

# Hate And Our Community

Whitby, Ontario – In response to rising hate activity across Durham Region, the Region of Durham and Victim Services of Durham Region have partnered to launch a community-based hate reporting program.

Developed in consultation with human rights and religious organizations, as well as community service providers, this initiative is designed to empower residents, support impacted individuals, and strengthen community safety and inclusion.

Community input needed  
To help shape the program, the Region and Victim Services have created an anonymous online survey to better understand perceptions of and experiences with hate activity and how community-based hate reporting can be improved in Durham Region.

Whitby Mayor Elizabeth Roy said a recent graffiti blitz conducted in the spring by the

town’s summer students, identified 367 locations with graffiti.

“Of these, 87 were on town infrastructure and the remainder were on third party infrastructure such as utility boxes or regional equipment. This is a slight increase from the 2024 blitz, which identified about 330 locations,” Roy said in her monthly newsletter.

Commonly targeted areas include utility infrastructure, streetlight and hydro poles, Canada Post boxes, buildings, road signs, bridges (both underneath and on top), and directly on roads and sidewalks.

Graffiti on infrastructure owned by rail lines has proven especially difficult to address, said Mayor Roy.

She said the town’s Graffiti Task Force works closely with the road patrol team to respond promptly to graffiti complaints on Town of Whitby infrastructure.

Graffiti found on infrastructure owned by third parties is documented during the annual blitz and forwarded to the appropriate owner for action — however, complaints from the public involving third-party infrastructure are sent immediately to the responsible owner for follow-up.

Offensive Graffiti  
The mayor said if graffiti is derogatory, offensive, or hate motivated, staff respond as soon as possible to remove it.

As a prevention measure, the town applies anti-graffiti coatings to certain infrastructure, which make graffiti more difficult to apply and easier to remove.

Rapid removal is also a key deterrent, because graffiti that is removed quickly is less likely to reappear in the same location.

For this reason, business and property owners are encouraged to remove or cover graffiti as soon as possible.

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## No one left behind: Durham Region’s Transitional Support Program helps those in crisis

Whitby, Ontario – Being homeless is challenging, unhealthy and unsafe, and for most people, is not a choice. In honour of World Homeless Day on October 10, the Region of Durham is raising awareness, showing support and continuing to take action. There are more than 1,000 people on Durham Region's By-Name List as of August, which is a list of people experiencing homelessness who want help. As the Service System Manager of local homelessness supports, the Region of Durham establishes policies that promote affordable housing development; manages social housing; creates local housing and homelessness plans; contributes and co-ordinates housing funding; develops and administers housing and homelessness programs; and reports on progress. To support individuals on the By-Name List, the Region of Durham supports Intensive Case Management support across the system. The Region’s Transitional Support Program (TSP) of dedicated case co-ordinators connect individuals with essential financial, health, wellness and housing resources through Intensive Case Management.

The TSP team also supports the following:

- Micro-homes Transitional Housing: The micro-homes in Oshawa features 10 units for temporary, transitional housing with supports. The TSP team provides case management for program participants to transition into permanent housing.
- Veterans Homelessness Program: The TSP team provides case management for confirmed veterans experiencing homelessness in Durham Region.


Homelessness is a complex issue but, through the collective action of all levels of government, health services and the community, there can be lasting change. The Region of Durham remains committed to addressing and eliminating barriers to accessing safe, affordable housing for all.

“There are many factors that can lead someone to experiencing homelessness, including employment barriers, trauma, health challenges and others. As the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to rise across Ontario, the Region of Durham remains committed to helping people find and keep safe, appropriate housing. Housing is a basic need for everyone, and we continue to work diligently with community partners to address local homelessness.” - John Henry, Regional Chair and CEO, Region of Durham






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