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# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-INFO-5  
Date: January 17, 2020

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**Subject:**

Durham Region Broadband Program Update

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current and planned activities to advance the Durham Region Broadband program.

**2. Background**

2.1 In February 2019, Regional Council approved the Broadband Strategy for Durham Region (#2019-P-3). The Strategy contains actions to address the issue of inadequate broadband service in many parts of the Region.

2.2 In August 2019, a Broadband Specialist was hired (Riaz Razvi) to lead the implementation of the Strategy's action items.

**3. Broadband Program Update**

3.1 Throughout Q3 2019, the overall program structure was established, and more detailed planning was completed for each action item. Introductory meetings were held with Regional departments, area municipalities, utility companies, various

internet service providers (ISPs), and the wider Municipal, University, School, and Health (MUSH) sector.

3.2 An internal Broadband Working Group (BWG) has been formed.

- a. The BWG consists of Regional staff from Planning, Works, CS-IT, CS-Legal, CAO's Office, Finance, and DRPS.
- b. Commencing in September 2019, the BWG meets every month to coordinate work on actions, identify and mitigate risks, and provide updates on individual workstreams.
- c. A senior Steering Committee, comprised of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development and the Commissioner of Works, has been established. The role of the Steering Committee is to provide high-level oversight, re-align priorities, and assist in decision making.

3.3 A Durham Broadband Round Table was formed in Q1 2020.

- a. The round table, comprised of senior-level technology and strategy representatives from Durham's MUSH sector, has the objective of enabling collaboration and exploring opportunities to leverage synergies to more rapidly deploy broadband across Durham.
- b. The round table will meet quarterly, with the kickoff meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020.

3.4 A Request for Information (RFI) was issued to the ISP community on November 5, 2019, and which closed on December 13, 2019.

- a. The RFI articulated Durham's vision to i) create an environment of co-ordination and collaboration, ii) address service gaps, and iii) support improved affordability. Demographic and business count details were also provided for each area municipality.
- b. ISPs were asked to comment on specific types of participation they desire or would need from the Region and area municipalities to enable expanded coverage.
- c. Specific input was also sought on a possible 'Dig Once' policy and 'Tower Sharing' policy.
- d. Durham received 12 responses to the RFI, consisting of national-scale ISPs, utility providers, smaller regional ISPs, consultants, and design & engineering firms. An assessment of the responses is underway.

3.5 The Durham Broadband Survey was recently launched.

- a. On January 7, 2020, the Durham Broadband Survey was launched, targeting households, farms, and businesses across the Region.
- b. The survey will collect detailed and accurate information on broadband coverage and attainable speeds across the Region, and will be available online and in printed hard copy. It contains a link to a speed testing service that will provide the Region with very accurate data on actual internet speeds available to residents and businesses.
- c. This information will allow staff to better understand the service footprint and underlying technologies of service providers, and will enable the prioritization of communities with the highest level of need.
- d. To ensure an adequate response rate, a marketing campaign has been launched consisting of news releases, social media ads, and direct engagement with industry groups, and print material will be circulated through schools, libraries, and community centers.

3.6 An inventory of municipal ISP service contracts is being conducted:

- a. A list of Regional and area municipal facilities is being compiled to determine the total number of internet accounts and annual cost of service, along with service contract expiry dates.
- b. This information can be used to possibly develop a business case for the aggregation of service contracts to be used as a tool to achieve goals of the Broadband Strategy.

3.7 The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has announced Round 2 of their Broadband Fund, which closes March 2020. The eligibility requirements for this round of funding may enable various rural areas within the Region to qualify. Although Durham Region itself is not eligible to apply as an applicant, Durham will consider requests to partner, or support applications of ISPs seeking CRTC funding, on a case-by-case basis.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 Dependable, high-speed internet is a core necessity in the current economy, but rural areas face large challenges in accessing this service due to the cost of traveling vast distances with infrastructure, presenting difficult business cases. Rural areas require assistance in the form of Regional programming, and financial support from various levels of government, including Provincial and Federal. For broadband deployment, there are no quick and easy solutions, and staff are exploring and pursuing opportunities to deal with these challenges.
- 4.2 The Broadband Working Group is making steady progress on the early action items of the Broadband Strategy. Responses to the RFI and survey will provide crucial input to the ensuing exercise of developing next steps and action items, and this exercise will also generate various detailed options the Region may consider pursuing to support or enable the more rapid deployment of broadband.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and  
Economic Development



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** January 17, 2020

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – January 10, 2020

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**January 10, 2020**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**<https://tinyurl.com/tuayj5o>**

- Helping Local Health Care Professionals Help Their Patients! (Dec 10)

**<https://tinyurl.com/tw3c2mz>**

- Vaccine Safety in Ontario (Dec 16)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yfgs22mo>**

- Hepatitis B Vaccine Packaging Has Changed! (Jan 6)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation**

**<https://tinyurl.com/yx42ag5g>**

- Governments of Canada and Ontario Sign Canada's First Housing Benefit (Dec 19)

**Department of Finance Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/v2mdvmt>**

- Government of Canada Releases Economic and Fiscal Update (Dec 16)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/rqjzyxr>**

- Canada advance climate action and remains committed to ambitious global action as United Nations Climate Change Conference concludes (Dec 16)

**<https://tinyurl.com/uomubg9>**

- Government of Canada releases emission projections, showing progress towards climate target (Dec 20)

**Health Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/uj3dzel>**

- Statement from the Minister of Health on the Introduction of New Cannabis Products into the Legal and Regulated Market (Dec 17)

**<https://tinyurl.com/w4yolqa>**

- Health Canada proposes to ban advertising of vaping products wherever they can be seen or heard by youth (Dec 19)

**<https://tinyurl.com/yf5v9snu>**

- Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH) Statement on Cannabis Extracts, Edibles and Topical Products (Jan 6)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**<https://tinyurl.com/w8evgzv>**

- Prime Minister releases new mandate letters for ministers (Dec 13)



## **Public Health Agency of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/uym6k6y>

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses on New Data Related to the Opioid Crisis (Dec 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/vv7t569>

- Addressing stigma in Canada's health system is critical for improving health outcomes (Dec 18)

## **Transport Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/ydln8zbf>

- Government of Canada invests in rail safety improvement in Canada (Jan 7)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of the Attorney General**

<https://tinyurl.com/vqmd85d>

- Ontario Opening Cannabis Retail Market (Dec 13)

### **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

<https://tinyurl.com/u6gj5jn>

- Ontario Looking for Innovative Ideas on How to Help Reduce Poverty (Dec 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/um9gt84>

- Ontario to Implement Needs-Based Autism Program In-Line with Advisory Panel's Advice (Dec 17)

### **Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**

<https://tinyurl.com/vud264w>

- Ontario Legislature Passes the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act (Dec 10)

### **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

<https://tinyurl.com/t6uqclq>

- Statement from Minister Yurek following the United Nations' Climate Change Conference (Dec 11)

### **Ministry of Finance**

<https://tinyurl.com/vyh3k2>

- Plan to Build Ontario Together Moves Forward (Dec 10)

### **Ministry of Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/r6hofgd>

- Ontario Introduces 24 Ontario Health Teams Across the Province to Provide Better Connected Care (Dec 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/qpqej7y>

- Ontario Investing in Critical Hospital Upgrades and Repairs (Dec 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/relgren>

- Government of Ontario Protecting the Health Care System from Fraud (Jan 9)

**Ministry of Long-Term Care**

<https://tinyurl.com/sw8v838>

- Ontario Increasing Support for Long-Term Care Residents in Whitby (Dec 18)

**Ministry of the Solicitor General**

<https://tinyurl.com/yx2sl3la>

- Ontario Invests in Police Services to Keep Impaired Drivers Off the Road (Dec 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/xfqhgfw>

- Ontario's First Dedicated Mental Health Unit for Female Inmates (Dec 19)

**Office of the Premier**

<https://tinyurl.com/yx4lgq6c>

- A Successful Year of Building Ontario Together (Dec 18)

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Alzheimer Society of Canada**

<https://tinyurl.com/yzfgxe86>

- Canadians living with dementia break silence on stigma in Alzheimer campaign: "I live with dementia. Let me help you understand." (Jan 6)

**Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

<https://tinyurl.com/sgq39ee>

- 2020-23 Strategic Plan (Dec 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/s9hcobh>

- Ministerial Mandate Letter (Dec 17)

**Canadian Institute for Health Information**

<https://tinyurl.com/qojrf8v>

- Larger portion of Canada's public drug dollars spent on high-cost drugs (Dec 17)

**Centre for Addiction and Mental Health**

<https://tinyurl.com/syjfgzl>

- CAMH accepts recommendations of external review panel (Dec 18)

**Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

<https://tinyurl.com/w64nk2>

- Government Restrains Program Spending to Fund Announced Tax Cuts and Spending Measures (Dec 9)

**ICES**

<https://tinyurl.com/vb47g5c>

- Prescribing anticoagulants in the ED for atrial fibrillation increases long-term use by 30% (Dec 9)

**<https://tinyurl.com/r9yz8xn>**

- Unexpected hospital admission could be an early warning sign of death for seniors (Dec 16)

**Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/tt8xkjd>**

- 2019 Fall Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Dec 10)

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario**

**<https://tinyurl.com/ube6qfg>**

- Statement from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia on LifeLabs Privacy Breach (Dec 17)

**Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/wrue9u8>**

- Commissioner's annual report sets out blueprint for how to modernize Canada's privacy laws (Dec 10)

**Ontario Hospital Association**

**<https://tinyurl.com/rlkp2pu>**

- Ontario Hospitals Are National Leaders in Efficiency – OHA Report (Dec 19)



## The Corporation Of The Township Of Stone Mills

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December 27, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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### **Re: Support Resolution of Conservation Authorities – Township of Stone Mills**

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yurek,

At the December 9, 2019 Stone Mills Township Council meeting, Council passed a resolution in support of the continuation of program support for Conservation Authorities in the Province of Ontario.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement for the continuance of Conservation Authority Support.

Sincerely,

Bryan Brooks  
C.A.O./Clerk  
Township of Stone Mills

Cc: MPP Daryl Kramp  
MP Derek Sloan  
Association of Municipalities on Ontario  
Quinte Conservation

All Ontario Municipalities  
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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

**WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills is committed to planning for and protecting the future sustainability of its resources and environment,

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills is within the Quinte and Cataraqui Conservation Authority areas,

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operation of conservation authorities and;

**AND WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds and

**AND WHEREAS** smaller municipalities do not have capacity or the financial resource to employ staff with the technical expertise that conservation authorities provide and

**WHEREAS** development near watercourses can have significant effects both upstream and downstream

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The **Township of Stone Mills encourages the province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the on-going review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities.**

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Cataraqui and Quinte Conservation Authorities and all Ontario Municipalities.

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**Township of Stone Mills - 4504 County Road 4, Centreville ON K0K 1N0**  
**Attention: C.A.O/Clerk, 613-378-2475 Ext. 225, [bbrooks@stonemills.com](mailto:bbrooks@stonemills.com)**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER



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January 8, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park Legislative Building  
1 Queen's Park, Room 281  
Toronto Ontario  
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**Subject: Premiers to Develop Nuclear Reactor Technology**

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council held October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Council for the Corporation of the Town of Deep River passed the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CBC News report entitled "**Group of premiers band together to develop nuclear reactor technology**", be received, and

**WHEREAS** the Premiers of Ontario, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick have announced their intention to work together on the development of small modular reactors to help their provinces reduce carbon emissions and address the challenges of climate change;

**WHEREAS** Canada has demonstrated excellence and leadership in the nuclear industry on the world stage for more than 70 years;

**WHEREAS** the Canadian nuclear industry is one of the safest and most well-regulated energy sectors in the world under the oversight of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission;

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Ontario have enjoyed the benefits of safe, clean, low-carbon energy produced by Ontario's nuclear industry for over 50 years;

**WHEREAS** small modular reactors have the potential to provide municipalities, especially rural and northern municipalities, with an innovative technology that provides a safe, low-carbon alternative to meet energy demands; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Deep River write to the Premiers of Ontario, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick to express support for their decision to work together on the development of small modular reactor technology as a safe, low-carbon energy option;

**THAT** the Town of Deep River write to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Natural Resources, and the remaining provincial premiers asking that they support investment in the research and development of small modular reactor technology as an innovative, safe, low-carbon energy option; and

**THAT** this resolution be circulated to all upper and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, for their consideration.

**CARRIED**

Thank you and please contact the writer should you have any additional questions.  
Kindest regards,



Bethany McMahon, Administrative Assistant  
Town of Deep River

cc: Hon. Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan  
Hon. Blaine Higgs, Premier of New Brunswick  
Hon. Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia  
Hon. Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba  
Hon. John Horgan, British Columbia  
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Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier of Yukon  
Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Premier of Nunavut  
Hon. Justin Trudeau, Premier of Canada  
Hon. Seamus O'Regan of Natural Resources  
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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)  
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