By-law No. 2025-027 applies to all lands located within The Regional Municipality of Durham.

A copy of the complete By-law No. 2025-027 is available for examination in the office of the Regional Clerk during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the address shown below.

DATED AT the Town of Whitby this 11th day of July, 2025.

For further information please contact:

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW #42-2023

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham passed By-law No. 2025-028, being a By-law to amend the Regional Residential and Non-Residential Development Charge By-law No. 42-2023 on the 25th day of June, 2025 pursuant to Section 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (“Act”);

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT the By-law No. 2025-028 amends By-law No. 42-2023 as follows:

Following subsection 3.16 of By-law 42-2023, that the following new subsection be added as follows:

3.16.1 Notwithstanding subsection 3.16 of this by-law, development charges imposed pursuant to this by-law shall not be adjusted as of July 1st, 2025 and instead shall be adjusted on November 1st, 2025 in accordance with the Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Statistics, catalogue number 62-207, for the most recently available annual period ending March 31.

By-law No. 2025-028 applies to all lands located within The Regional Municipality of Durham, with the exception of the water supply and sanitary sewerage services which do not apply to the development of lands located within the Seaton Community. A map of the Seaton Community is provided below.

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE “F” SEATON COMMUNITY</p>	<p>A copy of the complete By-law No. 2025-028 is available for examination in the office of the Regional Clerk during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the address shown below.</p> <p>DATED AT the Town of Whitby this 11th day of July, 2025.</p> <p>For further information please contact:</p> <p>Alexander Harras Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services clerks@durham.ca The Regional Municipality of Durham 605 Rossland Road East, Level 1 P.O. Box 623 Whitby, ON L1N 6A3 905-668-7711 ext. 2054</p>
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Good morning,

At their regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2025, the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan passed the following resolution:

R191-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

WHEREAS Bill C-2 proposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act by adding section 77.5 (1), making it a criminal offense for any business, profession, or charitable entity to accept cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more in a single transaction or related transactions, regardless of their lawful nature;

WHEREAS this blanket ban criminalizes legitimate business transactions using legal tender, punishing businesses and law-abiding citizens solely for choosing to use cash, a fundamental right in Canada;

WHEREAS small businesses, charities, and individuals in Otonabee-South Monaghan and across Canada, including farmers, car dealers, and community organizations, rely on cash for lawful high-value transactions, and this restriction will impose unnecessary hardship, stifle economic activity, and deter charitable giving;

WHEREAS the \$10,000 threshold is arbitrarily low, capturing routine legal transactions while creating compliance burdens that disproportionately harm small businesses, rural communities, and those without digital banking access;

WHEREAS municipalities must stand up for the economic freedom and financial inclusion of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

- Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful

cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;

- Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;
- Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Emma Harrison, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;
- Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

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Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025-244

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

WHEREAS the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
 - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
 - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.

4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.

5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

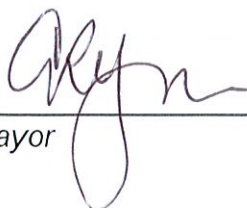
Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:



 Mayor

Council Meeting Date: July 14, 2025

Letter of Support for H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

Council Resolution: 2025-140

Moved: Mayor Post

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Orangeville Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT Orangeville Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Result: Carried Unanimously