



# Council Highlights

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## The Loft, Courtice Youth Centre is thriving

Clarington Council heard that The Loft, or Courtice Youth Centre, is highly popular among young people. Community Services Staff reported back to Council on the Youth Centre pilot project, and Council referred funding for The Loft Youth Centre and the Newcastle Youth Centre to the 2019 budget process. Tyler, a Grade 8 student from Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Courtice, told Council that The Loft feels like “the best place.” He also said “when you go to The Loft, you don’t have to leave because you are loud or because you are having fun. That’s what The Loft is meant for. You feel like you can hang out and be yourself.” During the six-month pilot timeframe, The Loft saw a total of 1,046 youth visits, with average weekly visits of 75 kids.

[Read report CSD-001-19 for more details.](#)

## Clarington Council asks the Region of Durham to work on initiatives to reduce waste

In a unanimous vote, Clarington Council passed a resolution asking the Region of Durham to prioritize waste reduction, reuse and diversion techniques by updating its Long-Term Waste Management Strategy. Council asked the Region of Durham to continue to investigate anaerobic digestion, a natural biological process where organic waste is broken down by bacteria. Council also wants the Region of Durham to extend the ambient air monitoring program for the

Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) for an additional three years. Council has also asked that the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks prepare a report on the overall air quality in the area as it relates to the DYEC and other external sources.

[Read report PSD-010-19 for more details.](#)

## Clarington continues to make accessibility improvements throughout the community

The Municipality continues to prioritize accessibility. In its 2018 Accessibility Status report, Clarington outlined some of its key initiatives. As mandated in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, Clarington consults with its Accessibility Advisory Committee when new developments and municipal projects are planned. In 2018, the Committee reviewed 40 site plan applications and three municipal projects to remove any potential accessibility barriers. Clarington’s Accessibility Coordinator also helped ensure that the Municipal Elections were accessible by auditing voting places, ensuring forms and signage were easily readable and developing training for elections officials. The Municipality continues to ensure that all of its communications are accessible, from public reports to the corporate website, documents are always available in alternate formats and follow the prescribed AODA guidelines.

[Read report CLD-003-19 for more details.](#)

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