



**The Corporation of the Town of Ajax
Council Information Package
June 5, 2026**

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Staff Correspondence

None.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
Report: #2026-INFO-031
Date: May 1, 2026

Subject:

Monitoring of Growth Trends, File: D01-02-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is the first of two biannual reports monitoring growth trends in Durham. It presents historical population and household data for the Region and area municipalities for the 2021 to 2025 period.
- 1.2 The data is provided for the end of May to correspond with the timing of a Census, and for December to correspond with the calendar year-end. Information presented in this report is intended for use in various Regional studies and programs, such as Development Charges Background Studies, and in preparing capital budgets for Regional infrastructure, as well as other agency initiatives.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated May 23, 2025 (Report #[2025-INFO-40](#))
- 2.2 Monitoring of Growth Trends – dated December 5, 2025 (Report #[2025-INFO-93](#))

3. Historical Population and Household Estimates (2021-2025)

- 3.1 The population and household estimates presented in Attachment #1 are based on:
- a. Statistics Canada Census information for 2016 and 2021 including an estimate for net undercoverage¹;
 - b. Statistics Canada Annual Demographic Estimates;
 - c. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) monthly housing completion data; and
 - d. Building permits issued for residential demolitions.
- 3.2 Base-year household estimates are founded on information from the Statistics Canada Census. Household estimates for 2016 and 2021 are based on the Statistics Canada Census counts for “Private dwellings occupied by usual residents”.
- 3.3 For interim years, CMHC housing completions are used to approximate the number of new households added each year. The process for estimating households also considers the impact of vacant homes, short-term rentals and dwellings occupied by non-permanent residents such as international students and temporary foreign workers. To account for this, household estimates are calibrated with a conservative vacancy rate (0.5%) for new residential units.
- 3.4 The Statistics Canada Annual Demographic Estimates are calculated from federal records for births, deaths, immigration and emigration. The Regional Health Department also receives this data from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which is based on the same Statistics Canada annual reporting, to inform their demographic analysis.
- 3.5 The semi-annual population estimates presented in Attachment #1 indicate that the Region’s annual population growth increased by 15,680 persons, from 799,225 in December 2024 to 815,105 in December 2025. The growth rate last year was 1.96%, which was lower than the average annual population growth for the five-year period from 2021 to 2025 (2.55%).
- 3.6 The semi-annual household estimates presented in Attachment #1 indicate that the Region’s annual household growth increased by 3,590 households between 2024

1. Net undercoverage refers to the net population counts that are missed during the Census enumeration due to persons with no usual residence, incorrect questionnaires, missed dwellings, away from home, etc.

and 2025, representing a growth rate of 1.39%. Comparatively, the annual household growth for the five-year period from 2021 to 2025 was 1.59%.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report addresses the following Strategic Directions and Pathways in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Connected and Vibrant Communities

- C1. Align Regional infrastructure and asset management with projected growth, climate impacts, and community needs.

b. Strong Relationships

- S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.

4.2 This report aligns with the following Foundation in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Regional Council will continue to be kept apprised of emerging population and household data and trends through regular updates of this information.

5.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the area municipalities, Durham Regional Police Services, Ontario Health atHome (formerly Local Health Integration Network) and the School Boards in Durham.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2021-2025 (Table 1); and
Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2021-2025 (Table 2)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Sandra Austin

Commissioner of Community Growth and
Economic Development

Table 1
Semi-annual Population Estimates, 2021-2025 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2021 (May)	131,955	13,120	105,750	182,915	103,365	22,400	22,375	144,240	726,125
2021 (Dec)	132,360	13,145	107,220	184,055	104,115	22,385	22,380	146,665	732,285
2022 (May)	133,430	13,470	109,000	188,320	105,575	22,970	22,440	149,250	744,455
2022 (Dec)	134,045	13,490	110,040	190,680	106,130	22,960	22,520	151,005	750,950
2023 (May)	135,610	13,610	111,365	196,275	108,965	23,470	22,540	154,215	766,050
2023 (Dec)	136,010	13,630	111,885	198,115	113,105	23,480	22,665	155,985	774,805
2024 (May)	138,710	13,765	113,335	207,175	113,295	23,700	22,710	158,335	791,025
2024 (Dec)	139,195	13,775	114,040	209,370	116,730	23,705	22,880	159,725	799,425
2025 (May)	140,845	13,700	114,025	212,665	118,010	23,910	22,605	162,070	807,820
2025 (Dec)	140,860	14,160	114,600	213,265	120,770	25,060	22,655	163,655	815,105

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census, Annual Demographic, CMHC monthly housing completions data and building permit records.

Table 2
Semi-annual Household Estimates, 2021-2025 (May and December)

Year	Ajax	Brock	Clarington	Oshawa	Pickering	Scugog	Uxbridge	Whitby	Durham
2021 (May)	39,490	4,790	35,955	66,635	33,425	8,290	8,010	46,460	243,050
2021 (Dec)	39,610	4,795	36,455	67,050	33,665	8,285	8,010	47,240	245,110
2022 (May)	39,715	4,800	36,685	67,315	33,875	8,280	8,035	47,890	246,600
2022 (Dec)	39,895	4,805	37,040	68,175	34,055	8,275	8,065	48,455	248,770
2023 (May)	39,990	4,815	37,230	68,840	34,480	8,275	8,100	48,880	250,610
2023 (Dec)	40,110	4,820	37,405	69,510	35,820	8,275	8,145	49,450	253,540
2024 (May)	40,315	4,825	37,570	69,825	36,820	8,280	8,160	49,795	255,590
2024 (Dec)	40,460	4,830	37,810	70,625	37,930	8,280	8,220	50,245	258,400
2025 (May)	40,470	4,830	37,845	70,880	38,500	8,290	8,235	50,500	259,555
2025 (Dec)	40,475	5,000	38,045	71,100	39,395	8,715	8,255	51,010	261,995

Note: All figures rounded

Source: Statistics Canada Census, Annual Demographic, CMHC monthly housing completions data and building permit records.



June 3, 2026

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

Dear Minister Flack:

**The Regional
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**RE: Motion Regarding Durham Regional Development Charge
Deferral Program, Our File: A00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Durham Region and communities across Ontario are facing a housing crisis and ongoing economic conditions, including elevated construction costs, financing challenges, and market uncertainty, are impacting the financial viability of new housing developments and delaying otherwise shovel-ready projects; and

Whereas the Provincial and Federal governments have called on municipalities to take additional actions to support housing delivery, including reviewing local policies and financial tools, such as development charges, that influence development timelines and feasibility; and

Whereas development charges are a critical municipal revenue tool used to fund growth-related infrastructure and community facilities required to support complete communities; and

Whereas Bill 23 (*More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*) requires municipalities to collect development charges for purpose-built rentals in 6 instalments over 5 years from the date of first occupancy, and Bill 17 (*Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*) removes the ability to charge interest on the 6 statutory instalments set out under Bill 23; and

Whereas the *Development Charges Act, 1997* permits municipalities to enter into Section 27 agreements to allow development charges to be paid after they would otherwise be payable, including deferring

charges and the ability to charge fees and interest on deferred amounts; and

Whereas by implementing a development charge deferral program and incorporating an interest premium into a deferral framework, the Region can support and incentivize the development of new housing units by stretching payments out over a longer period, while limiting the impact to municipal finances and taxpayers; and

Whereas unlike in cases where municipalities are waiving development charges, a deferral program provides a fiscally responsible mechanism to support development by improving project cash flow while maintaining full payment of development charges; and

Whereas on May 13, 2026, Regional Council approved a time-limited Regional hotel development charge deferral program; while on May 21, 2026, the Town of Ajax recently approved a temporary program allowing staff to enter into Section 27 agreements over a period of two years to defer development charges; and

Whereas financial modelling was completed on the Ajax program which showed that the Town would maintain our DCs and through the collection of interest and a Town premium, would at minimum cover any borrowing costs over time; and

Whereas the Region's portion makes up more than 50% of the DC and a matching program would increase the strength of any purpose-built rental deferral program offered at the lower level:

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. For a period of two years, the CAO and Treasurer be given authority to enter into Section 27 agreements to defer development charge instalments based on the applicable development charge rates in effect at the time of first building permit issuance for eligible purpose-built rental housing projects beyond applicable legislation and by-laws; and
2. The agreements follow the following guidelines:
 - The amount per installment use a simple division (e.g., amount divided by term); and
 - No interest be charged on the first six instalments, and that interest payments commence beginning subsequent to the due date of the sixth instalment, applied to any outstanding

deferred balances in accordance with the terms of the deferral agreement; and

- A deferral interest premium, to be determined and set by staff, be added to mitigate the Region's financial exposure associated with deferred revenues and to protect taxpayers; and
- That the CAO and Treasurer include any other provisions deemed necessary;

3. Participation in this program is voluntary;
4. Finance staff be directed to implement appropriate monitoring and reporting mechanisms, including tracking program uptake, financial impacts, and effectiveness in advancing purpose-built rental housing, to be reported back to Council every 6 months; and
5. A copy of this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; all Durham Region MPPs, and all lower tier Durham Region municipalities.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras,
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/nb

- c: Hon. T. McCarthy, MPP Durham
Hon. D. Piccini, MPP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
Hon. P. Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering/Uxbridge
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L. Coe, MPP, Whitby
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J. Grossi, Clerk, Ajax
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June 4, 2026

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Clerk
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Dear J. Grossi:

**RE: Hotel Development Charge Deferral Program, Our File:
D00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- A) That a time-limited Regional hotel development charge deferral program (the Hotel DC Deferral Program) be implemented subject to all of the following conditions:
- i) and Non-Residential Development Charge By-law No. 42-2023 and Transit Development Charges By-law No. 39-2022, as amended from time to time, shall be available for hotels that contain a minimum of 60 rooms and shall include the DCs for convention facilities within or adjacent to the hotel;
 - ii) Applicants electing to use the Hotel DC Deferral Program must enter into a deferral agreement with the Region pursuant to Section 27 of the Development Charges Act, 1997;

- iii) The total amount of the DC payable for the qualifying hotels is the amount that would otherwise be required under the Region's DC Bylaws as of the day the first building permit is issued;
 - iv) Deferral of DCs will be from time of building permit issuance until the earlier of an issuance of an occupancy permit or occupancy, where DCs will be owed in full. For clarity, payment of DCs may be made prior to occupancy permit issuance or occupancy;
 - v) Developments that have entered into a deferral agreement with the Region are required to have a building permit issued within 14-months of entering into the agreement in order to remain eligible to defer the payment of DCs until occupancy. If 14 months have elapsed and no building permit is issued, DCs are owed at the time of building permit issuance;
 - vi) Interest is waived for up to the first 24 months after the building permit is issued and prior to occupancy. After 24 months, interest is charged at 2.6 per cent on any remaining period until occupancy or an occupancy permit is issued. Interest charges will also apply for late payments after occupancy;
 - vii) Any late payment, over 90 days and with at least two notices to the last known contact, would deem the agreement in default and the amount unpaid would be recovered by adding the amount to the property tax roll for collection pursuant to the Development Charges Act, 1997; and
 - viii) Other such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Finance;
- B) That the Hotel DC Deferral Program be available to first building permits for eligible hotels issued following the program receiving approval by Regional Council, and will be available for developments until the Program expires on July 1, 2027;
 - C) That Regional staff be directed to prepare program materials and communicate the Hotel DC Deferral Program information to the development community;
 - D) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to enter into deferral agreements for qualifying hotel developments for purposes of the Hotel DC Deferral Program, to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor;
 - E) That this report be forwarded to the area municipalities in Durham Region; and

F) Staff report back on program outcomes prior to July 1, 2027.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2026-COW-29 for your information.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.

Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/sd

c: S. Austin, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development
R. Jagannathan, Commissioner of Works
J. Hunt, Commissioner of Legal Services and Regional Solicitor

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June 4, 2026

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Dear J. Grossi:

RE: Advisory Committee Review, Our File: C14

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, adopted the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole:

- A) That the Public Appointments Policy included as Attachment #1 to Report #2026-COW-28 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services be approved and the previous Advisory Committee Recruitment and Selection Policy be rescinded;
- B) That the revised terms of reference for the following Advisory Committees be approved:
 - i) Accessibility Advisory Committee (Attachment #2 to Report #2026-COW-28);
 - ii) Durham Active Transportation Committee (Attachment #3 to Report #2026-COW-28);
 - iii) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (Attachment #4 to Report #2026-COW-28);
 - iv) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (Attachment #5 to Report #2026-COW-28); and

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- v) Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee
 - vi) (Attachment #6 to Report #2026-COW-28); and
- C) That a copy of this report be forwarded to the area municipalities for information.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2026-COW-28 for your information.

Alexander Harras

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Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/sd

c: B. Goodwin, Commissioner of Corporate Services



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May 26, 2026

Wendy Bracken

Via Email: wendy-ron@Sympatico.ca

Ramesh Jagannathan

Via Email: Ramesh.jagannathan@durham.ca

To Wendy Bracken and Ramesh Jagannathan:

Re: Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Compliance Approval Application

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on May 25, 2026, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-065-26:

That Clarington write to MECP forthwith and request MECP to grant at least a 30-day period for Clarington to review current ECA application including review and comment on Emission Summary Dispersion Modelling Summary report (ESDM) and determine whether the concerns with the modelling were addressed;

That Clarington requests in writing that ECA conditions of approval include improvements to monitoring, emissions requirements and reporting to include the latest and more stringent requirements from the U.S. and the European Union including, but not limited to:

Continuous monitoring of particulate matter and mercury, and

Air pollution requirements and testing be applied and enforced for all operating conditions including startups, shutdowns and malfunctions; and

Request ECA amendments and Conditions specify that all AMESA data be publicly reported including all underlying lab reports and AMESA data used to calculate dioxin and furan concentrations; and

That all area Municipalities, the MP and the MPP be notified of Clarington's Motion.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/mt

- c: The Honourable Philip Lawrence, P.C., M.P., Northumberland—Peterborough
 The Honourable Jamil Jivani, P.C., M.P., Durham
 The Honourable Todd McCarthy, M.P.P., Durham
 David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South
 Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
 Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, Town of Ajax
 Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham
 Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby
 Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Brock
 Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
 Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa
 R. Walton, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog

16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21; and

Whereas many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care, and quality of life; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

Whereas there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

Whereas such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

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For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary



Extracts from Council Meeting
C#08-26 held May 13, 2026
Confirmatory By-law 54-26

Whereas the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Richmond Hill request that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and

That such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

That this model emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

That Council request that the Region engage with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- York Region Council
- Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario municipalities for information

Carried Unanimously

For Your Information and Any Action Deemed Necessary

May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Braney

SECONDED BY: Councillor Engelsdorfer

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. **THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
2. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding reinstating the requirements for compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-208

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government; and,

WHEREAS all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny; and,

WHEREAS the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

WHEREAS the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

WHEREAS excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prince Edward County Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario; and

THAT the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Branderhorst



May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding improved accessibility to home insurance for owners of properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-209

DATE: May 12, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Pennell

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS the historic built and cultural heritage of Prince Edward County is recognized as a fundamental part of its community character and identity, and is a driver of the local tourism economy;

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act encourages municipalities in Ontario to designate and protect properties that meet provincial criteria related to design, historical and contextual value;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated, and continues to encourage owners of heritage properties to protect those attributes which exemplify design, historical, and contextual value and interest by consenting to designation of those properties as being of cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS the municipality has designated properties of heritage value and interest in the Picton Heritage Conservation District and Wellington Heritage Conservation District under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS homeowners require insurance to protect their homes, which is often their most significant investment, and can be required to maintain a mortgage; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has stated that a heritage designation does not place additional requirements on insurers and that insurance premiums should not go up because of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS some owners of designated properties have reported that their premiums have gone up as a result of a heritage designation or they have been denied an insurance policy as a result of a heritage designation;

WHEREAS as a result of insurance concerns, some homeowners have objected to proposed heritage designation on their property; and

WHEREAS this directly threatens the unique and irreplaceable heritage character of Prince Edward County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Provincial Government to:

1. Investigate why some insurers are raising premiums on heritage designated properties or are denying insurance policies as a result of a heritage designation in contravention of provincial guidance;
2. Bring insurance regulators, insurance industry representatives and heritage professionals together to find solutions that enable the continued protection of heritage properties without unwarranted financial burden on homeowners;
3. Regulate the impact of heritage designation on insurance premiums through enforcement, education and new solutions; and

THAT the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee be directed to continue exploring ways to educate homeowners regarding insurance for heritage designated properties; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism; Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Financial Services Regulatory Authority; the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Pennell, Councillor Hirsch

May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution seeking support for sustainable funding for Public Health Units was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-244

DATE: May 26, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Nieman

WHEREAS Ontario public health units and agencies provide a vital service to Ontarians that keeps people healthy, out of hospitals and out of the acute care system;

WHEREAS rural-urban equity in Ontario's public healthcare delivery is essential for a thriving provincial economy that keeps people at work and contributing;

WHEREAS Ontario's public health units & agencies sector has received a mere 1% in its annual budget increase from Queen's Park since 2018, a sum significantly below inflation and real-world cost increases;

WHEREAS public health faces steadily increasing demands, such as a 231% increase in respiratory outbreaks supported in Ontario's long-term care homes, hospitals, and retirement homes since 2018, as well as a 637% increase in Infection Prevention & Control complaints follow-ups;

WHEREAS according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to \$4 billion on health despite receiving less than \$2 billion in provincial grants, and Canada's Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health;

WHEREAS Ontario consistently ranks at the bottom for provincial health spending per capita, at \$876 below the average of other provinces using 2022-2023 data;

WHEREAS 60% of Ontario's hospitals are overwhelmed and in dire operating deficits, yet the Canadian Public Health Association asserts that investment in Ontario public health's preventative and health promotion initiatives delivers a 4:1 return on investment, for example, for every dollar spent on upstream public health vaccine immunization of children, \$16 in downstream hospital and primary health care costs are saved;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinates of health such as rural homelessness and food insecurity but with limited revenue tools;

WHEREAS the province and federal governments continue to collect significant revenue from local/municipal property transactions through the Land Transfer Tax and Goods & Services Tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests:

1. **THAT** the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units;
2. **THAT** when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, it also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Chris Malette, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Nieman



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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 21, 2026

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on April 13, 2026, passed the following resolution regarding the Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant:

"That the City of Kitchener call on the Province of Ontario to implement a new housing-focused Heritage Helping Housing Building Grant of \$10 million per year to encourage the creation of additional housing units within heritage buildings; and further,

That staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Rob Flack, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honourable Graham McGregor and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO, all Ontario MPPs and to all municipalities across the province."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Fusco".

A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust, AMO
Ontario MPP's
Ontario municipalities
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener



Date: 13 May 2026 15

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately **70–75% of firefighters in Ontario**, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently **the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services**;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to **transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program** that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for **operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario**;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

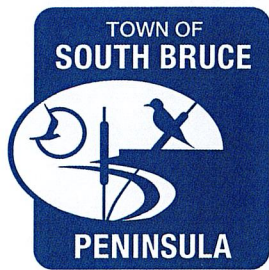
- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred



Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

19. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

Deputy Mayor Hull explained the importance of outdoor education and how this motion is in response to the closure of the Toronto District School Board outdoor education centre. He explained that he is asking for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to be mindful of outdoor nature-related opportunities for citizens; he is not asking for a formal report.

Discussion included staff evaluation and making a change to the motion to recognize the work staff currently undertake regarding outdoor opportunities.

R-151-2026

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by J. Kirkland and **Carried**

Whereas outdoor and experiential education provides students with critical opportunities to improve mental health, physical well-being, environmental literacy, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and academic engagement;

And whereas access to nature and outdoor learning opportunities should not depend on a family's income, geography, or ability to afford private camps, cottages, or outdoor recreation;

And whereas many students, especially those living in urban communities, rely on publicly funded school programs as their primary opportunity to experience forests, trails, waterways, dark skies, overnight camping, and land-based learning;

And whereas closures of Outdoor Education Centres risk creating long-term negative consequences for student wellness, environmental stewardship, and equitable access to experiential learning opportunities;

And whereas knowledgeable and experienced outdoor education staff are essential to delivering safe, inclusive, and curriculum-based learning experiences;

And whereas municipalities that benefit from tourism connected to parks, trails, and natural spaces depend on environmentally responsible stewardship by visitors.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests the Province of Ontario to:

1. Recognize outdoor education as an essential educational service and commit to equitable access for all Ontario students, and
2. Halt the closure of outdoor education centres and restore stable funding for programming across Ontario;

And that the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department continues to evaluate how it can increase nature-related educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities;

And further that this motion be forwarded to the Bluewater District School Board Trustees, MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Minister of Education MPP Paul Calandra, AMO, ROMA, The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, and all other municipalities across Ontario.

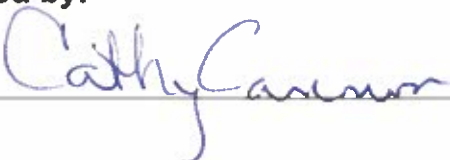


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26117	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has raised serious concerns regarding the increasing incidents of harassment, threats, intimidation, and physical interference directed toward municipal public works employees and winter maintenance operators across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipal public works staff and contractors perform essential services that are critical to maintaining safe roads, sidewalks, bridges, and municipal infrastructure, particularly during significant weather events and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS incidents involving threats of violence, obstruction of snowplows and equipment, and dangerous confrontations with municipal workers create unacceptable risks to employee safety, public safety, and municipal service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has requested that the Province of Ontario strengthen legislative protections for municipal workers by amending the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, establishing enhanced public safety interference provisions, and considering safe following distance requirements for snowplows similar to Manitoba's Bill 38;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the requests and recommendations submitted by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to the Province of Ontario regarding enhanced protections for municipal public works employees, winter maintenance operators, and contractors; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to review and implement legislative and regulatory changes that improve worker safety, deter interference with municipal operations, and recognize municipal public works employees as essential service providers during significant weather events and emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and Ontario municipalities for information and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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Summary of Accessibility Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of June 4, 2026



Accessibility Advisory Committee – May 20, 2026 (AAC-2026-05)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
Equity Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Framework Consultation	N/A – information item only S. Moore led Members in discussion on the Town's proposed Equity Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Framework, soliciting feedback from accessibility and inclusion perspectives.
Advocating for Provincial Regulatory Modernization to Enable Access to Consumer Grade Assistive Listening Technology in Ontario	- Councillor Henry, M. Khanna, and Co-Chair Lawrence reviewed proposed wording for a Council motion to advocate for Provincial regulatory modernization of affordable hearing assist devices in Ontario. - Members shared research and provided feedback and clarity on legislative challenges. <u>Motion:</u> Moved By: N. Henry Seconded By: H. Azzarello That the Town of Ajax Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council to advocate for inclusion and equitable access to affordable assistive hearing technologies. Carried.
National AccessAbility Week Participation	N/A – information item only The Committee reviewed the event schedule and participation details for National AccessAbility Week, including the film screening of I Swear, a flag raising event, information both at the 55+ BBQ, Ajax Public Library Makerspace open house, Neurodiversity in the Workplace webinar, Red Shirt Day recognition, and a Learn with Lime e-mobility workshop.

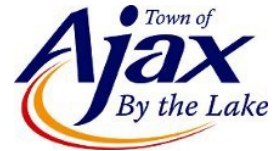
Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – May 2026

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
	- Members discussed social media messaging and a series of “one small thing” suggestions to be highlighted daily during National AccessAbility Week. - Members coordinated their event attendance and support.
Neurodiversity in the Workplace Webinar Feedback	N/A – information item only Several Members confirmed partial or full review of the neurodiversity webinar, and S. Moore proposed regrouping after the live session on June 4 to discuss how the content applies to the Town at the June 17 Meeting.
End-of-term update to Council – June or September?	N/A – information item only The Committee discussed whether to present the end-of-term update in June or September, with consensus to keep the September date for additional preparation time.
WeCandle Workshop Opportunity	N/A – information item only S. Moore shared an invitation from WeCandle for Committee Members to tour their facility and participate in a candle-making workshop focused on inclusive employment. She indicated a poll to be sent via email to assist with scheduling.

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Summary of Heritage Advisory Committee Activities

Report To: Council
 Prepared By: Sarah Moore, Legislative Specialist
 Date: As of June 4, 2026



Heritage Advisory Committee – May 6, 2025 (HAC-2026-05)

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
Heritage Permit 2/26 – 562 Kingston Rd. West	N/A – information item only • M. Sawchuck provided an update on the revised sign installation and reviewed proposed work for the applicant to undertake repairs to the front porch, including refacing the sides and the top of the base, installing a new railing and installing new stairs • The Committee reviewed the proposed black aluminum railing, which was chosen to match the building's new color scheme, and discussed the use of AI-generated images to visualize the design. <u>Motion:</u> Moved By: P. Pryjma Seconded By: N. Burnett That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommend staff approve Heritage Permit Application 2/26 (562 Kingston Road West) to reface the porch base, install a new black aluminum railing and install new stone slab stairs. Carried.
Heritage Permit 3/26 – 73 Old Kingston Road	N/A – information item only • M. Sawchuck provided an update on the ongoing delays with the signage application for 73 Old Kingston Road (Murkar House), detailing several rounds of feedback and revisions with the applicant and sign vendor. • M. Sawchuck shared the detailed feedback to the applicant. Committee members discussed the importance of using appropriate heritage materials and design.

Town of Ajax Summary of Advisory Committee Activities – May 2026

Agenda Item	Decision(s)/Motion(s)
	<u>Motion:</u> Moved By: P. Pryjma Seconded By: R. Tyler Morin That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends staff to work with the applicant to consider alternative sign designs that would be more consistent with the heritage features of the property and Heritage Conservation District, as identified by Planning staff. Carried.
General Updates	N/A – information item only • M. Sawchuck provided several updates on items including: ○ Janes Walk Event Debrief ○ Nicholas Austin Property ○ A. A. Post Plaque Unveiling Event ○ Potential Redevelopment of 61-65 Church Street South ○ Demolition of 209 Squire Drive
Heritage Promotion	N/A – information item only • P. Pryjma introduced a proposal to install historical photo wraps on utility boxes in public spaces, sharing examples from other municipalities and outlining potential funding sources. • The Committee agreed to identify potential box locations, determine ownership, and explore funding options, with Members volunteering to contact relevant utility companies and community organizations to assess feasibility.

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