



The Corporation of the Town of Ajax Council Information Package December 19, 2025

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None.

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None.

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November 26, 2025

The Honourable Victor Fideli
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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Dear Minister Fideli:

**The Regional
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**Alexander Harras
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RE: Region of Durham Comments on ERO Postings #025-1077, a proposed regulatory framework under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025 that sets out draft criteria for the designation of projects, proponents and zones and #025-1001, new requirements for data centres seeking to connect to the electricity grid in Ontario (2025-CG-13), Our File: L14

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 26, adopted the following recommendations of the Community Growth & Economic Development Committee:

- A) That the letter dated November 4, 2025 found in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-CG-13 of the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development, be endorsed as the Region of Durham's response to ERO Posting 025-1001 and ERO Posting 025-1077, including the following key comments:
- i) the Region welcomes the opportunity to meet with the province to discuss the possibility of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Durham and looks forward to collaboratively participating in the process of determining the locations of any new SEZs. If SEZs will be used as a tool for facilitating foreign direct investment attraction and improving investment readiness, the Region looks forward to working jointly with the province to identify specific opportunities;

- ii) the Region would like to work with the province to explore how energy enabling infrastructure can be expedited, while maintaining critical project oversight beyond the project area;
- iii) the Region is concerned about the potential for a SEZs being used unilaterally for data centre development within the region and requests that the province engage Regional staff on any such proposals;
- iv) it is recommended that the province include municipal support as a requirement for designating projects, proponents and zones. This would help to mitigate concerns related to decision-making transparency under the SEZs Act;
- v) the Region appreciates the clarification that unless a law is specifically named in a regulation under the SEZs Act, existing laws will apply. The province should also consult with affected municipalities if their policies and/or by-laws are at risk;
- vi) if a SEZ is considered within Durham that overlaps with Transit Station Charge collection areas, it is requested that the future Transit Station Charge by-law not be considered for exemption under the SEZs Act, as this would impair the ability to extend GO Service to Bowmanville and construct four new stations;
- vii) to ensure transparency and maintain public trust, it is recommended that the province clearly outline the safeguards in place to support fairness and consistency when using the trusted proponent model;
- viii) the Region supports the inclusion of Duty to Consult and, where appropriate accommodate as specific project, proponent and zone criteria;
- ix) the Region remains concerned that potential SEZs exemptions to the Ontario Heritage Act could result in negative impacts, including to Indigenous artifacts and burial sites;
- x) it is recommended that decarbonization potential be included as a proposed project criteria under 'Significant and Long-Term Economic Benefits for Ontario' because doing so will not only support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, but also economic resilience and provincial security;

- xi) it is recommended that the province indicate the process by which respective ministries (e.g., Health and Environment, Conservation and Parks) will be involved in evaluating and/or overseeing proponent's plans;
 - xii) if aggregates are considered for designation as a SEZ, the province should ensure that there are no adverse impacts to groundwater. Additionally, if traditional aggregate licensing processes are bypassed, there would be limited ability for municipalities to secure mitigation measures, haul route agreements and operational adjustments (e.g., water delivery to mitigate well drawdown, street cleaning for dust, adjusted hours of operation, etc.) that are used to create solutions to unique local issues related to these sites; and
- B) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-13 be forwarded to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Region's area municipalities, conservation authorities, and to the Williams Treaty First Nations.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-CG-13 for your information.

Alexander Harras

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 Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
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- c:
- The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
 - J. Grossi, Clerk, Town of Ajax
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 - J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
 - M. Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
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 - L. Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
 - M. Majchrowski, CAO, Kawartha Conservation
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Consultation Department, Beausoleil First Nation
JL Porte, Consultation Worker, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
B. Cousineau, Consultation Manager, Chippewas of Rama First Nation
P. Williams, Manager of Consultation, Curve Lake First Nation
T. Cowie, Lands/Resource Consultation, Hiawatha First Nation
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S. Austin, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development

Sent Via Email



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Dear J. Grossi:

RE: Regional Comments on the Proposed Changes to Ontario Building Code and Proposed Changes in Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 (2025-COW-37), Our File: L14

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- A) That the letter dated October 17, 2025, found in Attachment #1 to Report #2025-COW-37 of the Commissioners of Finance, Community Growth and Economic Development, Works and Legal Services, be endorsed as the Region of Durham's response to proposed amendments to the Building Code Act, 1992, through Bill 17 (Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025), including the following key messages:
- i) Linking DC Collection to Occupancy Permits: Regional staff support using occupancy permits as a practical enforcement tool for DC collection and recommend legislative amendments to explicitly include Regional DCs and allow local councils to set deferral timing as a temporary measure to manage cash flow impacts and support housing delivery;

- ii) Establishing First Occupancy as the Payment Trigger: Tying DCs to first occupancy provides a consistent, efficient collection trigger aligned with municipal workflows and simplifies phased development tracking and protects infrastructure funding;
 - iii) Extending Inspection Timelines for Deferred DCs: Regional staff support extending the prescribed inspection timeline from 2 to 10 days, to improve coordination, payment verification, and reduce occupancy delays;
 - iv) Public Education: Regional staff support creating educational materials for homeowners and builders to explain the occupancy process, DC deferrals, and municipal roles;
 - v) Transit Station Charges: In addition to the proposed changes, staff recommend amending the Ontario Building Code’s definition of “Applicable Law” to include section 9 of the GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023, enabling chief building officials to withhold building permits if Transit Station Charges remain unpaid;
- B) That in light of the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code, Council authorize the termination of the Region’s Medium and High-Density Residential Development Charge Deferral Program as it is redundant with the implementation of Bill 17 legislative updates mandating the deferral of non-rental residential development charge collection until occupancy;
- C) That the letter as found in Attachment #2 to Report #2025-COW-37, be endorsed as the Region of Durham’s response to Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 omnibus legislation, including the following key messages:
- i) Development Charges Act – Staff support measures that improve transparency in Development Charge (DC) calculations, creating a separate service class for land acquisition, and requiring disclosure of Benefit to Existing (BTE) methodologies. Additionally, staff are supportive of allowing municipalities to define what constitutes a local service;
 - ii) Municipal Act – Recommend allowing municipalities to decide if corporate utility models are best for their unique context considering local costs, risks, efficiency and housing affordability, rather than applying a uniform provincial approach and inform future policy using lessons learned from Peel Region;

- iii) Planning Act – Staff recommend that the province preserve municipal planning autonomy in developing Official Plans, maintain development standards, continue to allow for secondary plans and site specific policies, support local Community Improvement Plans (CIP) to administer the Regional Revitalization Program (RRP) to support much needed housing and rental units in the Region, ensure oversight in Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) decisions with indigenous engagement, and streamline data tracking for infrastructure;
 - iv) Highway Traffic Act – Staff recommend that the province replace a blanket ban on reducing vehicles lanes for bike lanes with a more flexible, case-by-case approach so that municipalities can balance climate, safety, and mobility goals while working with the province to expand active transportation infrastructure;
 - v) GO Transit Station Funding Act and Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Staff support legislative changes that enhance municipal flexibility in transit station funding and project reporting, while emphasizing the need for clear guidance on charge collection timing, advisory panel roles, and reporting responsibilities, especially within two-tier municipal frameworks, to ensure effective, locally responsive implementation;
- D) That Council receive for information the latest developments on the implementation of proposed changes to the Development Charges Act contained in Bill 17;
- E) That staff notify BILD, DRHBA and staff from each of the eight area municipalities in Durham of the termination of the Region’s Medium and High-Density Residential Development Charge Deferral Program; and
- F) That Report #2025-COW-37 be forwarded to the Region’s eight area municipalities.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-COW-37 for your information.

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c: N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
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Dear J. Grossi:

**RE: Authorization to Undertake a Comprehensive Review of
the Options for Including the Northeast Pickering Lands
in the Region's Development Charge By-laws (2025-COW-
36), Our File: D00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- A) That, in response to the request from members of the Northeast Pickering Landowners Group to advance the servicing of the Northeast Pickering (NEP) lands and the importance of advancing servicing to the new Whitby hospital site in northwest Brooklin (NW Brooklin), Regional Staff undertake a comprehensive review of the options for including the NEP and NW Brooklin lands in the Region's Development Charge (DC) By-laws, including associated policies. The review will consider the following three options:
- i) Amend the existing Region-wide DC By-laws to include the NEP and NW Brooklin lands, which would require accounting for additional servicing costs and the associated population and employment growth;

- ii) Establish a NEP and NW Brooklin area-specific DC By-law for water and sewer services, with corresponding amendments to the Regional DC By-laws to include remaining services (e.g., roads, transit, police);
 - iii) Develop a new DC Background Study and associated By-law to incorporate all new growth areas approved in the Region's former Official Plan, including the NEP lands;
- B) That the following outside consulting and legal services be retained, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$50,000, with the financing to be determined at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance, to provide technical expertise in the evaluation of the three options for including NEP and NW Brooklin lands in Regional DC By-laws and advise on implementation requirements, as follows:
- i) The consulting firm of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. be retained to assist with the evaluation of the options for including NEP and NW Brooklin in the Region's DC By-laws; and
 - ii) The legal firm of WeirFoulds LLP be retained to advise on the requirements of the options studied;
- C) That staff consult with BILD, DRHBA and staff from each of the eight area municipalities in Durham as part of the comprehensive review of the options to include the Northeast Pickering and NW Brooklin lands in the Region's Development Charge By-laws;
- D) That staff report back with recommendations on including NEP and NW Brooklin in the Region's DC By-laws that stem from the comprehensive review, including risks and implications of the recommended approach, in spring 2026;
- E) That Report #2025-COW-36 of the Commissioners of Finance, Community Growth and Economic Development, Works and Legal Services, be forwarded to the Region's eight area municipalities; and
- F) That the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Legal Services be authorized to execute the necessary agreements to retain the consulting and legal services.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-COW-36 for your information.

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c: N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
 S. Austin, Community Growth and Economic Development
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 J. Hunt, Commissioner of Legal Services

November 21, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL - minister.mecp@ontario.ca

The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Dear Minister McCarthy:

On October 31, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) announced proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act (CAA)*, to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) to provide leadership, governance, and strategic direction to Conservation Authorities (CAs). The agency will be responsible for:

- Developing a single digital permitting platform;
- Streamlining and standardizing service delivery by setting provincewide performance, standards
as well as maintaining centralized data and updated floodplain mapping; and
- Overseeing the consolidation of Conservation Authorities.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks are proposing that the agency would require the local Conservation Authorities to pay for the costs of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

Additionally, the MECP has introduced an amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act that outlines the proposed boundaries for establishing Regional Conservation Authorities. The proposed consolidation will entail, including reducing the number of Conservation Authorities from 36 to 7.

MECP has indicated that they plan to consult with stakeholders, municipalities, conservation authorities, and Indigenous communities. This consultation includes a policy proposal notice period posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for 45 days, inviting feedback on the

proposed boundaries and criteria for the regional consolidation of Ontario's 36 CAs with a deadline of December 22, 2025.

The Town understands that the timelines for the proposed CAA amendments are as follows:

- Consultation occurs throughout the Q1 2026;
- Conservation authorities operate within current governance structure until after the 2026 Municipal election; and
- Changes come into force January 1, 2027.

The Town of Goderich has identified several concerns relating to the proposed CAA amendments:

- What is the cost of establishing and operating the proposed Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA)? The OPCA would require significant resources while local watershed advisory boards would still be needed to guide priorities and provide oversight.
- What is the anticipated total cost of consolidating the 36 Conservation Authorities to 7?
- As a local organization, the Maitland Conservation is responsive to community needs. Municipalities, landowners and community partners drive the services and priorities of the organization. A move to the OPCA, and the consolidation of Conservation Authorities, would mean less municipal input on service priorities, yet member municipalities currently financially contribute over 80% of the MVCA's operating budget, while the Province provides approximately 2%.
- Will the needs of rural communities and the agricultural sector will be adequately recognized and prioritized in this consolidation? Particularly since the lead Conservation Authority, for each of the 7 new regional conservation authorities, is expected to be in an urban setting in each region.
- A core priority for Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is reducing the risk of loss of life and community damage caused by flooding and erosion. MVCA are responsible for approving development in or near natural hazard areas, ensuring that new construction and additions are not at risk from flooding or erosion in floodplains or along the Lake Huron shoreline.
- MVCA's permitting process is efficient and consistent. In 2024, the average time to process all types of permits was just 5.7 days. The average time for reviewing and issuing permits by all conservation authorities is 12.5 business days.

- From start to finish, MVCA staff work closely with landowners, emphasizing customer service and helping them identify safe building locations outside hazardous areas. Will the proposed digital permitting platform be able to match MVCA's turnaround times and maintain this high level of customer experience? Additionally, what will the costs be for developing, implementing and maintaining this new platform?

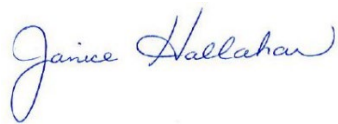
The Town of Goderich encourages the Provincial government to partner with the current Conservation Authorities to build capacity and support local solutions to watershed issues. This will require a multi-year commitment to reinvesting in Conservation Authorities.

In order to protect Ontario's prosperity, the Town would like to see an emphasis placed on developing and protecting the health of watersheds. They are the foundation of not only our economic prosperity but our life support system as well. Clean water, diverse forests and healthy soils directly support key sectors like tourism, forestry and agriculture, which in turn support economically strong local communities.

Healthy Lake Huron (HLH) is a model of collaboration between federal, provincial and county agencies, 5 Conservation Authorities and several community groups. HLH has been successful in supporting stewardship initiatives aimed at improving water quality along the Lake Huron shoreline. Using this collaborative approach across all the watersheds in Ontario to build healthy watersheds would result in effective, cost-efficient results.

Working seamlessly together, we can achieve superior results.

Respectfully,



Janice Hallahan
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce
The Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Environmental Registry of Ontario
Ed McGugan, Chair of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority



November 28, 2025

Premier Doug Ford

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held November 25, 2025 adopted the following:

12.4.11 Professional Activity (P.A) Day on Municipal Election Day – School Boards - Councillor Carpenter

Councillor Carpenter read the title of his notice of motion:

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are responsible for organizing and administering municipal and school board elections every four years, as mandated under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and

WHEREAS local schools are traditionally among the most convenient, accessible, and familiar polling locations for voters in all communities; and

WHEREAS schools offer important accessibility features such as level entrances, parking, and public visibility that make them ideal polling stations, particularly for seniors, parents, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the use of schools as polling locations can lead to increased costs with regards to ensuring the safety and security of students; and

WHEREAS many municipalities face challenges securing suitable and accessible alternative voting locations, resulting in increased costs and reduced accessibility for voters; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act provides that school boards shall provide their facilities free of charge for the Municipal and School board elections; and

WHEREAS holding a province-wide Professional Activity (P.A.) Day for all publicly funded schools on municipal election day would alleviate concerns from school administrators for voting purposes while maintaining student safety; and

WHEREAS this coordinated approach would enhance voter convenience, improve accessibility, and help strengthen civic engagement and democratic participation by allowing electors to vote at their local schools without disrupting the student body; and

WHEREAS it would also create efficiencies and potential cost savings for municipalities by reducing the need to rent alternative facilities or implement special security measures; and

WHEREAS aligning a P.A. Day with municipal election day would require minimal disruption to the school calendar, as school boards already schedule several P.A. Days each academic year; and

WHEREAS this measure would demonstrate a spirit of cooperation between the Province of Ontario, local municipalities, and school boards to promote civic engagement and fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and its members have lobbied the Province to establish a P.A day on Election Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Council of the City of Brantford respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to consider directing all publicly funded school boards in Ontario to schedule a Professional Activity (P.A.) Day on the date of the municipal election in each election year; and
- B. That this direction be made in consultation with the Ministry of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and school board associations, to ensure consistency across the province; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - i. The Premier of Ontario;
 - ii. The Minister of Education;
 - iii. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - iv. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA);
 - v. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA); and
 - vi. All Ontario municipalities for their information and support
 - vii. MPP Will Bouma

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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Summary of Heritage Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of December 11, 2025



Heritage Advisory Committee – December 3, 2025 (HAC-2025-10)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
<p>Heritage Permit: 562 Kingston Road West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck provided an overview of the heritage permit application for 562 Kingston Road West to install a ground sign made of exterior-grade plywood with vinyl graphics, mounted on pressure-treated posts. • The Committee discussed the proposed design and its compatibility with the heritage character of the property. <p>Moved by: J. Gilbert Seconded by: P. Pryjma</p> <p>That staff be directed to work with the applicant to consider alternative sign designs that would be more complimentary to the heritage features of the property.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried.</p>
<p>Historical Plaque Location – A.A. Post</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Sawchuck led a discussion on the location for installation of the Albert Asa Post plaque. Two possible locations for the plaque were reviewed: 479 Kingston Rd. and Old Kingston Rd. • Members discussed the implications for visibility, accessibility, and future infrastructure changes.
<p>November Events Summary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee reviewed recent November heritage events, including the 'Is Duffin Really Up the Creek' speaker presentation event, the year-in-review council presentation, and the 'Spycraft' event, discussing attendance, feedback, and suggestions for improving future presentations and event formats.

Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – December

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Sawchuck noted that the Tom Mohr speaker event attracted 48 attendees, exceeding expectations, with several expressing interest in future lectures and alternative formats for those unable to attend walks.
<p>HAC Video Ideas & Workplan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and Committee Members discussed the future direction of heritage video projects, agreeing to maintain existing videos, and focus on Albert Asa Post for the next featured topic. M. Sawchuck proposed splitting video content into two streams: longer, in-depth 'Heritage Minute' videos for complex topics, and shorter, 'Did You Know?' videos for social media, to attract a broader and younger audience. Committee members brainstormed potential topics for short videos, such as local historical anecdotes, connections to popular culture, and trivia, and discussed integrating interactive elements like quizzes and gamification to increase engagement. Members suggested adding QR codes to plaques and information boards to link to video or audio content, including first-person narratives. The Committee discussed the potential for audio-only content such as podcasts or narrated stories
<p>Ajax Community Awards - Attendance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Sawchuck confirmed the list of attendees for the Ajax Community Awards and asked members to notify him of any changes or omissions.
<p>Ajax Archives Update</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">N/A – information item only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L . McEwan discussed the upcoming drop-in program at the Main Branch Library in recognition of the Battle of the River Plate anniversary.

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