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Speed limit reduction on Lake Ridge Road in Uxbridge

Whitby, Ontario – In support of Durham Vision Zero, The Regional Municipality of Durham will be installing a 70 kilometre per hour (km/h) posted speed limit on Lake Ridge Road (Regional Road 23) in the Township of Uxbridge.

Where: The speed limit reduction from 80 km/h to 70 km/h will take place on Lake Ridge Road, from 740 metres south of Chalk Lake Road (west leg) to 675 metres north of Chalk Lake Road (west leg), in Uxbridge.

When: The speed limit reduction signs will be installed in early November. Unfavourable weather conditions may influence the work schedule.

Why: Speed is a contributing factor in approximately one-third of fatal collisions in Canada. Reducing speed is one of the best ways to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions in the Durham Region community. Speed limits are not guidelines – they are laws.

Additional signage and line marking enhancements will be added to reinforce this change. The speed limit reduction aims to improve safety for all road users. Aggressive driving, including speeding, was identified as one of eight emphasis areas in Durham’s Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan, which aims to reduce and ultimately eliminate all fatalities and injuries caused by collisions on our road system.

Ontario NDP calls for plan to create jobs, make life affordable ahead of the Fall Economic Statement

QUEEN’S PARK – Ontario NDP Shadow Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Catherine Fife (Waterloo) and Shadow Minister for Finance and Treasury Board Jessica Bell (University–Rosedale) are calling on the Doug Ford government to use Thursday’s Fall Economic Statement to deliver a meaningful plan that keeps good jobs in Ontario, and builds economic security for working people.

“The least Ontarians can expect from their government is a fall economic statement with a plan.” said Bell. “Ontarians want to know if this is a government that will make it easier to pay rent or afford groceries. They want to know what the plan is to stop the hemorrhaging of jobs and help people find good, stable work. They want to know if it will be easier to get a family doctor or help their kids succeed in school. Ontarians deserve a real plan that makes life better, not harder.”

“Communities across Ontario are feeling the devastating impact of job losses, high costs, and economic uncertainty,” said Fife. “Instead of another round of empty announcements the Ford government needs to bring forward a plan that invests in people whether that be in public services, in good local jobs, and in the small businesses that keep our communities strong.”

“That means expanding the Ontario Made Manufacturing Tax Credit, investing in affordable housing as industrial strategy, and supporting local producers through a real Buy Ontario program. Every single dollar of public money should create good, local jobs here at home.”

The Ontario NDP is urging the Ford government to prioritize:

- Protecting and creating good jobs by expanding supports for local manufacturing, small businesses, and Ontario’s critical resource sectors
- Investing in social infrastructure such as housing, health care, education, and childcare, to attract and retain workers
- Building economic security by increasing social assistance rates, expanding public pharmacare and mental health care, and investing in municipalities to prevent job loss and homelessness.
- Growing sustainable industries through public investment in clean manufacturing, forestry, and mining jobs that stay in Ontario

Ontarians need to see a plan that makes this province stronger, fairer, and more resilient, not another budget that puts wealthy insiders first. It’s time for a government that builds Ontario up by investing in the people who make it work.

\$240,000 raised from galas donated to help charities

The 2025 Whitby Mayor’s Gala and Mayor and Council Golf Tournament together raised over \$240,000 in support of organizations and initiatives that make a difference in the community. The events are the primary fundraisers for the Mayor’s Community Development Fund (MCDF). The fund awards lead grants up to \$25,000 and community grants up to \$5,000 to support local groups and initiatives, leveraging partnerships to deliver impact. This year’s grants included:

- \$25,000 to the Lakeridge Health Foundation to bring a new hospital to Whitby – improving access to quality healthcare close to home.
- \$25,000 to the Ontario Shores Foundation for an EEG machine, helping to support Alzheimer’s research.
- \$8,000 to the PARA Marine Search and Rescue for boat repairs required to support their continued operation in Durham; The MCDF, supported by the annual Mayor and Council Golf Classic, also awarded \$20,000 to Feed the Need in Durham which they used to expand The Market at Iroquois Park Sports Centre – a first-of-its-kind, market-style food bank that provides fresh, healthy options in a welcoming environment; and, Victim Services Durham Region also received \$20,000 to support the development of a new database system that strengthened case tracking and improved support for children, youth, and families.

Other MCDF recipients included the Alzheimer’s Society of Durham Region, Ignite Durham Learning Foundation, Girls Inc. of Durham, Royal Canadian Legions, Sunrise Development Support Services, We Grow Food, and WindReach Farm

Whitby Mayor Elizabeth Roy, said: “The success of this year’s Mayor and Council Golf Tournament and Mayor’s Gala reflect the remarkable generosity and community spirit that define Whitby. My heartfelt thanks to the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who made these events possible. I’m very proud that the funds raised will allow the Mayor’s Community Development Fund to continue supporting local organizations and initiatives that strengthen our town and make it a welcoming and inclusive place for all residents.”

OREA President Cathy Polan Statement on Ford Government’s 2025 Fall Economic Statement

“If Ontario is to remain a great place for young people and their families to grow and thrive, we need to continue building more homes faster and bringing affordability back within reach. The Government of Ontario’s 2025 Fall Economic Statement released today is a big step in the right direction towards that goal, aligning with many of the pro-growth, pro-homeownership solutions that Ontario REALTORS® have been putting on the table.

The Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) commends the Ford government for working to make life more affordable for Ontarians and their families, most notably their proposal to remove the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax (HST) for first-time home buyers on newly-built homes valued up to \$1 million. This would mean up to \$80,000 back in the pockets of first-time home buyers, providing much-needed support for those making the biggest financial transactions of their lives.

This is on top of the many measures introduced in their proposed Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025, including reducing costly local development charges, as well as streamlining planning and delivery for transit-oriented communities, creating more jobs and housing options near transit. These efforts will go a long way towards protecting Ontario and building a more competitive and resilient economy.

Combined with the Government of Canada’s pro-housing solutions proposed in the 2025 Federal Budget, this week has been a big win for Ontario REALTORS® and prospective homeowners. OREA was thrilled to see the federal government championing pro-homeownership policies earlier this week, including investments in factory-built, modular, and mass timber homes through the new agency Build Canada Homes, which could cut build times by 50% and reduce costs by 20%.

We can’t deny that the economic uncertainties continue to impact everyday lives across the province. But we’re encouraged to see that Ontario’s fiscal future is in good hands with today’s announcement, as Ontario’s deficit projects to be \$1.1 billion less than had originally been forecasted. The Province is also maintaining a path to balance the budget by 2027–28. OREA commends Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy for introducing these pro-housing measures and working to protect Ontario workers, businesses, and communities, while bringing Ontario’s finances back to balance.” Cathy Polan, 2025 OREA President