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NEW RESIDENT WELCOME GUIDE

New to Clarington?



See our quick checklist to help you get settled.

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Your Councillors represent you and bring your voice to Council.

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Find programs for every stage of life and level of ability.

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INFORMED!**

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Discover nature in your own backyard

Experience the beauty of Clarington's scenic waterfront, wetlands, and forests!



What's happening in Clarington? Check out our events calendar!

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Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Municipality of Clarington is situated within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas and Chippewas of the Anishinabeg, known today as the Williams Treaties First Nations. Our work on these lands acknowledges their resilience and their longstanding contributions to the area now known as the

We're here to help— in over 240 languages!

Clarington is proud to offer live translation in over 240 languages, including American Sign Language (ASL), at our recreation facilities and Town Hall. If you have questions about our programs or services, just let us know your preferred language when you call or visit, and we'll connect you with someone who can speak it.



Together, we are Clarington!

Clarington is growing—and with that growth comes the opportunity to build a more inclusive and connected community. Learn how you can help make Clarington a place where everyone belongs. **Embrace Diversity. Be the change.**



www.clarington.net/BeTheChange

Welcome to Clarington!

We're so happy you've chosen to call Clarington home! Nestled along the shores of Lake Ontario and made up of scenic countryside and growing urban communities, Clarington offers a wonderful balance of tradition and growth in our diverse and welcoming neighbourhoods.

Whether you settled in one of our four urban centres—Bowmanville, Courtice, Newcastle or Orono—or in one of our 14 rural hamlets, we hope you'll find everything you need to feel at home—right here, in Clarington.

This Welcome Guide is designed to help you get to know your new community. Inside, you'll find information about your elected representatives, municipal and regional services, recreation facilities, libraries and museums, and more. We've also highlighted some of our many parks, trails and local gems so you can start exploring right away.



Clarington is a vibrant and growing community of **over 113,500 people** and counting!

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2022-2026 Clarington Council

Your Elected Representatives

Mayor



Adrian Foster
Mayor

Regional Councillors



Granville Anderson
Regional Councillor
Wards 1 and 2



Willie Woo
Regional Councillor
Wards 3 and 4



Sami Elhajjeh
Local Councillor
Ward 1



Lloyd Rang
Local Councillor
Ward 2



Corinna Traill
Local Councillor
Ward 3



Margaret Zwart
Local Councillor
Ward 4



www.clarington.net/Council
council@clarington.net



Clarington

Your Council, your community!

Clarington is led by a Mayor and six Councillors who work together to make decisions for our community. There are four wards, or areas, in Clarington, and each ward has its own Local Councillor. There are also two Regional Councillors who represent Wards 1 and 2 and Wards 3 and 4 at the local and regional levels.



Find your ward.
www.clarington.net/WardMap

Connect with Council

Your Councillors are here to represent you and bring your voice to Council. They want to hear what matters most to you and your family. For questions about municipal services or programs, it's best to contact Clarington staff directly—but if you have ideas or concerns about bigger community issues, your Councillors are always here to listen and help.

CONTACT US!

Municipal Administrative Centre (Town Hall)



40 Temperance Street,
Bowmanville (by appointment)



905-623-3379 ext. 2005



mayor@clarington.net
council@clarington.net



www.clarington.net/Council

Appear in front of Council to speak, present information or make a formal request by registering as a delegation.



www.clarington.net/Delegations



Stay up to date on Council decisions

Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and take place in Council Chambers at the Municipal Administrative Centre (Town Hall). You're welcome to attend meetings in person or watch them live on our website.

Check the Council Meeting Calendar for:

- ☒ Live-streamed meetings
- ☒ Upcoming meeting dates
- ☒ Agendas
- ☒ Minutes
- ☒ Staff Reports
- ☒ Recordings of past meetings

www.clarington.net/Calendar



Who does what:

Understanding your local government

Clarington is part of a two-tier government and is one of eight local municipalities that make up the Region of Durham. The Region of Durham forms the upper tier and handles services like transit, garbage collection, social services, and public health, while Clarington takes care of local services like parks, recreation, residential roads and municipal by-laws.

Municipality of Clarington



www.clarington.net

- ➔ Animal Services
- ➔ Building permits
- ➔ By-Law complaints and enforcement
- ➔ Economic Development
- ➔ Emergency and Fire Services
- ➔ Local road and sidewalk maintenance
- ➔ Marriage licences/ceremonies
- ➔ Municipal Elections
- ➔ Neighbourhood development
- ➔ Parking
- ➔ Parks and sports fields
- ➔ Property tax payments
- ➔ Recreation facilities, pools and arenas
- ➔ Recreation programs
- ➔ Streetlights and traffic signs

Region of Durham



www.durham.ca

- ➔ Affordable housing
- ➔ Child care and early learning
- ➔ Regional Council
- ➔ Durham Region Transit
- ➔ Emergency shelters and housing-focused shelter programs
- ➔ Employment support
- ➔ Financial assistance
- ➔ Garbage and yard waste collection
- ➔ Police and paramedic services
- ➔ Public health services
- ➔ Regional roads and traffic lights
- ➔ Water and sanitary sewers

Province of Ontario



www.ontario.ca

- ➔ Birth certificates
- ➔ Driver's licences and licence plates
- ➔ Health cards
- ➔ Highway maintenance
- ➔ Marriage certificates
- ➔ Ontario Disability Support Program
- ➔ Public schools

Government of Canada



www.canada.ca

- ➔ Canada Pension Plan
- ➔ Citizenship
- ➔ Employment Insurance
- ➔ Income Tax
- ➔ International Relations
- ➔ Old Age Security Pension
- ➔ Passports
- ➔ Postal Service

New to Clarington? Start here!

Use this quick checklist to help you get settled!

Find even more resources for new residents at www.clarington.net/NewResident.



- ☐ Find your new favourite park, splash pad or sports field.



- ☐ Sign up for a BeActive account.



- ☐ Register for pre-authorized property tax payments and e-billing.



- ☐ Explore our historic downtowns.



- ☐ Get your library card.



- ☐ Check your smoke alarms and plan your home fire escape route.



- ☐ Buy an on-street parking permit.



- ☐ Sign up for Clarington news and notices.



- ☐ Purchase your pet licence.



- ☐ Start a new business.



- ☐ Find out your garbage and recycling day.



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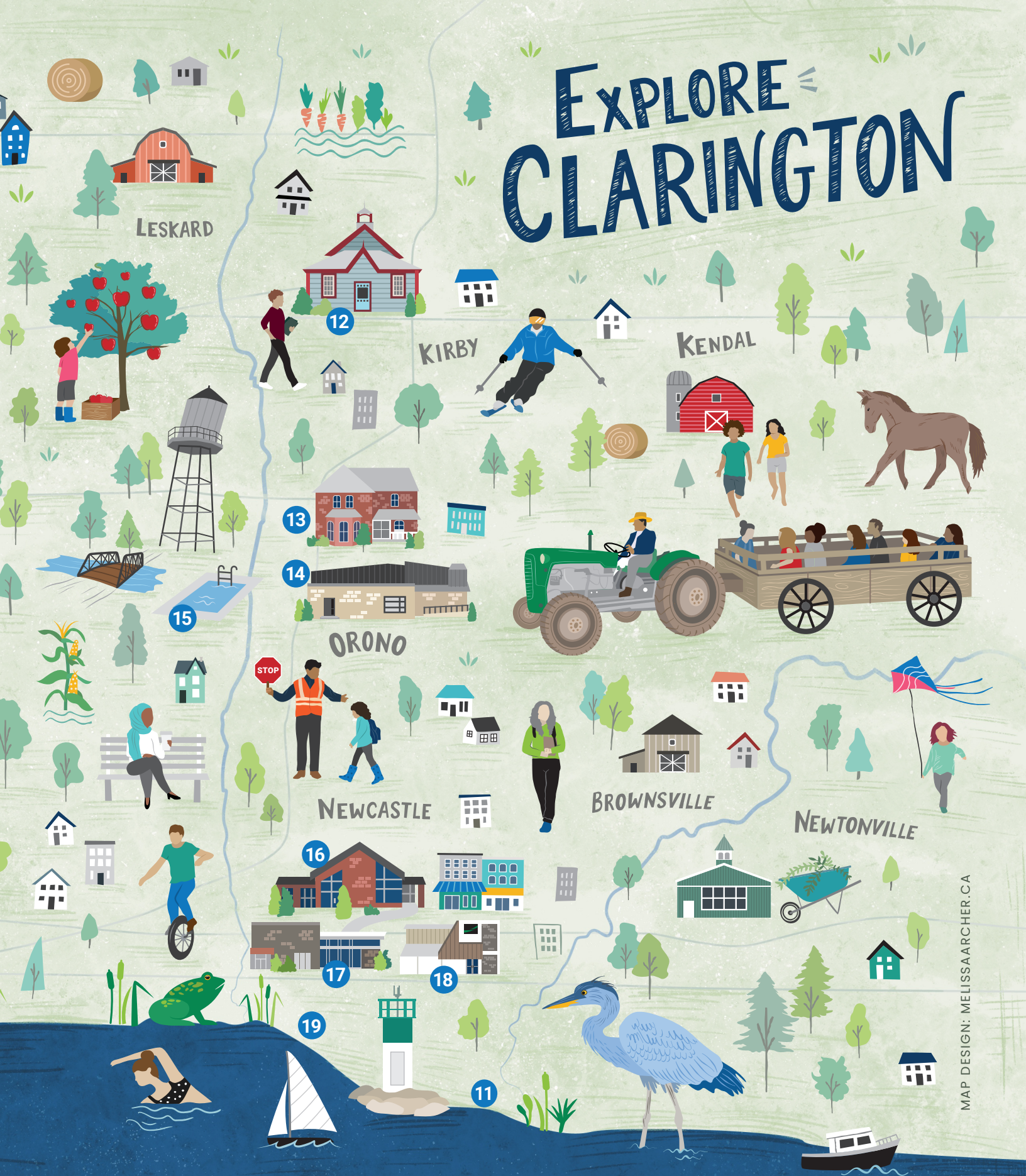
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scan the QR code or visit
www.clarington.net/Checklist.



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Recreation happens here!

Clarington is packed with things to do and places to explore! Discover local recreation amenities—swimming pools, ice pads, fitness space, gymnasiums, squash courts, and more.



Alan Strike Aquatic and Squash Centre
49 Liberty Street North,
Bowmanville



Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex
2440 Highway 2,
Bowmanville



Courtice Community Complex
2950 Courtice Road North,
Courtice



Orono Park
61 Princess Street,
Orono



Darlington Sports Centre
2276 Taunton Road,
Hampton



Diane Hamre Recreation Complex
1780 Rudell Road,
Newcastle



Opening in 2026!

NEW! South Bowmanville Recreation Centre
1 West Side Drive,
Bowmanville

Coming in Phase 2!



South Courtice Arena
1595 Prestonvale Road,
Courtice



Legend



Baseball
Diamond



Playground



Fitness
Centre



Pool



Gymnasium



Rink



Indoor
Field



Skateboard
Park



Outdoor
Field



Squash



Tennis/
Pickleball



Outdoor
Fitness
Area

Clarington is also home to two community arenas—Orono Arena and Newcastle Arena—and several community halls available for bookings. Please contact these locations directly for availability and rental information.



www.clarington.net/Facilities



Active, inclusive and fun recreation

Clarington has recreation programs for every stage of life and every level of ability—whether you're diving into your first swimming lesson, dropping in for a quick game of pickleball, or finding new ways to stay active and connected at any age. Register today at www.clarington.net/BeActive.



55+ Active Adults

Clarington's 55+ Active Adults programs are designed for older adults who want to stay active, social, and connected. From pickleball and euchre to workshops, luncheons, and special events, there's something for everyone.



www.clarington.net/ActiveAdults



Clarington Camps

We offer a wide variety of March Break, Summer, P.A. Day, and Winter Break Camp options for every child's interest, including arts, sports, science, and more. For kids aged 4 to 16.



www.clarington.net/Camps



Swimming Lessons

Whether you're just starting out or building confidence in the water, Clarington offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. Because it's never too late to learn, we offer adult swimming lessons, as well as adaptive and women-only programming to ensure everyone feels safe, supported, and welcome in the pool.



www.clarington.net/Swimming

Specialty Programming

We're committed to making recreation welcoming and accessible for everyone. Clarington offers specialty programs to ensure all residents feel comfortable and supported while staying active.



Enjoy flexible recreation with Clarington's drop-in activities. From fitness classes to sports and more, these programs let you participate when it fits your schedule. No commitment, just fun!



www.clarington.net/DropIn



Explore the outdoors!

We've got so many outdoor spaces for you to explore that we can't fit them all into this book! But don't take our word for it—check out our interactive online map to find the perfect park, splash pad, playground or trail for your family.



www.clarington.net/Parks

ORONO PARK



ELEPHANT HILL PARK



TOOLEY'S MILL PARK



Discover nature in your backyard

Experience the beauty of Clarington's waterfront, wetlands, and forests along more than 20 kilometres of scenic off-road trails—perfect for walking, cycling, and rolling.

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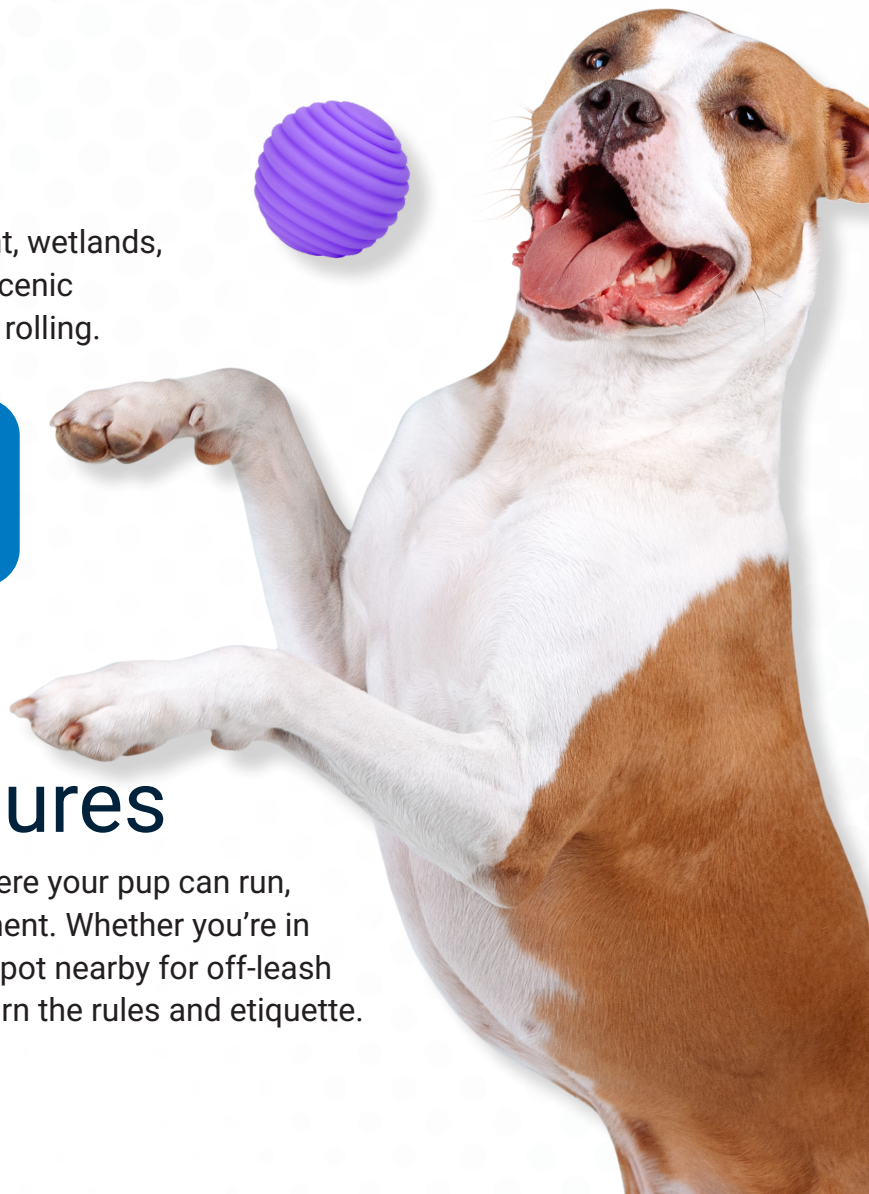
Find trails, cycling,
and waterfront
locations to explore.

Off-Leash Adventures

Clarington has several leash-free dog parks where your pup can run, play, and socialize in a safe, fenced-in environment. Whether you're in Courtice, Bowmanville or Newcastle, there's a spot nearby for off-leash fun! Find the nearest off-leash dog park and learn the rules and etiquette.



www.clarington.net/DogParks



Shop, dine and discover local gems

Clarington is packed with unique shops, delicious restaurants, and hidden gems just waiting to be explored. Supporting local businesses helps our community grow, and it's a great way to discover one-of-a-kind products, tasty meals, and unique experiences. Whether you're visiting a farmers' market, enjoying a meal on an outdoor patio, or shopping for something special, you'll find plenty of reasons to shop and dine locally in Clarington.



Village of
NEWCASTLE



www.villageofnewcastle.ca



Downtown
ORONO



www.visitorono.com



Historic Downtown
BOWMANVILLE



www.bowmanville.com

Discover what's in season at a local farmers' market

Clarington's farmers' markets are the perfect place to find fresh, local food and handmade goods. Meet the farmers, bakers, and makers behind your food while you connect with your community.

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Find farms and
markets near you!



**Durham
Tourism**

Looking for more to explore?

Find events, attractions, and hidden gems across the region, and get plenty of ideas for your next local adventure!



www.durhamtourism.ca

Connect, engage and stay informed!

There are so many ways for you to connect, engage and stay informed about what's happening in your neighbourhood.



Join an **advisory committee or board** to help shape decisions that impact your community.



www.clarington.net/Committees



Get notified of new **development proposals** in your neighbourhood.



www.clarington.net/GrowingClarington



Access a wealth of books, online services and family-friendly programs and events at **Clarington Library, Museums & Archives.**



www.cplma.ca



Find **volunteer opportunities** and make a difference in your community.



www.claringtonvolunteers.ca



Share your **feedback** on projects that matter to you.



www.claringtonconnected.ca

Clarington Connected

Watch for the newsletter in your mailbox four times a year.



What's happening in Clarington?

Clarington is home to vibrant community festivals and events all year long—check out what's happening each month on our events calendar and join the fun!



www.clarington.net/Events

Find it fast directory

We've gathered the most common services and contact details in one easy place, so you can get the information or support you need—fast.

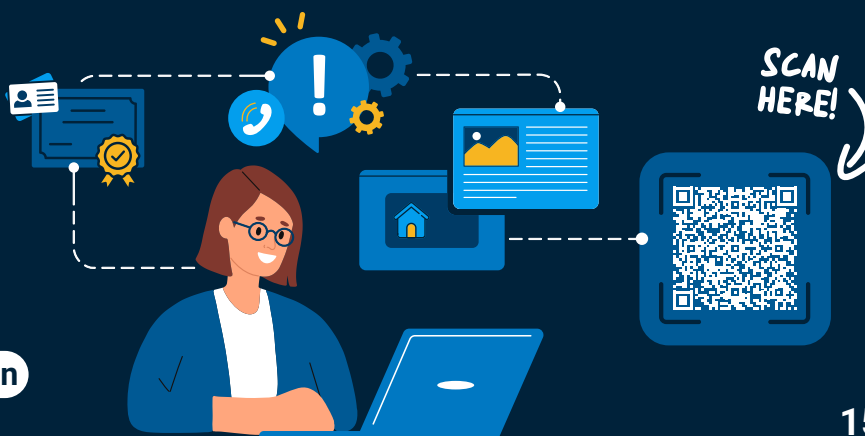
View the full service listing:
www.clarington.net/SiteMap



Accessibility	www.clarington.net/Accessibility
Animal Services	www.clarington.net/AnimalServices
By-Law Enforcement	www.clarington.net/ByLaw
Clarington Library, Museums & Archives	www.cplma.ca
Community Engagement	www.claringtonconnected.ca
Council Meeting Calendar	www.clarington.net/Calendar
Customer Service	www.clarington.net/CustomerService
Development Proposals	www.clarington.net/GrowingClarington
Economic Development	www.investclarington.ca
Emergency and Fire Services	www.clarington.net/EFS
Facility and Sports Field Rentals	www.clarington.net/Rentals
Financial Assistance	www.clarington.net/FinancialAssistance
Fitness Memberships	www.clarington.net/Memberships
Job Postings	www.clarington.net/Careers
Marriage Ceremonies and Licences	www.clarington.net/Marriages
News and Public Notices	www.clarington.net/Subscribe
Parking Tickets and Permits	www.clarington.net/Parking
Parks and Sports Fields	www.clarington.net/Parks
Permits	www.clarington.net/ServiceClarington
Property Tax	www.clarington.net/Taxes
Recreation Drop-In Program Calendar	www.clarington.net/DropIn
Recreation Program Registration	www.clarington.net/BeActive
Roads and Sidewalks	www.clarington.net/Roads
Service Clarington	www.clarington.net/ServiceClarington
Swimming Lessons	www.clarington.net/SwimmingLessons
Trails and Waterfront	www.clarington.net/Trails
Volunteering	www.claringtonvolunteers.ca

Access the services and programs that matter to you!

- ➔ Apply for permits and licences
- ➔ Report a problem
- ➔ File a by-law complaint
- ➔ Access public records



www.clarington.net/ServiceClarington



Clarington - where business **thrives**, neighbourhoods **flourish**, and the future is **bright**!

Thinking about starting or growing your business?

Get personalized support, local insights, and connections to help you thrive. Whether you're launching a new venture or expanding an existing one, the Invest Clarington team is here to guide you every step of the way.



www.investclarington.ca



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