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### **ACROSS DURHAM REGION:**

#### **Major changes coming to vintage southeast Courtice**

The process to urbanize southeast Courtice has begun. It may be noted that funding has been approved for the GO train extension to Bowmanville, and a new GO train station and community is planned at Courtice. The Municipality of Clarington announced it has completed the Southeast Courtice Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which recommends new street networks, and pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to support future growth of the area.

While the TMP addresses needs and justification at a broad level, more detailed studies for projects included in the Master Plan will be done at a later date under future phases of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA), the municipality said. It said the TMP has been placed on the public record for a 30-day review period from May 18 to June 18, 2023. The report is available for review at [www.clarington.net/SoutheastCourtice](http://www.clarington.net/SoutheastCourtice). Mixed-use, high quality residential neighbourhood Aecom Canada, together with Gladki Planning, and DBH Soil Services, had been retained by Clarington to assist in the preparation of the Southeast Courtice Secondary Plan (SECSP) through the integrated planning process.

Southeast Courtice is a natural extension of Courtice, containing the headwaters and tributaries of Tooley Creek and Robinson Creek. Prioritizing a healthy, complete community and delivering on multi-modal transit, affordable housing and a unique sense of place, the goal of the plan will be to outline a strategy for the community refined by extensive community engagement, said a municipal announcement. The process will introduce a policy framework to guide future land use, investment and development towards a mixed-use, high quality residential neighbourhood, with a strong emphasis on sustainability interwoven into all aspects of planning, design, construction and community life.

Clarington said it has undertaken the preparation of several secondary plans that will conform to and implement the Clarington Official Plan, the Durham Region Official Plan, Provincial Policies and Plans of managing foreseeable growth to realize the community's desire for liveable, healthy neighbourhoods that are compatible with the surrounding natural environment.

#### **Whitby votes for investment in waterfront, parks...**

Whitby residents want to see more investment in the community's waterfront, beaches, parks, and open spaces, according to the first phase of engagement to develop a new Whitby Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The results of this phase of engagement will be used to develop a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan for additional community input later this year. When complete, the new plan will play an important role in defining a vision, as well as long-term goals and objectives, for how the town will continue to meet the recreational needs of our growing community well into the future, said a town statement.

Highlights of the first round of engagement:

-The majority of participants enjoy outdoor activities such as visiting the community's waterfront, parks and open spaces, and walking or hiking.

-92 per cent of participants agreed that parks and recreation opportunities should be a high priority for town council.

-Top outdoor investment priorities noted by participants include the waterfront, beaches, and new parks and outdoor spaces. This feedback aligns with what residents said are their top priorities for the Community Strategic Plan.

-Top indoor investment priorities noted by participants include multi-use sports facilities for all ages, with a pool and gymnasium for league sports.

- Top areas participants would like to see improvement include more facilities and programs (including evening and weekend programs) and increased promotion of available recreation programs in Whitby.

#### **New play equipment coming to five Clarington parks**

The Municipality of Clarington yesterday announced that new playground equipment is coming to parks in Burketon, Haydon, Kendal, Newtonville and Orono.

It said Clarington residents will soon see new playground equipment at the following parks:

Burketon Park Harvey Jackson Park

Haydon Hall Parkette

Ina Brown Parkette

Peters Pike Parkette

Crews will work throughout May and June to remove the existing equipment that has reached its end of life and install new play structures. New benches and waste receptacles will also be added, along with trail improvements, said a municipal statement. Temporary fencing has been erected around the construction areas. Residents are asked to stay a safe distance back and not enter the construction site. The playgrounds are expected to reopen by the end of June following a safety inspection, said the statement.

#### **Dog park to close from May 29 to June 12**

The Municipality of Clarington yesterday announced that the Newcastle Leash-Free Dog Park is closing for about two weeks, beginning May 29. Reopening is scheduled for June 12. The closure is needed for crews to complete necessary construction work on Phase 2 of the Newcastle Community Park. Work is currently underway to construct new tennis and pickleball courts, a baseball diamond, shade structure and more. The new park is expected to open late this summer, said a statement. "We would also like to remind residents that the skate park will remain closed and fenced off until construction on the community park is complete. Please do not cross the barriers that have been put in place to protect the safety of the community," it said. "We apologize for any inconvenience during construction and thank you for your patience," it added.

#### **4-storey cap on Whitby's mature neighbourhoods**

Whitby Council has adopted new policies for Whitby's mature neighbourhoods, according to Mayor Elizabeth Roy. She said an amendment to the Whitby Official Plan, has been adopted, which includes additional policies to help manage residential infill and intensification in mature neighbourhoods. The amendment adopted on April 24 follows a Mature Neighbourhoods Study and public consultation, she said in her latest newsletter. Increasing land costs and provincial legislation are creating pressure for infill and redevelopment in mature neighbourhoods. Types of infill development include severances to create new single detached or semi-detached dwelling lots, and denser forms of development such as townhouses or apartments on larger lots or consolidated lots.

Examples of policies in the new amendment include:

Generally limiting building heights for low-density residential development to two storeys;

Directing high-density residential development to the edges of mature neighbourhoods along arterial roads and abutting intensification corridors and areas; and

A maximum of four storeys for high-density residential development in mature neighbourhoods.

#### **Pickering gets \$386,000 for Chestnut Hill complex repairs**

The City of Pickering said it has received \$386,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to make repairs and improvements to the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex.

It said grant funding supported the following projects that took place in 2022:

Replaced the damaged hockey arena tile floor with new flooring

Replaced the indoor pool bleachers with new retractable bleachers

Replaced the floor in the banquet hall with new flooring

Repaired the gutter membrane in the tennis courts to address the source of roof leaks in the tennis courts.

The Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex is Pickering's largest multi-use community centre and is the hub of social, recreational, sport, and social activity in Pickering. The Complex is the centre for many large community events including swim meets and sporting events like the Special Olympics.

In total, the province's Community Building Fund invested \$105 million to support community arts and culture, heritage, tourism, sport and recreation organizations that experienced significant financial pressures due to Covid-19. The fund is administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and supports the renovation of recreation facilities.

#### **Spring weight restrictions on Durham roads end**

The Regional Municipality of Durham and local area municipalities lifted weight restrictions on roads from April 24. They restrict the operation of motor vehicles on designated roads during the spring weight restriction season, as per the Highway Traffic Act and Regional By-law 26-2018. This affects vehicles that are heavier than 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle. The final day of the Regional Municipality of Durham 2023 Weight Restriction season was April 23. Signs will be removed from regional roads where these weight restrictions no longer apply, however please note that some roads may have year-round weight restrictions applied. For more information, please refer to [durham.ca/WeightRestrictions](http://durham.ca/WeightRestrictions), said a regional statement.

Weight restrictions are needed to prevent damage to roads. In the spring, frozen roads start to thaw making the pavement on some roads temporarily lose strength and become unable to support vehicles heavier than 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle. Weight restrictions for local area municipality roads may differ from Durham Region. Contact your local area municipality for details on their weight restrictions, the region said.