



The Corporation of the Town of Ajax Council Information Package October 31, 2025

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None.

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October 29, 2025

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack:

RE: Durham Region's response to the province's proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline, ERO Posting #025-0844 (2025-CG-10), Our File: L14

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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**Alexander Harras
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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on October 29, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Community Growth & Economic Development Committee:

- A) That the letter dated October 8, 2025 (Attachment #1 of Report #2025-CG-10) from the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be endorsed as Durham Region's comments on the proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline;
- B) That the following recommendations form the Region's comments to the province on the proposed Projection Methodology, namely that:
 - i) Future updates to the Ministry of Finance population projections should consider constraints and opportunities for population growth, and include household and employment forecasts, allocated to the area municipal level of geography;
 - ii) The Projection Methodology Guideline (PMG) should include direction for municipalities to align work on housing needs assessments with housing and homelessness plans like At Home in Durham;

- iii) The PMG should acknowledge and provide direction on the challenges faced by municipalities from privately-led applications for settlement area boundary expansions; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-10 be forwarded to Durham local area municipalities, conservation authorities, and neighbouring municipalities for information.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-CG-10 for your information.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
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- c: J. Grossi, Clerk, Town of Ajax
- F. Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
- J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
- M. Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
- S. Cassel, Clerk, City of Pickering
- B. Labelle, Clerk, Township of Scugog
- D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
- C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
- C. Ritchie, Clerk, City of Kawartha Lakes
- J. Elvidge, Clerk, City of Toronto
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- J. Magill, Clerk, County of Simcoe
- C. Raynor, Clerk, Region of York
- C. Darling, CAO, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- L. Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
- M. Majchrowski, CAO, Kawartha Conservation
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October 17, 2025

The Honorable Todd McCarthy, MPP (Durham)
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Extended Producer Responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection and Impacts to Small Businesses located in Mixed-Use Properties

Dear Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 191-25:

Whereas in 2016 the Waste-Free Ontario Act was enacted, which also enacted the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) and the Waste Diversion Transition Act; and,

Whereas the RRCEA and its associated regulations focus on strengthening Extended Producer Responsibility for materials like used tires and blue box recycling; and,

Whereas on November 23, 2020, Town Staff submitted comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario on the proposed blue box regulation, which highlighted concerns about the lack of a requirement for blue box recycling collection for certain “non-eligible” sources like small businesses located in mixed-use properties which are prevalent in Business Improvement Areas; and,

Whereas in the Town of Whitby there are approximately 200 small businesses in mixed-use properties who currently receive blue box collection and are impacted by the blue box regulation and will potentially lose blue box collection services; and,

Whereas in June 2021 the Province of Ontario released Blue Box Regulation O. Reg. 391/21, under the RRCEA which transitions the financial and operational responsibility of recycling from municipalities to the producers of packaging and paper products; and,

Whereas Circular Materials Ontario (CM) was named the Producer Responsibility Organization taking on all blue box recycling responsibilities in Ontario over a three-year transition period; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham has indicated that the estimated costs to continue to provide blue box recycling for small businesses after the 2026 transition date to CM was exorbitant and no longer a core responsibility of the Region pursuant to Provincial legislation; and,

Whereas on July 1, 2024, the Town of Whitby and all local area municipalities in Durham Region transitioned from the Regional blue box program to the CM blue box program; and,

Whereas the Region of Durham and CM negotiated a temporary agreement to continue providing blue box collection services to small businesses in mixed-use properties during the blue box transition period from June 30, 2024 to December 31, 2025, however, CM will not service these small businesses or any non-residential properties effective January 1, 2026, as they are not included as “eligible sources” under Blue Box Regulation 391/21; and,

Whereas on October 17, 2024, Mayor Roy sent a letter to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, who was at that time the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, advocating for changes to the blue box regulation as it related to blue box collection for small businesses; and,

Whereas on June 4, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks proposed amendments to the RRCEA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and staff comments were submitted jointly to the Municipal Waste Association and Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario on June 13, 2025 highlighting concerns with the blue box regulation and impacts to small businesses located in mixed-use properties; and,

Whereas on August 15, 2025, CM hosted a municipal engagement session with members of a Municipal Working Group, reviewing a proposal for blue box recycling for non-eligible sources; and,

Whereas it is not clear how the recycling collector will differentiate commercial recycling from residential recycling at mixed-residential locations as they are typically set out together; and,

Whereas the proposal submitted by CM must be agreed to by all three Producer Organizations before it will be considered by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, all three Producer Organizations, which includes CM, Ryse Solutions, and Landbell Canada, provided a letter to Mayor Roy outlining their decision to not proceed with blue box collections for small IC&I locations, citing, “system capacity limitations, current regulatory obligations, and time constraints that make it impractical for CCS to provide (blue box) collections from IC&I locations”; and,

Whereas on October 1, 2025, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks provided a letter to the Town of Whitby advising that the Producers will not voluntarily continue to offer blue box services to municipalities for small business locations.

Now therefore, be it resolved:


1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21 to require Producers to provide blue box collection services to businesses located in mixed-use properties;

and,

2. That the Mayor be requested to author a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for changes to Blue Box Regulation 391/21, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact mayor@whitby.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Roy
Mayor

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October 10, 2025

Via Email

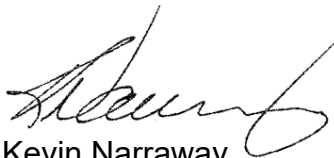
Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer
Regional Municipality of Durham
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Re: CAO 18-25, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report
New 9-1-1 System Agreement

Please be advised that at its meeting held on October 6, 2025, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 179-25:

1. That Report CAO 18-25 be received for information;
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the new 9-1-1 System Agreement as described in the Memorandum of Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO dated August 28, 2025; and,
3. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Region of Durham and other signatories to the 9-1-1 System Agreement.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Chief Mike Hickey at 905.430.4331.



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City of
PICKERING

Office of the Mayor



Sent by email

October 30, 2025

Mayor Shaun Collier
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Subject: Join Me in Supporting the Public Stewardship of Frenchman's Bay
File: A-1000-002

I'm reaching out to personally invite your support for an important initiative that affects not only Pickering, but the broader protection of our shared natural heritage.

Recently, I issued a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada requesting federal support to acquire Frenchman's Bay and return this treasured natural asset to public ownership. I encourage you and your Council to join me by signing our call-to-action letter and sharing this initiative within your own networks.

Show your support: pickering.ca/support

The continued private ownership of Frenchman's Bay poses a growing risk to its ecological and cultural integrity. This area is an irreplaceable part of our waterfront – rich in history, biodiversity, and community value. Under private ownership, it remains vulnerable to unwanted development and the uncertainties that come with it. Returning the Bay to public stewardship will ensure its long-term protection, ecological health, and open access for all.

As neighbouring municipalities, Pickering and Ajax share a deep connection to our Lake Ontario shoreline. The health and accessibility of Frenchman's Bay directly impacts the broader waterfront ecosystem and recreational experience for residents across our communities. Public stewardship of the Bay would strengthen regional efforts to preserve and enhance our waterfronts for generations to come.

A brief History of Ownership

While most bodies of water are typically under Crown ownership, Frenchman's Bay is subject to a Charter issued by the Crown in 1853 – 14 years before Canadian Confederation. The act formally incorporated the Pickering Harbour Company, which has owned the Bay ever since. The Pickering Harbour Company was created by the Crown before Canada came into existence as a nation, and before its constitution came into existence. For this reason, development of the Bay may not be subject to the same legal and planning regulations as development elsewhere in the City.

The City of Pickering remains deeply committed to preserving the unique character of its waterfront. We have successfully opposed inappropriate waterfront development applications in the past, and we will continue to apply the same rigorous standards to any future proposals.

I hope you will join me in standing for public stewardship of this vital part of our region's natural and cultural landscape. Together, we can send a strong, united message about the importance of safeguarding spaces that belong to all of us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly



Kevin Ashe
Mayor, City of Pickering

The Corporation of The Township of Stone Mills

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October 22, 2025

Sent Via Email Only

Re: Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-695-2025

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has resulted in a substantial increase in dead ash trees throughout Ontario, resulting in extensive ecological, economic, and public safety challenges;

And Whereas dead ash trees contribute to potential hazards, including falling limbs, compromised power lines, and blocked transportation routes, posing significant threats to public safety;

And Whereas removing and replacing dead ash trees is a costly undertaking that imposes financial burdens on municipalities, private organizations, and individual property owners;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation.

Be It Further Resolved That funding support should encompass:

1. Grants for municipalities to fund community-wide removal and replanting initiatives.
2. Financial assistance for private organizations engaged in environmentally restorative work.
3. Subsidies for individual property owners to safely remove and replace dead ash trees.

And Be It Further Resolved That this request be forwarded to relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies involved in environmental management, forestry, and public safety.

Be It Finally Resolved That a supporting letter be drafted and disseminated to other municipalities across Ontario to encourage regional advocacy and collaboration in addressing this ecological challenge.

Moved By Councillor Fenwick
Seconded By Deputy Woodcock
Carried

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

Sincerely,



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cc. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Quinte Conservation
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

October 27, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney P.C., O.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford:

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.

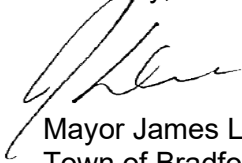
This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

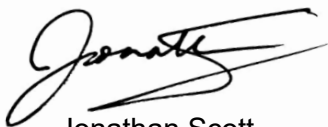
Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,



Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury



Jonathan Scott
Councillor, Ward 2

encl.

cc:

Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP
Hon Peter Bethlenfavy MPP
Hon. Caroline Mulroney MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities

Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP
Hon. Rob Flack MPP
Scot Davidson MP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 27, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-343

Moved by: Councillor Scott

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaney

WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;

WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental housing; and

WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home, e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Please find enclosed a letter from Mayor James Leduc and Ward 2 Councillor Jonathan Scott.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Ontario
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

October 16, 2025

Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change—such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, droughts, wildfires, and sea-level rise—are already affecting communities across Canada;

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to public health, infrastructure, local economies, biodiversity, and future generations;

WHEREAS, municipalities are on the front lines of climate change, often bearing the burden of disaster response, infrastructure adaptation, and long-term community resilience;

WHEREAS, despite local action, meaningful progress on climate change requires bold and coordinated leadership at the federal level, including policies, legislation, funding, and international cooperation;

WHEREAS, Canada has made national and international climate commitments, including under the Paris Agreement, and must continue to strengthen its role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and supporting adaptation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bluewater Council urges the Government of Canada to:

1. **Maintain climate change as a top national priority**, reflected in legislation, national planning, funding, and public policy;
2. **Prioritize investments in the clean energy transition in the upcoming Federal budget**;
3. **Continue to support municipalities** in their efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through sustainable infrastructure funding, disaster preparedness support, and clean energy investments since municipalities have the ability to influence change in ~50% of emissions within Canada;
4. **Accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy**, ensuring that it is just, inclusive, and economically beneficial for all regions and communities;
5. **Engage in transparent, science-based policymaking** that reflects the urgency of the climate crisis and the lived experiences of Canadians;
6. **Collaborate with Indigenous communities** and respect Indigenous knowledge and leadership in addressing climate change including obtaining free, prior and informed consent; and
7. **Continue to report annually** on national progress in reducing emissions and implementing adaptation strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, local Members of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as well as local MPPs and all municipalities for their consideration.

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce MPP
Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce MP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
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VIA EMAIL

Friday, October 3, 2025

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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities

WHEREAS community safety is the foremost responsibility of all levels of government, including federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal authorities;
AND WHEREAS recent violent home invasions in Halton Region and across Canada highlight the ongoing need to evaluate and strengthen bail laws and the administration of justice to better protect communities;

AND WHEREAS repeat violent offenders continue to be granted bail in some instances, placing victims, families, and first responders at risk, and public confidence in the justice system is undermined when such offenders are quickly returned to the community;

AND WHEREAS the federal government passed Bill C-48, which came into force in January 2024, introducing key reforms to the Criminal Code, including:

- A new reverse onus provision targeting repeat violent offending involving weapons,
- An expanded list of firearms offences triggering reverse onus,

- Requirements for courts to consider an accused's violent history and state on the record their consideration of community safety;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has committed to tabling additional legislation during the Fall 2025 session of Parliament to further strengthen community safety, including reforms related to bail and sentencing;

AND WHEREAS the provinces and territories are responsible for the administration of justice, including:

- Appointing justices of the peace and judges,
- Managing court operations and bail monitoring,
- Hiring and managing Crown Attorneys,
- Funding and overseeing provincial police services and detention centres;

AND WHEREAS on November 13, 2024, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO), the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA), and the Toronto Police Association (TPA), representing 35,000 police members in Ontario, called for urgent action to ensure violent and repeat offenders are not released pending trial, and similar calls have been echoed by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Canada's Premiers;

AND WHEREAS strengthening bail provisions and the broader justice system requires ongoing collaboration across all levels of government, and doing so would reduce pressures on local police services, the courts, and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council:

1. Recognizes the steps already taken by the federal government through Bill C-48 and acknowledges the commitment to introduce further legislation in Fall 2025;
2. Calls on the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in the upcoming session of Parliament;
3. Calls on the Province of Ontario to invest in and strengthen the administration of justice, including:
 - Enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring,

- Increasing resources for Crown prosecutors and court operations, including the previously announced courthouse for Halton
- Expanding judicial capacity and detention infrastructure;
- 4. Encourages a national, coordinated approach involving all levels of government to ensure community safety is not compromised by gaps in bail or sentencing systems.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- THAT Halton Regional Council calls for the following policy considerations in future reforms:
 - Expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat violent offenders,
 - Establishing stronger mandatory bail conditions, including firearm prohibitions, curfews, electronic monitoring, and no-contact orders,
 - Limiting multiple bail releases for individuals with histories of serious violent offences,
 - Improving inter-agency information sharing among police, Crown prosecutors, and corrections,
 - Prioritizing victim and community impact in bail decisions;
- THAT Halton Regional Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to review Criminal Code time limits and rules for stay of proceedings in cases involving serious and violent offences;
- THAT this motion be forwarded to:
 - The Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Minister of Public Safety, the Secretary of State (Combatting Crime),
 - The Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario,
 - All federal and provincial parties in the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature;
 - Halton's Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament,
 - The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Association of Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police Association;
 - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG);

- Halton's Local Municipalities;
- THAT this motion be shared with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada, encouraging them to pass similar motions in a spirit of collaborative, cross-jurisdictional reform.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,



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Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of Bloc Québécois
Don Davies, Interim Leader of NDP
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Summary of Accessibility Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of October 25, 2025



Accessibility Advisory Committee – October 15, 2025 (AAC-2025-08)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>Accessibility Review of New Online Development Application Dashboard Lauren Taylor, Senior Planner</p>	<p>N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Taylor, Senior Planner, presented the new Planning Application Dashboard to the Committee, which provides public access to development application information. Members provided feedback and suggestions on accessibility considerations such as adding an alternative format request contact.
<p>Durham Region Transit: Service Strategy Update Michael Binetti, DRT Jack Phelan, DRT</p>	<p>N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Binetti and J. Phelan, Durham Region Transit, presented the draft 2026–2030 Service Strategy, outlining planned network improvements, accessibility initiatives, and community feedback mechanisms. Committee members raised concerns about reduced neighborhood route coverage, long walking distances to bus stops, and the impact on transit-dependent residents.
<p>Annual Report to Council (November 17)</p>	<p>N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Moore discussed preparations for the committee's annual report to council, scheduled for November 17th. J. Lawrence and M. Khanna volunteered to speak on behalf of the Committee.
<p>General Updates</p>	<p>N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Moore led discussion for Committee involvement in Pumpkinville and the Council pumpkin giveaway event.

Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – October 2025

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S. Moore informed the Committee that a member of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee successfully applied to be a Youth Accessibility Leader under the Youth Innovation stream of the Enabling Accessibility Fund. The project selected for the application opportunity will be for funding to facilitate a StopGap pilot program.

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Summary of Heritage Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of October 24, 2025



Heritage Advisory Committee – October 1, 2025 (HAC-2025-08)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>Heritage Permit – 562 Kingston Road West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck provided a detailed overview of Heritage Permit submitted for 562 Kingston Rd. West, noting proposed renovation details. • The committee discussed the balance between preserving heritage features and allowing adaptive reuse, especially given the building's mixed architectural history and the need for functional upgrades <p>Moved by: L. Patel Seconded by: T. Kessler</p> <p>That staff approve the Heritage Permit application to replace the front door, replace the front shutters, and make alterations to the interior wall of the octagonal vestibule.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>
<p>Heritage Permit – 592 Kingston Road West (Davies House)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck provided an update to the Heritage Permit submitted for 592 Kingston Rd. West. He noted that the owners requested to use fiberglass doors with a faux fir wood finish instead of wood for new entrances, due to location on non-original walls and limited street visibility. • The Committee noted no objections to the material change.
<p>Update – 170 Mills Road (Ajax steam Plant) Draft</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck noted he contacted the property owners, who agreed to commemorate the demolished

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By-law and Stack Commemoration	<p>chimney stack with a plaque and elements from the stack. The Committee will have the opportunity to review the proposal once details are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck noted the need to rewrite the designation bylaw to focus on the site's historical and contextual value. The revised bylaw will highlight commemorative installations and any new features related to the chimney stack, aligning with provincial standards. • Committee members discussed the absence of original DIL sign decals on the existing stack, noting that any such markings have likely been painted over and agreed to let the owners propose commemorative features for review.
Historical Plaque – A.A. Post Draft Text & Location	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck presented draft text and proposed locations for a historical plaque commemorating architect Albert Asa Post. • Members provided minor edits to the presented text for clarity and asked about the exact location of the intended plaque installation and suggested that previous owners of the property also be invited to participate in the plaque unveiling in the spring.
HAC Work Plan Updates	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck reviewed the Committee's five-year work plan, noting progress on plaques, designations, and reports, and discussed upcoming projects.
General Updates	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck provided updates on restoration work at the Hicksite/Brown Cemetery, the upcoming Mike Duffin presentation, participation in the Ajax podcast, and the Spirit Walk event. He noted that results of the Neighbourhood One Heritage Conservation District public engagement initiative had been presented to Council with no further direction.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the Spirit Walk event logistics and community engagement. It was suggested that a feedback survey be sent out to all participants. Members discussed optional venues and invitees, including other municipal heritage committee members, heritage property owners, and the community.
<p>Annual Report to Council – November 17 afternoon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Moore noted that the Committee’s annual update to Council has been scheduled for the afternoon of Monday, November 17, 2025.
<p>Ajax Archives Update</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. McEwan shared a summary of the recent visit of Louise Ashton, granddaughter of Captain Woodhouse, who had a tour of the Ajax Archives and rang the bell in Council Chambers.

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