



**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Council Information Package
May 2, 2025**

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- Flag Raising at Pat Bayly Square

Staff Correspondence

None.

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April 23, 2025

Mansoor Mahmood
Director, Building and Development Branch
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Dear M. Mahmood:

RE: Durham Greener Homes Program Update and Enhancements (2025-COW-17), Our File: D00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 23, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- “A) That Regional Council endorse the enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes Program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17 of the Chief Administrative Officer, including:
- i) Introducing services to support Durham Region residents in undertaking “weather-ready” home renovations that reduce the impacts and potential costs associated with extreme weather events on their homes through expert advice, program funding supports, industry training, and community engagement; and
 - ii) Introducing a direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program, led by the Region and based on authority granted under the Municipal Act (2001), and associated Ontario Regulations 322/12 and 586/06 which authorizes municipalities to make available a Local Improvement Charge (LIC) financing option for energy and water retrofits on private property, subject to the Region successfully renegotiating the existing Grant and Loan Loss Reserve funding agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through their Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) program to enable funds to be redirected towards home energy and water retrofit loan financing program;

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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- B) That staff be authorized to negotiate and award a sole source agreement with the Windfall Ecology Centre to deliver the proposed weather-ready enhancements through existing Durham Greener Homes Program supported by approved operating funding for a period of up to four (4) years (April 2025-March 2029);
- C) That Regional Council direct staff to prepare and submit a funding proposal through FCM's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program Financing Adaptation Stream anticipated to launch in Fall 2025 to support the full implementation of the Durham Greener Homes Program weather-ready program as outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- D) That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other partners, in forms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance, to support implementation of the Program enhancements outlined in Report #2025-COW-17;
- E) That debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities not to exceed \$2 million be approved to implement the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program outlined in Recommendation A) ii);
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance/Regional Treasurer, Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into any loan agreements or execute other documents that may be required to receive the debenture financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- G) That approval be granted for the requisite by-laws to receive loan or grant financing from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advance the Durham Greener Homes Program and the direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program; and
- H) That a copy of Report #2025-COW-17 be forwarded to local area municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Durham Region Home Builders' Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for their information."

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-COW-17 for your information.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.

Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

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- c:
- A. Wood, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change and Resiliency Division,
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - P. Halucha, Deputy Minister, Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada
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 - D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
 - C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
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 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - Durham Region Home Builders' Association
 - S. Austin, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives
 - I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Use of X by the City of Peterborough
Date: March 17, 2025

Whereas X has become a media platform that is not adequately responding to hate speech and misinformation;

Whereas continued use of X could be perceived as tacit approval of or association with ideologies that are inconsistent with the City of Peterborough's commitment to freedom, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination.

Whereas the City of Peterborough maintains other social media accounts to reach residents about municipal services and news that provide comparable functionality like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Whereas Peterborough Transit relies on X as one of its main methods to communicate with customers about Transit service changes;

Whereas Peterborough Transit has implemented customer service enhancements such as real time tracking of buses through the My Transit Rid-GPS Tracker map for transit customers to see when the next bus will arrive;

Whereas emergency services require the ability to use all available channels to reach residents for emergency messaging;


Therefore, be it resolved that Council approve the following:

a) that to support enhanced communication with residents and customers and to reduce reliance on social media that City staff report back to Council during the 2026 Budget deliberations with recommendations and associated budget implications for implementing a Snow Plow Tracker service for residents and a smartphone app for Peterborough Transit, which includes the ability to send notifications to subscribers, with the goal of improving customer service and eliminating the use of X; and

b) that the City of Peterborough discontinue the use of X, formerly known as Twitter, except for Peterborough Transit, Fire Services, and emergency information as necessary.

c) That, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.



John Kennedy, City Clerk

April 11, 2025

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Sent Via Email

Dear Hon. Premier and Ministers:

Re. Installation of New Utility Poles in Howick Township through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Project (AHSIP)

It is with great concern that we provide a connectivity update from the perspective of the Township of Howick. The Township applauds the provincial government for its \$4 billion investment to provide high-speed internet access in every region of Ontario and is appreciative of the Ministry of Infrastructure's leadership with the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP).

Improved connectivity to Ontario's unserved and underserved areas creates immense economic development opportunities and begins to address some of the challenges experienced by rural and remote communities. These communities continue to experience profound inequities in the areas of education, business and interpersonal relationships due to the lack of adequate communications infrastructure. The buildout of new broadband infrastructure starts the work towards resolving this inequity.

The Township of Howick is a small, rural municipality with a rich and proud history in agriculture. Through AHSIP, Xplore Inc. has obtained \$1.6 billion of private investment and government funding for fibre network expansion in several underserved, rural Ontario communities, including Howick Township.

While Howick Township is supportive of all rural residents receiving access to reliable high-speed internet, there are ongoing concerns from Council and residents over the installation of dozens of new utility poles within the municipal right-of-way across Howick's countryside instead of utilizing Hydro One's existing utility poles or underground direct bury or drilling methods.

In response to our inquiries, representatives from Xplore Inc. have explained to township council and staff that these new utility poles have been installed by their subcontractor because of "significant delays in Hydro One's permitting process to add broadband infrastructure to their existing utility poles and because it is the most cost-effective installation method."

The Ministry of Infrastructure outlines very thorough processes, procedures and timelines for Attaching to LDC-Owned Poles in the *Building Broadband Faster in Ontario* guidelines released November 30, 2021. Section 2.2 of the guideline outlines the Broadband One Window (BOW) authorization process for LDC owned pole attachments, including the engineering design requirements as well as the applicable standards to which stakeholders are expected to adhere to. This process includes field inspection/survey of the poles, pole loading structural analysis and determination of what telecom and power make-ready work, if any, needs to be completed for safe attachment. Nowhere in the guidelines does the Ministry of Infrastructure outline a process for installing new utility poles instead of attaching to existing LDC owned poles.

This leave us in Howick Township with several questions:

What guidelines are being followed if this ISP is completely bypassing the LDC in favor of erecting new utility poles? Is the Ministry of Infrastructure responsible for making sure these guidelines and processes are being followed? If Xplore Inc. has admitted to avoiding the permitting process of using the LDC's (Hydro One) existing utility poles, who owns these new utility poles that have been installed? Who is responsible for their maintenance and eventual replacement? Who is going to maintain the brush and shrubbery that surround many of these new poles in the municipal right-of-way?

It is Howick Township's opinion that the AHSIP program lacks oversight and compliance measures over the work being completed by the Internet Service Providers and their sub-contractors. Along with this, the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021, S.O. 2021, c.2,*

Sched. 1 has stripped Howick Township's right to question the installation of dozens of new utility poles without incurring financial penalties for causing delays to the project.

We have included photos (see [Appendix A](#)) of the substandard installation of new utility poles across Howick Township under AHSIP that occurred throughout this past winter. As you can see, many poles were installed incorrectly, quickly and during all weather conditions. This required the sub-contractors to return several times to fix deficiencies. This doesn't seem like the most cost-effective installation method. Other photos show examples of the number of new poles installed in areas of Howick Township. With our primarily agriculture-based background and economy, many Howick Township landowners are quite upset with the amount of new utility poles that have been installed. Farm equipment continues to get larger in size as farming techniques modernize, and these new 30ft utility poles limit access to fields with overhead infrastructure installed along the municipal right-of-way.

Through our research into this matter, we have not found examples of so many new utility poles being installed elsewhere across the province to facilitate the installation of fibre optic high-speed internet infrastructure. New pole installations are only referenced in the program guidelines regarding LDC-owned poles requiring replacement prior to installing the broadband infrastructure.


Can you explain why so many new utility poles are being installed in Howick Township directly by the ISP instead of utilizing existing utility poles owned by Hydro One as outlined in your program guidelines? Municipalities were not informed that dozens of new utility poles would be installed through AHSIP. Howick Township is requesting to have these new utility poles removed in favour of utilizing existing LDC owned poles or direct bury or plowing methods of installation.

We encourage any other Ontario municipalities who are experiencing similar new utility pole installations through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program to reach out to Howick Township directly, and to join Howick Township by reaching out to the above listed ministries with your concerns.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities
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Appendix A - New Utility Poles in Howick Township















April 16, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
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Re: Motion regarding Opposition to Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers

At their Regular Meeting of Council on April 16, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Aylmer opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;

AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.



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Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

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All municipalities



GEORGINA

Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

April 7, 2025

Via email; premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding Salt Management

Please be advised that Town Council adopted the following motion concerning Salt Management;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0077

Moved By Councillor Neeson
Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management; and

2. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities; all municipalities in Ontario; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and The Honourable Premier Doug Ford.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,



Carolyn Lance
Council Services Coordinator

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The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney-General; doug.downey@pc.ola.org
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Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2025-120
Title: Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date: April 24, 2025

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 11.1.
No. du point 2025-120
Titre: Conseiller Gerry Miner - Surveillance et contrôle des véhicules lourds en Ontario
Date: le 24 avril 2025

Proposée par: Gérard Miner
Appuyée par: Paul Burroughs

Attendu que le Conseil du Canton de Champlain est de l'avis qu'une surveillance et un contrôle accrus des véhicules lourds en Ontario sont nécessaires pour assurer la sécurité des autres automobilistes, des propriétaires fonciers et des piétons.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario d'accroître la surveillance et les vérifications de tous les véhicules lourds circulant sur les routes de l'Ontario, et de contrôler les normes de vérification maintenues par les installations privées d'immatriculation des véhicules lourds; et

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que cette résolution soit transmise au ministre des Transports de l'Ontario, au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, à la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, à l'AMO et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 29, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on April 28th, 2025 passed the following resolution:

R107-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

Whereas Ontario already has the legislative framework to end the antiquated practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST), as per the Time Amendment Act of 2020: But New York has delayed us for over 4 long years.

And Whereas the Case for Ending DST immediately pertains to clear and present Health and Public Safety concerns: Clock shifts spike heart attacks, accidents, and stress, per the Canadian Society for Chronobiology. Kids lose focus, domestic violence rises, and vulnerable folks—mentally ill, homeless, addicts—face unnecessary strain and relapse risks. Indigenous health gaps deepen as DST clashes with traditions. Standard Time aligns with nature, easing healthcare burdens and healthcare costs.

And Whereas ending DST is a clear and permanent assertion of the economic independence of Ontario: Our new, post tariff economic reality exposes the reliance on New York for our internal policy as outdated. Ontario should look out for Ontarians, and

our sovereignty must be asserted. Quebec already considers the change; so 15 million Ontarians should not continue to wait on NY. Businesses will adapt; citizens will gain stability. Over 100,000 petition voices and 70% of Ontarians agree. Ontario must take the lead, and hopefully NY can eventually follow our lead for the good of their own people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request staff to distribute this communication to all the Municipalities, Chiefs & Councils of Ontario in addition to the Premier of the Govt. of Ontario and urge the Premier to:

1. Amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 to drop New York's contingency, effective immediately.
2. Set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Sent via Email:
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Municipalities of Ontario

April 2025

To: Durham Region MPPs and Mayors/Council members from Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering, Ajax, Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge

From: Durham District School Board

Briefing Note: Durham District School Board Enrollment Pressures and Funding Challenges

Purpose: To provide Durham Region MPPs and Mayors/Council members with information on DDSB enrollment pressures and funding challenges.

Executive Summary:

The Durham District School Board (DDSB) continues to face rapid enrollment growth, which is expected to continue in the coming years. To manage this growth sustainably, we urgently need the Provincial Government to remove the Educational Development Charge (EDC) cap, and to remove school boards from the Site Plan Approval Process, similar to colleges and universities. These adjustments will allow DDSB to fund new schools without incurring unsustainable debt and will expedite new school construction.

Recommendations:

Provincial

We request your support in asking that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove school boards from the site plan approval process, similar to colleges and universities, to significantly expedite the timeline for new school construction, in order to best meet the demands of the growing Durham Region.

We also request your support in asking the province to remove the EDC cap. The difference between the capped rate and the actual rate required to purchase land for new schools is so significant, that without action, the debt being incurred to purchase land will soon become unserviceable. Additionally, the opportunity will be missed for the growth that is currently occurring to pay for the development of new schools.

Background – Education Development Charges:

[Education Development Charges](#) are a levy imposed on new residential development that is intended to cover the cost of purchasing land to build new schools on, with the theory that growth should pay for growth in needed infrastructure, like schools.

“Temporary” restrictions on EDC rate increases were put in place in October 2018. Having now been in place for more than six years, the magnitude of the growing debt and the impact on school boards has become untenable. By August 31, 2028, the combined EDC deficit across the province is projected to be more than \$1.2 billion. DDSB’s share of that deficit is projected to exceed \$325 million.

DDSB Enrollment Pressures:

DDSB serves the rural townships of Uxbridge, Brock, and Scugog, as well as the cities and towns of Ajax, Whitby, Pickering, and Oshawa. With over 12,000 staff members across 136 schools and learning centers, DDSB supports more than 80,000 school students and numerous continuing and adult education students.

Over the past five years enrollment has risen dramatically, from 70,000 students in 2019 to more than 80,000 in 2024, driven by new residential development and urban renewal projects. Durham Region's population is projected to see continued growth in the coming decades, increasing from 723,000 in 2024 to 1.3 million by 2051 ([Envision Durham Municipal Comprehensive Review](#)), which means DDSB's enrollment growth will continue to outpace current school capacity.

DDSB is legally obligated to accommodate every eligible student in its jurisdiction. When building new schools, the Board relies on EDCs to fund land acquisition, as no other revenue source is available. The EDC cap has restricted collections to \$3,749 per unit —far below the \$12,540 per unit required. This shortfall will result in an EDC deficit of about \$200 million as of year-end (August 31, 2025), expected to rise to over \$600 million in the next 15 years if the cap remains. **This situation is financially untenable**, threatening our ability to meet growth demands.

In addition to funding constraints, DDSB also faces challenges in navigating Site Plan Approval Process. The best solution to expedite new school construction would be to remove school boards from the site plan approval process, similar to the treatment of colleges and universities.

Conclusion – The Need for EDC Cap Removal and Removal from Municipal Site Plan Approval Process:

DDSB's capacity to provide adequate student accommodation is severely compromised by the EDC cap, forcing DDSB to incur unserviceable levels of debt. The cap must be removed to enable DDSB to collect adequate funds to meet the region's educational needs sustainably. **School accommodation is a community priority** and a shared responsibility; we urge you to advocate for this critical change to uphold the principle of "growth paying for growth." The EDC cap represented significant change to the EDC framework that was in place for many years. Importantly, this change was made by Regulation and was never brought to the Legislature. The removal of the cap can, therefore, be done by amending the Regulation back to its pre-2018 terms without the need for any amendments to the legislation.

Additionally, removal from the municipal site plan approval process would allow schools to be built in as timely a fashion as possible.

Your local DDSB Trustees will reach out shortly to discuss further and develop an action plan to support our community's needs in Durham Region.

Thank you,

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Good morning Municipal,

Today, MPAC is honoured to share three significant documents with you.

First, we present our [2024 Annual Report](#), which celebrates our many achievements throughout the past year. These accomplishments are a testament to our collaborative efforts with municipal and provincial partners, the innovative solutions we have introduced over the last year, and our steadfast determination to deliver exceptional value to the people of Ontario.

As part of our commitment to accountability and transparency, we are also happy to share our annual [Performance Report](#). This document provides measures on how well we are meeting our goals in areas such as capturing new assessment, the proportion of property assessments that are accepted without going to appeal, Customer Contact Centre satisfaction, and many more.

The third document is a copy of MPAC's Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2024. If you have any questions regarding the Financial Statements, please contact Mary Meffe, Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, at (289) 539-0306 or mary.meffe@mpac.ca.

As we strive to uphold the highest standards in service delivery as a global leader in property assessment, we are grateful for your continued support.

Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Alan Spacek

Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

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Summary of Accessibility Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of May 2, 2025



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Accessibility Advisory Committee – March 19, 2025 (AAC-2025-03)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
City of Oshawa StopGap Pilot Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members expressed interest in the Town exploring the possibility of a StopGap ramp pilot project for the Ajax business community and asked staff to inquire about the process.
Ajax Public Library Website Usability Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members shared feedback and suggestions on the current Ajax Public Library website design, relating to accessibility and navigation.
Town of Ajax Facility Bookings - Accessibility Details	N/A – information item only
National AccessAbility Week Recognition Planning Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee reviewed event and activity planning and expressed interest in planning a collaborative workshop event with the Age-Friendly Steering Committee.
Accessible Ajax Brochure Draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee discussed development of an AccessibleAjax resource document to share information about the Town’s accessibility and inclusion services, programs and initiatives.

Accessibility Advisory Committee – April 16, 2025 (AAC-2025-04) – **Cancelled**

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Summary of Heritage Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of May 2, 2025



Heritage Advisory Committee

Heritage Advisory Committee – April 2, 2025 (HAC-2025-04)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
Review of Ajax Culture Brand	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Moved By: R. Tyler Morin Seconded By: M. Daniels</p> <p>That the Ajax Culture branding options be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Plaque Unveiling – DIL Supervisors’ Apartments	N/A – information item only
Audley Spirit Walk Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee expressed interest in conducting a draft reading of the walk at a future Committee Meeting.
Jane’s Walk – Event Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee decided on final logistics, roles and responsibilities for the cemetery walking tour event, taking place on Saturday, May 3, 2025.
Upcoming Important Dates	N/A – information item only

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