



RECORD FUNDING TO ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS

WHITBY – As part of its plan to protect Ontario and prepare students for success in our workforce, the Ontario government has provided the Durham District School Board with approval to issue the tender for the new West Whitby Secondary School to create more student spaces.

“As more families choose to call Whitby home, it is important that we continue investing in modern learning environments that support student success,” said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security. “This new school will help ensure Whitby students have access to the space, resources, and opportunities they need to learn, grow, and achieve their full potential for years to come.”

This project is supported by a total investment of up to \$85.6 million, which includes additional funding of \$15.7 million. When complete, the project will deliver 1,384 new secondary student spaces for local families.

“Our government is focused on supporting students, teachers and parents while ensuring school boards are equipping our students with the tools they need to succeed,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. “Once completed, this project will offer an inspiring learning environment that helps students prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.

Our government will continue to provide the resources students need for ultimate achievement.” Through local infrastructure projects like the one in Whitby, the government is meeting urgent needs to address growth related to demographic changes.

The investment is part of Ontario’s commitment to invest more than \$22 billion over 10 years to support school construction, renewal and improvement. “Building and renewing Ontario’s infrastructure is a key part of our government’s plan to protect the economy and keep workers on the job in the face of significant economic uncertainties,” said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. “Through our \$236 billion capital plan, we

are getting shovels in the ground faster to build new and improved schools, transit, hospitals and other critical infrastructure for communities across the province.”

West Whitby Secondary School will be located at Des Newman Boulevard and Coronation Road in Whitby.

“This is a win for west Whitby families. The Board of Trustees is thankful to the Government of Ontario for this announcement and to the community for their continued support. We are excited to deliver another new secondary school in Durham Region that will serve generations of students to come.”

- Chair Tracy Brown, DDSB Board of Trustees

“This announcement marks a fantastic step forward for the Durham District School Board. Building a new secondary school in west Whitby allows us to support our expanded student population with state-of-the-art resources. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning process, we cannot wait to welcome students in 2028.”

- Camille Williams-Taylor, CEO, DDSB

Protect Yourself from Tick Bites this Summer

TORONTO — As outdoor activity increases during the summer season, the Ontario government is encouraging people across the province to take precautions to prevent tick bites and reduce the risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses when enjoying the outdoors.

Lyme disease is a potentially serious infection that comes from being bitten by an infected blacklegged tick, commonly known as a deer tick. If you have any symptoms such as fever, headache, chills, muscle and joint pain, fatigue and an expanding circular rash that resembles a bulls-eye, consult a health-care provider as soon as possible.

“As we head outside to enjoy the warmer weather, it is important to protect ourselves from Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By taking simple precautions, Ontarians can protect themselves and their families while enjoying the outdoors in our beautiful province.” You can protect yourself from tick bites by: Wearing light coloured clothing so it’s easier to spot ticks. Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants tucked into your socks and closed-toed shoes. Using insect repellent with DEET or icaridin in it.

Staying on marked trails and avoiding tall grass, brush, leaf litter and along trail edges, where ticks are commonly found. “As cases of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses rise and ticks continue to expand into new areas, more Ontarians may be at risk of tick bites,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “Simple precautions can help reduce that risk, including being vigilant in wooded and grassy areas, even close to home, wearing appropriate clothing and doing routine tick checks after spending time outdoors.” Ticks are very small and hard to see. When a tick is found, it should be removed immediately using fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible without crushing it. Once you have removed the tick, wash the area and your hands with soap and water, and then disinfect the area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or an iodine swab. Before disposing of the tick, call or check the website of your local public health unit to get advice on how to identify the tick. You can also submit a photo of the tick to etick.ca for identification.



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Illegal Slaughterhouse Raises Serious Questions About Enforcement in Clarington

A controversy unfolding in rural Clarington is raising difficult questions about municipal enforcement, accountability, animal welfare, and public confidence in local government. For months, residents living near a property on Middle Road have raised concerns regarding activities occurring on the site. What began as neighbour observations evolved into questions about land use, environmental impacts, animal welfare, licensing requirements, and municipal enforcement.

IMPORTANT NOTE This article reflects documented resident complaints, communications, and public-interest questions. It distinguishes between resident concerns, allegations, and any findings that may have been made by authorities. Readers should rely upon official municipal correspondence and enforcement records for final determinations.

TIMELINE OF REPORTED EVENTS • November 26 – Resident communication sent to municipal by-law staff raising concerns and encouraging contact with appropriate animal welfare authorities. • November 27 – Follow-up communication requesting further action and investigation. • April 22 – Resident seeks update from municipal by-law staff regarding conditions at the Middle Road property and reports ongoing concerns. • Subsequent Months – Residents continue raising concerns regarding land alterations, environmental impacts, animal welfare, and compliance issues. • Recent Developments – Residents report being advised that certain activities associated with the operation were not authorized. Confirmation should be obtained from official municipal records.

A PATTERN OF COMPLAINTS

Communications reviewed by this columnist indicate that residents were contacting municipal staff and seeking updates over an extended period of time. The communications suggest that concerns were not isolated or recent. Residents appear to have been attempting to engage municipal authorities for months while seeking information regarding investigations and enforcement activities. MORE THAN ONE ISSUE While public attention has focused on allegations involving livestock processing, residents also raised concerns regarding: • Land alterations • Pond expansion • Tree removal • Open-air burning • Animal welfare concerns • Potential environmental impacts • Licensing and zoning compliance Taken individually, each issue may involve different regulatory requirements. Taken together, residents argue they warranted a coordinated review by the appropriate authorities. THE ANIMAL WELFARE QUESTION Perhaps the most emotional aspect of the controversy involves concerns regarding the treatment and handling of animals. Residents repeatedly expressed concerns involving animals and sought updates from municipal officials. Whether any animal welfare laws were violated is a matter for the appropriate authorities to determine. However, residents continue to ask whether concerns involving animals were investigated quickly enough. THE QUESTION OF CONSEQUENCES Many residents continue to ask whether earlier intervention could have reduced the number of animals affected. How many animals were processed during the period between the first complaints and any enforcement action? Were provincial animal welfare authorities notified?

Were inspections conducted? Could earlier intervention have changed the outcome? These questions are not intended to prejudice any individual or agency. They are questions of public accountability. THE ENFORCEMENT GAP The central public-interest question is whether complaints were addressed in a timely and effective manner. Residents deserve to understand: • When complaints were received • What investigations were undertaken • Which agencies became involved • What violations, if any, were identified • What enforcement actions resulted • Why the process took the amount of time it did TRANSPARENCY MATTERS Municipal governments must often balance investigative confidentiality with public accountability. However, transparency regarding timelines and processes is critical to maintaining public confidence. Residents deserve clear answers regarding what occurred, what was investigated, and what lessons can be learned going forward. THE BIGGER QUESTION Ultimately, this issue has become larger than a single property. It has become a discussion about whether municipal enforcement systems respond quickly, consistently, and effectively when residents raise serious concerns. For many residents, the questions remain straightforward: When were complaints first received? What investigations occurred?

What actions were taken? Were all relevant agencies notified? Could the process have moved faster? Those questions deserve answers—not only for the residents affected today, but for every resident who may need to rely upon the same enforcement systems in the future.

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