

# 2025



## 2025 Year in Review

— GAME ON!

Don't miss our biggest  
community build yet!





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**“Good ideas  
turn into great things  
when we pull together  
in Clarington.”**



In 2025, we saw how good ideas turn into great things when we pull together in Clarington. We've been working with you, our residents, making sure your voices are heard and your ideas are put into motion.

Folks let us know what they wanted to see happen at the new rec centre in south Bowmanville, and we jumped right in. Right now, we're building the largest recreation centre Clarington's ever seen. The last time we opened a new rec centre was the Diane Hamre Recreation Complex, which we put up almost 20 years ago. This new rec centre is set to build on that legacy and make a real difference for our growing community.

With our community growing fast, we've significantly increased our public engagement this term. Your input has shaped our Strategic Plan, and Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, and it's shaping our Waterfront Strategy. These long-term plans are built on a solid foundation of public feedback, and those plans don't just sit on a shelf. That input and those plans helped us create Clarington's first multi-year budget so we can strategically invest in the infrastructure needed to make it all happen.

I'm proud to say, your Council's been working well together and creating new opportunities to bring folks together – at school civics sessions, the Mayor & Council BBQ, Fall Forums, or the Bowmanville Strong event after the heartbreaking fire downtown. Even when things get tough, Clarington's kindness shines through. Just look at how an ICONIC group of neighbours pitched in to build a grassroots support network for people experiencing homelessness. Here in Clarington, folks step up to take care of each other when it counts.

As your Mayor, I believe every time we gather with you, our neighbours, and listen to your ideas, it strengthens the bonds in our community. I know your Council is all in, working to support the well-being of everyone who calls Clarington home, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Adrian Foster**  
Mayor



**“#TeamClarington shows heart, hard work, and unwavering service.”**

I'm proud to share the 2025 Year in Review, a reflection of our community life and the progress we're making on the 2024-27 Strategic Plan. We're supported by a Council whose progressive insight and investment in what's needed to deliver results has helped us serve this community well and advance community priorities.

This year, we launched our first-ever People Strategy to guide how we attract, support, and develop those who serve this community. People make the difference in every corner of this organization. They're your neighbours who care about their neighbourhoods. Fun fact: Over 70 per cent of staff live in Clarington!

Our team's dedication shone during some of the year's most difficult moments. Staff supported the evacuation of Fosterbrooke Long-Term Care Home and helped seniors settle safely into our recreation centre. Crews worked around the clock during snowstorms and the major ice storm to restore safe conditions. And when the tragic fire hit our beloved historic downtown Bowmanville, our colleagues stepped in to help however they could. In every situation, **#TeamClarington** shows heart, hard work, and unwavering service.

Behind the scenes, staff are strengthening the systems and processes that support the services residents rely on, modernizing how we work and solving problems faster using data-driven insights. We've achieved more than \$2 million in operational efficiencies through our continuous improvement program, strengthening our culture of innovation and delivering better value for taxpayers. These efficiencies support Council's priority to keep taxes affordable while improving the everyday experiences of the people who choose Clarington.

I hope you enjoy looking back at what was accomplished in 2025 as much as I have.

Sincerely,

**Mary-Anne Dempster**  
Chief Administrative Officer

# 2024-27 Strategic Plan

With input from nearly 2,500 residents, Clarington's Strategic Plan is designed to be reflective of Council and the community's collective aspirations. We're now at the midpoint of implementing the plan, and 94 per cent of the 99 action items are in progress or complete, with nearly a third fully delivered. Many actions span multiple years and require phased implementation, partnerships, or approvals. We're keeping the momentum going to deliver on the priorities that matter most to you.

**94% of 99 action items**  
are in progress or complete



Learn more about our progress:  
[www.clarington.net/StrategicPlan](http://www.clarington.net/StrategicPlan)

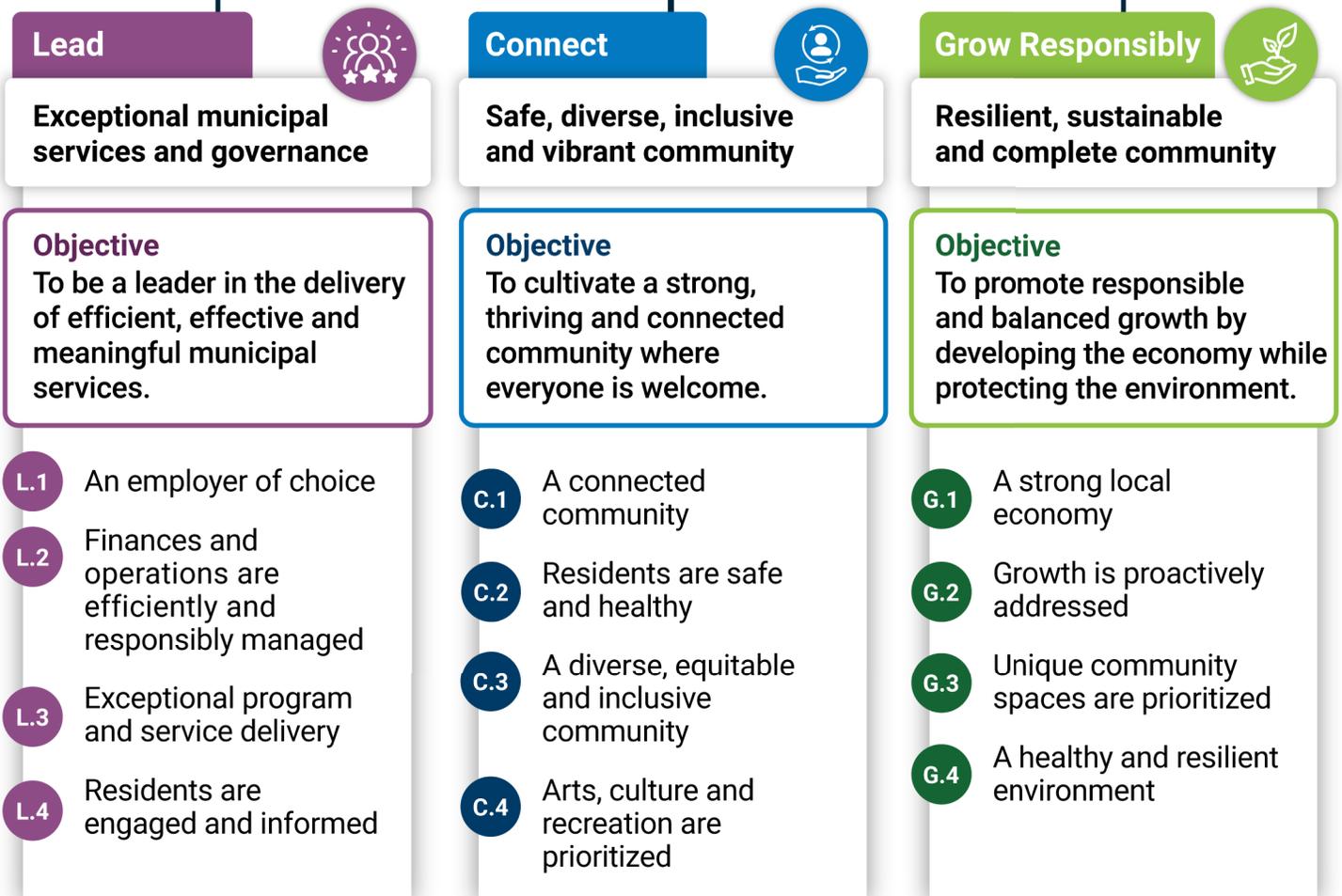
*\*2 of the original 101 action items have been postponed by Council*

## Vision

A connected, dynamic and welcoming community, focused on the future while respecting our past.

## Mission

To enhance the quality of life in our community.



## Lead

### L.1 Become an employer of choice



At **#TeamClarington**, we're motivated to make a difference.

### Creating a dream team

#### Our first People Strategy

A strong, healthy, and engaged workforce is the foundation of excellent municipal service. When we invest in our people, we invest in the quality of life for everyone in Clarington. Attracting and retaining top talent ensures that our growing community is supported by skilled, passionate professionals who care deeply about positively shaping Clarington's future.

That's why, in 2025, Clarington proudly launched our first-ever People Strategy: a comprehensive action plan developed by employees, for employees. This strategy focuses on creating a positive work experience and fostering a culture where people can thrive. By prioritizing the well-being and development of our workforce, we strengthen our ability to deliver responsive, innovative, and high-quality services to residents.

**?** **Did you know?**  
Over 70% of staff live in Clarington!



"The equal opportunities, balanced work-life culture, positive team environment and hybrid work options make the Municipality of Clarington an easy choice."

Nirali, on why **#TeamClarington**

## Supporting the next generation of talent

Students and co-op placements bring fresh ideas and energy to Clarington while gaining hands-on municipal experience. Their contributions strengthen our work, and our investment helps develop future leaders who may choose to build their careers right here in our community.

In 2025:

**95**  
paid student  
opportunities

**25**  
co-op  
opportunities



## Recognizing and celebrating **#TeamClarington**

Everything we do for our community is possible because of the people who work here.

Our Annual Recognition Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of team members who go above and beyond to support their neighbours. Thank you to **#TeamClarington** for the care and commitment you bring to work every day.

## Always ready when you need us

Recent renovations at Fire Station 1 in Bowmanville expanded it to a two-crew hall, ensuring we have the people in place to respond quickly, keep residents safe, and meet Clarington's growing needs.

**20 volunteers moved into full-time firefighter roles**

**19 new volunteer firefighters joined us – our biggest recruitment in recent years**



Discover a rewarding career with **#TeamClarington** at [www.clarington.net/Careers](http://www.clarington.net/Careers)

**L.2** Ensure that finances and operations are efficiently and responsibly managed

We're thinking differently to optimize and modernize processes to make every dollar go farther.

**Finding efficiencies with Continuous Improvement initiatives**

Providing excellent service is at the heart of everything we do. We continuously strive to push the boundaries of what's possible, always improving in the way we serve our community. With an innovative mindset, our teams have embraced our Continuous Improvement journey, identifying new operational efficiency opportunities.

These initiatives avoid costs through productivity gains and generate savings from optimized resource use. Some projects deliver immediate benefits while others offer long-term savings year after year.

**\$2M+** in operational efficiencies achieved\*

**300+** staff contributions

**109** initiatives completed — with many more in progress

\*since launch in late 2023

**Notable Initiatives**

**\$50K+**  
Internalization of Investment Strategy Work | Economic Development, Office of the CAO  
Cost avoidance

**\$198K+**  
Parking Meter Modernization  
Municipal Law Enforcement, Legislative Services  
Cost savings and cost avoidance

**\$49K+**  
Internalization of Phone Line Audit Work | Public Works  
Cost savings

**\$14K+**  
Software Fees Optimization  
Multiple Departments  
Cost savings

**\$72K+**  
Cleaning Product Optimization | Animal Services, Legislative Services  
Cost avoidance

**\$455K+**  
Hampton Scrapyard Improvements  
Public Works, Public Services  
Cost savings



**Better data to better meet expectations**

Behind the scenes, we are enhancing our data-driven insights to better understand what residents experience across the organization, allowing us to improve services in ways that make



## Unlocking external funding opportunities

Through our centralized Grant Administration Program, we're actively pursuing external funding opportunities to reduce reliance on the property tax base. This approach helps us deliver important municipal services that enhance quality of life for our residents.



### Notable 2025 Grants



**\$10M**

#### South Bowmanville Recreation Centre

Government of Ontario's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund



**\$62.6K**

#### Summer youth employment 2025

Canada Summer Jobs



**\$109K**

#### Soper Creek Park's backstop, dugout and surface grading upgrades

Field Of Dreams – Jays Care Foundation



**\$33.5K**

#### Accessible washroom improvements at recreation centres

Government of Ontario's Inclusive Community Grant Program



**\$107.8K**

#### New equipment to enhance firefighter safety

Government of Ontario's Fire Protection Grant and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada



**\$25K**

#### Cultural connections programming for older adults

Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program



**\$76K**

#### Animal Shelter improvements

Marilyn Neaves Charitable Foundation Trust



**\$13K**

#### Canada Day in Clarington event

Canadian Heritage Grant and OPG Power for Change-Regional Empowerment Grant



Total grant funding awarded: **\$10.7 million+** in 2025

## Delivering direct savings to residents with investment income

At the end of 2024, Clarington recorded a \$2.3 million surplus—driven by stronger-than-expected investment returns from reserve funds (like savings earmarked for future projects), not from overtaxing. This is being used to reduce planned tax increases in 2026 and 2027, helping offset infrastructure costs while maintaining service levels.

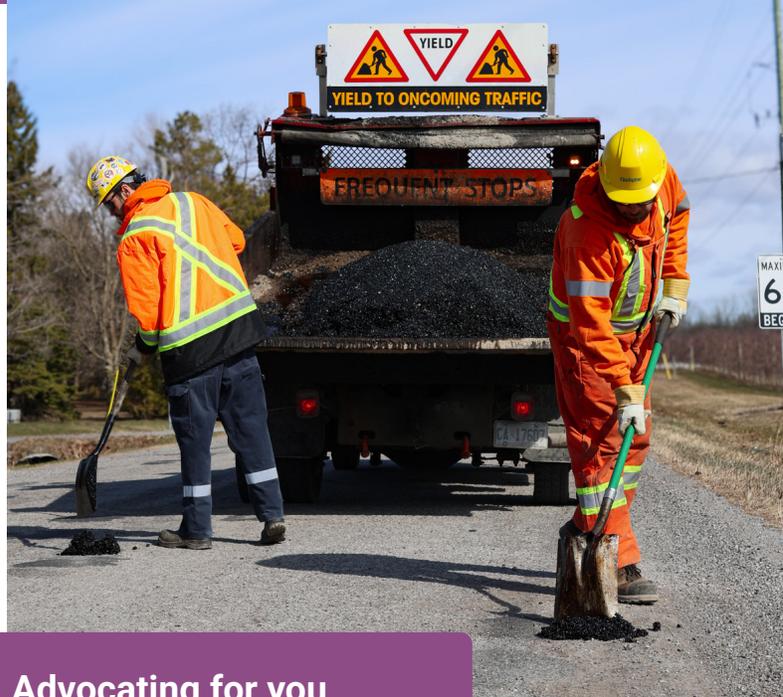
See how we're bringing real value to your neighbourhood in the 2026 Budget Update: [www.clarington.net/Budget](http://www.clarington.net/Budget)



## Maintaining what matters for years to come

Approved by Council in 2025, the Asset Management Plan outlines how Clarington maintains thousands of public assets—roads, parks, stormwater systems, and facilities—responsibly and sustainably. It introduces a 20-year financing strategy to close a \$10.4 million 10-year annual infrastructure gap, ensuring safe, reliable services and avoiding costly disruptions for residents.

[www.clarington.net/AMP](http://www.clarington.net/AMP)



## Advocating for you

Our teams continue to advocate for our community's needs with upper levels of government. This helps us move Clarington forward.



### L.3 Offer exceptional program and service delivery

Our community's well-being, safety and satisfaction with our services is of the utmost importance to us.

#### Residents love our recreation programming

From swimming and fitness to camps and one-of-a-kind community events, residents are getting active and connecting in new ways. We continue to think creatively to offer fresh, engaging experiences all year long. Highlights from last year include:



**20,000**

people celebrated together at our record-breaking **Canada Day Event.**

#### Swim Lessons and Leadership

**10,230**  
annual participants  
**2,454**  
summer lessons  
**497**  
in leadership programs



#### 3 sold-out classes 92 happy participants

and plenty of wagging tails at **Puppy Yoga** – all supporting our local animal shelter with over

**\$2,500 raised.**



#### More than 200+

residents enjoyed great food and a whole lot of summer spirit at the **Seniors' Month BBQ.**



#### Summer Camps

**2,258**

campers joined us in 2025, supported by **41 superstar summer staff.**



#### Over 3,400



splashes, swims, and sun-soaked visits to Orono Park Pool during the 2025 season.

#### Over 1,400



residents shared ideas in our survey to help shape future **programming at the South Bowmanville Rec Centre.**

#### Pre-register and play!

You can now pre-register online for select drop-in sports, giving you first pick and a hassle-free way to secure a spot. Benefits of modernizing this service include:

- Ability to book ahead for shinny, pickleball, and basketball
- See real-time availability before you go
- Convenient online booking from any device
- Faster check-in and a smoother experience on game day



Book your spot at [www.clarington.net/Drop-In](http://www.clarington.net/Drop-In)



Check out our seasonal programming at [www.clarington.net/BeActive](http://www.clarington.net/BeActive)



#### Inspiring new 55+ programs

We celebrated cultural heritage and brought the community together for dance, storytelling, cooking workshops and more, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

## Calling all goal-getters: Courtice Fitness Training Centre gets new equipment and enhanced accessibility

We've made thoughtful upgrades at the Courtice Fitness Training Centre (Courtice FTC) to create a space that's easier to move through, more comfortable to use, and better suited to a wide range of fitness goals. In 2025, we revised the floor plan, refreshed the entrance for a smoother start to every visit, and added new equipment — including a new StepMill, a Hack Squat, upgraded strength platforms, and functional-training tools that support different abilities and training styles. Small group training also continued to grow, offering a fun, low-pressure way to build skills and stay active with others.

## In 2025

**120+**  
personal training  
and nutritional  
assessments

**1,600+**  
total memberships

**2,000+**  
visits each week

**111,200+**  
total hourly visits

### Top 5 reasons to love Courtice FTC!

- 1 **Safe and welcoming** environment for everyone
- 2 **Supportive Certified Personal Trainers** on duty to help you
- 3 Meet your match with **commercial machines** and equipment suited to all interests and abilities
- 4 **Budget-friendly** payment options and discounts available
- 5 **Accessible** equipment



### From day one, our team is here to cheer you on!

Whatever your goals, Courtice FTC is built to support you every step of the way.

**📍 Located inside Courtice Community Complex** at 2950 Courtice Road, Courtice

**❓ Questions?**  
Contact our friendly team:  
905-623-3379 ext. 2524  
fitness@clarington.net

Speak to a customer service representative about our membership options!

[www.clarington.net/Fitness](http://www.clarington.net/Fitness)



## GPS-powered: Track snowplows in real-time

Last winter, we launched a new **Snowplow Tracking Map**, giving residents real-time information on where our winter maintenance vehicles have been in the last 24 hours and making it easier than ever to see how streets are being cleared across the community.



[www.clarington.net/Snow](http://www.clarington.net/Snow)



## Clarington is responsible for clearing snow on:

**2,030+**

lane kilometres of roads – that’s about as far as here to Halifax!

**295**

windrows as part of our Snow Clearing Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

**120 km**

of sidewalks, paths and trails

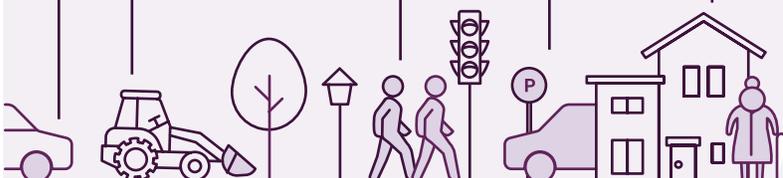


**45**

parking lots

**51**

crossing guard and pedestrian crossovers



## Did you know?

Every year, Public Works hosts a “**Truck Rodeo**” to prep crews on how to work safely in the winter. Staff put their driving skills to the test, navigating a series of obstacles to gear up for winter snow clearing.



## This is what being a neighbour is all about

Last March, **#TeamClarington** rose to the challenge after a major ice storm left residents without power and created hazardous conditions across our community. The clean up didn’t stop there. Our Public Works team also supported the City of Peterborough after a State of Emergency was declared on April 4, 2025 due to storm damage and power outages. We’re incredibly proud of our crews for restoring safety to both our community and a neighbouring one in need.



“Your crew is amazing.

We appreciate them sticking it out in the cold rain and giving up their Saturday to assist us. Can’t thank you and your municipality enough for the help.”

**City of Peterborough’s Manager  
of Public Works Operations**

## Strengthening emergency response

The recently renovated Station 1 in Bowmanville now accommodates two full-time firefighting crews. It features modern bays, improved decontamination areas, and more training and office space, ensuring crews remain ready and well-equipped when needed most.

## NEW to Clarington's fleet!

### Two Supertankers

Carries a large supply of water to support firefighting, especially in areas without nearby hydrants

### One Rescue Truck

Carries specialized tools and equipment for medical calls, collisions, and technical rescues



## Did you know?



Clarington joined local partners for Ontario Power Generation's Exercise Unified Command 2025. The emergency preparedness drill focused on practising coordinated response, strengthening the skills and processes that keep our community safe.



## Planning to build something new? We've gone digital.

As part of Clarington's ongoing modernization efforts, eight Planning Act applications have been digitized and are now available for online submission through the Service Clarington portal. Submit forms, make payments (under \$10,000), and view submissions – all in one convenient place.

Applications now available online include Regional and Official Plan Amendments, Zoning By-law Amendments, Draft Plans of Subdivision or Condominium, Site Plans, Land Division (Consents) and Minor Variances.



[www.clarington.net/ServiceClarington](http://www.clarington.net/ServiceClarington)

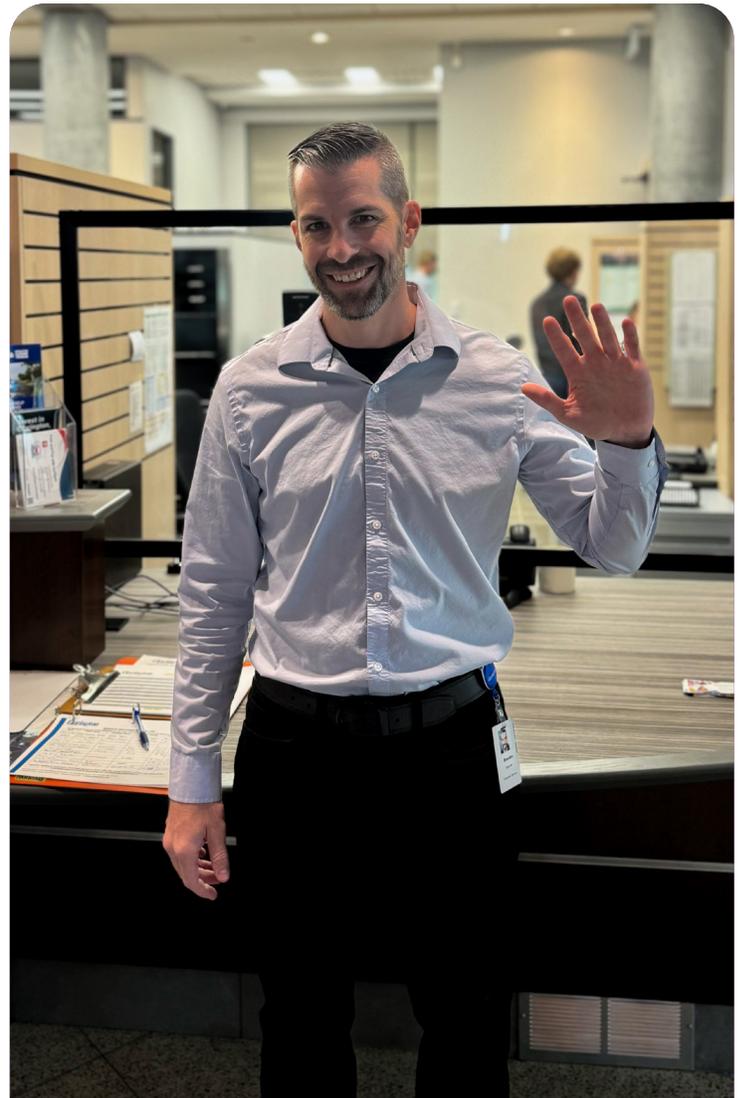
## 11,600+ Public Works service requests in 2025

### Top 5 Requests

<b>1,695</b>	Potholes
<b>703</b>	Snowplowing/Salting
<b>672</b>	Illegal Dumping
<b>638</b>	Sign Repairs
<b>619</b>	Pruning

## Simplify property taxes with these top 3 tips

- 1 Explore flexible payment options**  
Choose the method that fits your lifestyle best:
  - Pre-authorized payments
  - Online or telephone banking
  - At your bank
  - In-person with Interac or cheque
  - By mail
- 2 Go green with paperless billing**  
Fast, secure, and eco-friendly billing at your fingertips. Receive your property tax bill directly to your email as a convenient PDF. Sign up now at [www.clarington.net/eBilling](http://www.clarington.net/eBilling) using your 15-digit roll number and access code found on your property tax bill.
- 3 Take advantage of the easiest way to pay**  
Enjoy stress-free property tax payments with pre-authorized plans. Choose a payment schedule that suits you—monthly or by instalments.



[www.clarington.net/PAP](http://www.clarington.net/PAP) 

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**



## L.4 Keep residents engaged and informed

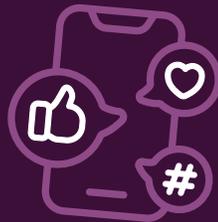
We love connecting with our community in new ways.

### Understanding how our community connects

Our 2025 Communications Pulse Check Survey received 471 responses – a 280% increase from our 2023 survey – giving us a clearer picture of how residents receive information and how well we’re keeping you informed. **Here’s what we learned:**

#### Digital First

Social media is now the top source for municipal news (58%). Offline tools like mailed newsletters and signage still play an important role.



#### Trust and Satisfaction

83% of respondents trust the information we share, and 70% are satisfied with our overall communications.

#### Feeling Heard

61% of residents feel the Municipality gives them a voice – nearly double the 2023 result.



#### Reaching More Voices



18% of respondents identified as part of an underrepresented group, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring everyone in Clarington feels seen and included.

### Explore hot topics in Clarington

A strong community is built on informed discussions, where accurate information empowers people and supports meaningful progress. That’s why we launched *What’s Up in Clarington?* to provide context on important local issues.



We’re committed to making complex topics easier to understand so you can engage with confidence: [www.clarington.net/WhatsUp](http://www.clarington.net/WhatsUp)

### Advancing community engagement, one project at a time

Clarington was honoured to win the 2025 Excellence in Innovation Award from Municipal Service Delivery Officials (MSDO) for our Clarington Connected engagement kiosks. Located in recreation facilities and at Town Hall, our easy-to-use touchscreen kiosks make public engagement more visible, accessible, and part of everyday life.

Since launching in late 2023, we’ve gathered feedback on:

**56** projects and proposed developments

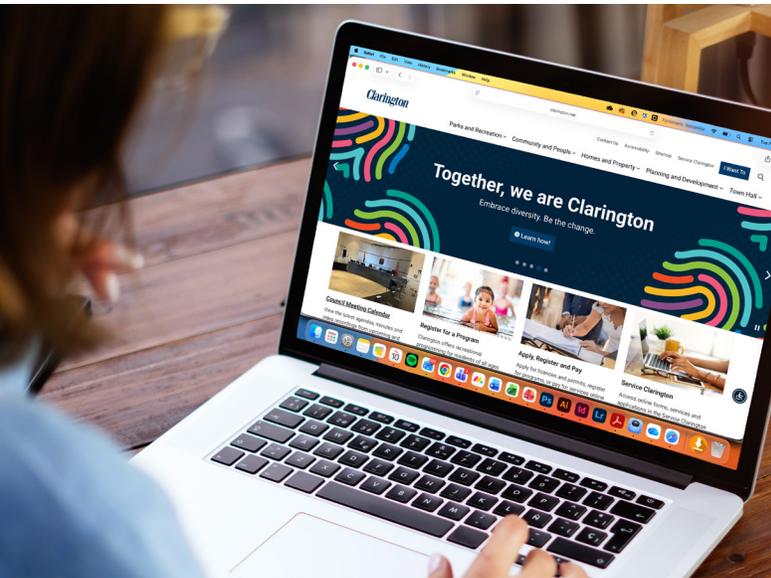
**60,000** engaged residents



Learn about local projects and have your say on what’s happening in your neighbourhood: [www.claringtonconnected.ca](http://www.claringtonconnected.ca)

## Award-winning design and communication

Clarington's commitment to clear, accessible, and inclusive communication was recognized internationally in 2025, with a Hermes Creative Award for our 2024 Year in Review, and Gold MarCom Awards for our *New Resident Welcome Guide*, *Together We Are Clarington* campaign, and the *2024 Year in Review*. These recognitions reflect the care and creativity behind how we share information with our community – helping residents understand, access, and connect with the programs, services, and stories that shape Clarington.



## Be first in the know

Residents turned to our website 1.7 million times last year, a **6.25% increase** in page views from 2024. Behind-the-scenes, we've been transitioning to a more modern system to support a smoother, more reliable experience so you can access timely, important information when you need it.

Our email list also grew **19%** from last year, reaching **7,300+ subscribers** who get the latest updates first.



Stay informed about what's happening in your neighbourhood:  
[www.clarington.net/Subscribe](http://www.clarington.net/Subscribe)

## We ❤️ our online community

Our online community keeps growing, and it's become one of the quickest ways for residents to stay connected to what's happening in Clarington. Social media lets us meet you where you already are, offering timely, accessible updates as you go about your day.

26%

growth in Clarington's online community in 2025, with 44.5K+ total followers.

### Across all platforms



Clarington     

@ClaringtonConnected

26% increase in followers in 2025



Clarington Emergency and Fire Services  

@ClaringtonEFS @Clarington\_Fire

19% increase in followers in 2025



Invest Clarington  

@InvestClarington

41% increase in followers in 2025

## New to Clarington?

Check out our *New Resident Welcome Guide* to learn about the municipal and regional services, parks, facilities, and other resources available to you as you settle into your new community.

[www.clarington.net/NewResident](http://www.clarington.net/NewResident)



### Mayor's Levee and Courtice Outdoor Rink Grand Opening A bright start to 2025

Clarington kicked off 2025 at the Courtice Community Complex with the grand opening of the community's first outdoor refrigerated rink, marked by an on-ice performance by the Orono Figure Skating Club, free family activities including skating, swimming, and crafts, plus opportunities to connect with the Mayor and Council.



Mayor's Levee



Watch Party

### Family Day Rec centre fun

Families made memories and got active with skating, swimming, fitness, and all-ages play across Clarington's recreation centres.



Family Day



Canada Day



### Darlington Sports Centre's Anniversary Celebrating 50 years

First opened in 1975, residents celebrated the facility's 50th anniversary with Family Day skating, games, and activities that honoured generations of sports memories and brought the community together for a milestone moment.

### Field of Dreams Watch Party: A home run for Clarington

At Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex, baseball fans came together for an afternoon of baseball-themed activities and a surprise live announcement that Clarington had been selected as a Jays Care Foundation Field Of Dreams grant recipient, with nearly \$110,000 in support of upgrades to the hardball diamond at Soper Creek Park.

### Canada Day Community spirit on full display

More than 20,000 residents came together at the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex for live music, a pop-up market, family activities, and celebratory fireworks that lit up the night.



### Middle Park Grand Opening A new space for play and connection

Residents in Bowmanville celebrated the opening of Middle Park with family-friendly games, freezies, and a scavenger hunt as they explored the new splash pad, playground, diamond, and walking paths.

### Newcastle Outdoor Rink Grand Opening A new winter tradition begins

Residents came together at the Diane Hamre Recreation Complex for the opening of Clarington’s second outdoor refrigerated rink, enjoying skating, performances by the Orono Figure Skating Club, festive activities, and a twinkling tree-lighting ceremony.



### Concerts at the Complex Your summer soundtrack

All summer long, residents gathered for free monthly concerts and a musical movie night, filling the Courtice Community Complex with breezy, feel-good energy.

### Rose Parkette Grand Opening Designed by community voices

Newtonville families marked the opening of Rose Parkette with activities and a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new playground – designed by you! – along with swings, pathways, open space and more.



### Courtice Tree Lighting Ceremony Starting the season sparkling

Residents came together at the Courtice Community Complex for the annual tree-lighting ceremony, festive activities, and a holiday market hosted by the Courtice Community Association.



“The Courtice Tree Lighting is a beautiful reminder of what makes our community special – coming together, celebrating Christmas and the holiday season, and creating moments that bring joy to families across Clarington. As we look ahead, I’m excited and looking forward to all the inspiring moments 2026 will bring.”

**Councillor Sami Elhajeh, Ward 1**



## Meeting you in your neighbourhood

Mayor and Council spent time in neighbourhoods, parks, and schools throughout the year, giving residents more opportunities to discuss local matters, ask questions, and share ideas. Community events made it easier for people to be involved in what's happening across Clarington and take part in conversations that affect their daily lives. Each effort supported the Strategic Plan's goal to increase opportunities for the Mayor and Council to connect with community members in both formal and informal ways.



Fall Forums



Mayor's Levee



Mayor and Council BBQ

# Connect

## C.1 Create a connected community



We believe that connecting people and places enhances our shared experiences and quality of life.

### Bowmanville Strong

When our historic downtown faced heartbreak, your kindness guided the way

The outpouring of community support in the wake of the March 6, 2025, fire in downtown Bowmanville was nothing short of extraordinary – bringing comfort to displaced residents, strength to grieving families, and vital relief to impacted businesses.

The tragic fire claimed one life, displaced more than 30 residents, and forced 10 businesses to close. In response, local fundraisers, donations, and acts of kindness poured in. The Clarington Board of Trade led a business relief effort, raising over \$85,000 from over 60 contributors to help affected businesses recover. The Salvation Army mobilized an overwhelming community response to support displaced residents, raising over \$70,000 in gift cards and essential goods, and providing personalized assistance to help evacuees begin rebuilding their lives.



**IN JULY** the community united at Waverley Place Museum to honour the kindness shown after the fire, bringing together community leaders, first responders, local businesses and residents in a shared moment of reflection as the Bowmanville Strong flag was raised.

**IN AUGUST** a Bowmanville Strong mural was unveiled at the fire site, featuring archival photos that honour the building's history and the community's support. The mural was built and designed in-house with financial support from Ontario Power Generation.





## Creating a more accessible downtown for all

Intersections in downtown Bowmanville were enhanced to improve accessibility so more residents can safely enjoy our historic downtown. This work is an important part of creating a community where people of all ages and abilities can move confidently through the places they love.

- Replaced concrete sidewalks and curbs to ensure smooth, accessible surfaces for walking, rolling and wheeling.
- Installed tactile walking surface indicators to make intersections safer and more accessible for people who are blind or have low vision.
- Installed accessible pedestrian signals with audible cues and pushbuttons to make crossing easier for all pedestrians.
- Traffic line painting and other associated restoration work to clearly define crossing areas and enhance overall safety at the intersections.

## A new multi-use path along Bowmanville Avenue is on the way

A \$232,560 contribution from the Government of Canada's Active Transportation Fund is supporting the construction of a 1.6-kilometre multi-use path along Bowmanville Avenue, from Baseline Road to Highway 2. The path will be built alongside the Region of Durham's Bowmanville Avenue widening project, which began in November 2025 and is scheduled for completion in December 2027.

The new three-metre-wide multi-use path along Bowmanville Avenue will improve connections between neighbourhoods, parks, and transit routes, giving residents more options for active and environmentally friendly travel.

## Clarington continues to take action to support improved cellular service

In 2025, Clarington took several steps to help improve local cell service across the municipality. Shared Tower Inc. completed construction of a new cell tower at Fire Station 1 in Bowmanville. One carrier is now operational, and as the owner of the tower, Shared Tower Inc. is responsible for negotiating with additional carriers.



Staff are also working with Shared Tower Inc. on possible telecommunications antennas and tower systems at four additional municipal properties: Middle Park in Bowmanville, Mearns Avenue in Bowmanville, South Courtice Arena in Courtice, and Fire Station 3 in Orono.

[www.clarington.net/CellTower](http://www.clarington.net/CellTower)



## A timeless gift for Clarington

The Rotary Club of Bowmanville commemorated its 100th anniversary with the donation of a vintage-style street clock outside Clarington's Town Hall, enhancing the area with a new placemaking feature in the historic downtown. Inspired by Victorian-era post clocks, it reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to the community.



"It's a beautiful symbol of Rotary's ongoing commitment to the beautification of our community and the support of its residents; one that will stand the test of time."

**Councillor Lloyd Rang,**  
Ward 2



## Grant recipients are doing incredible things for our community

The Community Funding Program provides up to \$5,000 to organizations whose work strengthens and inspires our community. Last year's recipients made valuable contributions across a range of initiatives, and their efforts highlight the lasting impact of local leadership and collaboration.

[www.clarington.net/Funding](http://www.clarington.net/Funding)



### Congratulations to the 2025 recipients:

AfriCarols

AL IKRAM  
Foundation

Alzheimer Society  
of Durham Region

Autism Home Base  
Durham Inc.

Bowmanville  
Allotment Gardens

Brunchkins

Clarington  
Martial Arts

Courtice Santa  
Claus Parade

Girls Inc. of Durham

Newcastle  
Community Garden

Rotary Club  
of Bowmanville

Scientists  
in Schools

St. John's Anglican  
Church

The Gathering Place

The Participation  
House

Unity in Diversity  
Canada



### Looking to volunteer locally?

Check out the portal for the latest opportunities in town: [www.claringtonvolunteers.ca](http://www.claringtonvolunteers.ca)



## C.2 Help residents be safe and healthy

We care deeply about supporting, protecting and safeguarding our community so everyone can lead happy, fulfilling lives.

### Bringing more family physicians to Clarington

Clarington is committed to ensuring residents have access to high-quality, local health-care services. As one of Ontario's fastest-growing communities, we recognize the urgent need to attract more family physicians to meet the needs of our population.

To help address this challenge, the Municipality launched the Physician Recruitment Incentive Program in 2025, designed to support new family doctors as they establish their practices in Clarington. Starting a medical practice comes with significant costs – and this program helps alleviate some of those financial pressures by offering matching funds over a flexible five-year period, making Clarington a more attractive place for physicians to live and work.

As a result of this program, Clarington is preparing to announce several new family physicians who have signed on to serve the community – more to come in 2026!

Meet Dr. Carlyn



### Our recreation centres: More than places to play



In January 2025, a burst sprinkler pipe at Fosterbrooke Long-Term Care in Newcastle caused major flooding. Around 2:30 a.m., Clarington Emergency and Fire Services attended the scene and quickly determined residents needed to be evacuated. Diane Hamre Recreation Complex was opened in the middle of the night and quickly transformed into a temporary evacuation centre, where #TeamClarington worked with compassion and care to set up the space and support Fosterbrooke staff and Regional partners as residents were safely transported and looked after.

**We want to thank everyone who worked tirelessly and collaboratively to protect the safety and well-being of Fosterbrooke residents.**



## Lives Lost, Voices Raised

During December’s intimate partner violence (IPV) awareness event, community members came together at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex to confront the rising impact of IPV in our community.



If you or someone you know needs help, support is available: call 3-1-1 or visit [www.durham.ca/DomesticViolence](http://www.durham.ca/DomesticViolence)



## Becoming “Care-ington”

Clarington has earned a reputation among the unsheltered community as a place that cares – even earning the nickname “Care-ington.” In December, that reputation rang true as more than 140 residents gathered to watch *US & THEM*, a documentary exploring the human side of homelessness, followed by a thoughtful community conversation and generous donations of socks and mittens.



For a full list of resources, visit: [www.clarington.net/HomelessnessSupport](http://www.clarington.net/HomelessnessSupport)



## Did you know?

The Region of Durham operates a Winter Warming Centre in the former Tourism Office at Liberty Street and Baseline Road in Bowmanville throughout the winter.



## High-quality, compassionate health care close to home

The Bowmanville Hospital redevelopment project is moving ahead, with the hospital set to nearly double its current size. In addition to its financial contribution, the Municipality will continue supporting the project to help improve health-care services in our growing community.

**\$7.5M**  
contributed



“So many people put their hearts and souls into making this hospice a reality for Clarington. Now, it offers comfort, care, and compassion to those who are facing their end-of-life, and their families.”

**Regional Councillor Willie Woo,**  
Wards 3 and 4



## Celebrating the opening of Marigold Hospice Care

Marigold Hospice Care officially opened on October 17, 2025, marking a major milestone for local health care by increasing access to residential end-of-life support close to home. The hospice reflects years of community dedication, generosity and partnership. Clarington helped enable this project by donating the land, offsetting fees, and providing \$1.25 million in financial support.

## Brave hearts deserve strong protection

Clarington Emergency and Fire Services (CEFS) received \$21,865 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada and \$41,132 from the Government of Ontario's Fire Protection Grant to add new gear-washing equipment that helps remove harmful substances from protective gear. These investments strengthen safety for the firefighters who show up for our community every day.



## Clarington's firefighters answered 877 calls for help last year

With an average of just **1 minute and 34 seconds** from alarm to wheels rolling, CEFS shows every day what dedication to community safety looks like.



[www.clarington.net/EFS](http://www.clarington.net/EFS)



## Safe neighbourhoods start with education

Next time you spot our firefighters at a community event, come say hi and chat with us about what you can do to keep your family safe.



### Beepa joins the team

Ontario's new fire-safety mascot, Beepa, arrived in Clarington in 2025. Designed to look like a smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarm, Beepa helps families learn about alarms, escape planning, and home safety in a fun, memorable way.



### New carbon monoxide (CO) alarm rules every homeowner should know

If your home has an attached garage, a fireplace, a gas stove, furnace, water heater, or any fuel-burning appliance (natural gas, propane, oil, or wood), new Ontario Fire Code rules apply to you. Effective January 1, 2026, CO alarms are required on every floor and outside every sleeping area.



### Your guide to safe outdoor fires on your property

In January 2025, Council updated the open-air Burning By-Law, including new requirements for property limits, distances and times. Notably, recreational open-air burning is now allowed on some residential properties with specific restrictions.



[www.clarington.net/OutdoorFireGuide](http://www.clarington.net/OutdoorFireGuide)

## New parking meters give historic downtown Bowmanville a modern touch

New parking meters are now in place in downtown Bowmanville, giving residents more ways to pay with cash, debit, credit, contactless tap or the HotSpot app. The upgrade replaced outdated coin-only meters, came in under budget, and is already saving nearly 800 staff hours a year. The result is a modern, easy-to-use system that helps everyone enjoy our vibrant downtown.



## Calmer streets ahead

Council approved Clarington’s Traffic Calming Policy in March 2025 to improve safety on municipal roads with speed limits of 60 km/h or lower. The policy outlines a consistent process for determining where traffic calming is needed, supporting safer neighbourhood streets while maintaining traffic flow.

**Help keep our community safe and always remember to slow down.**

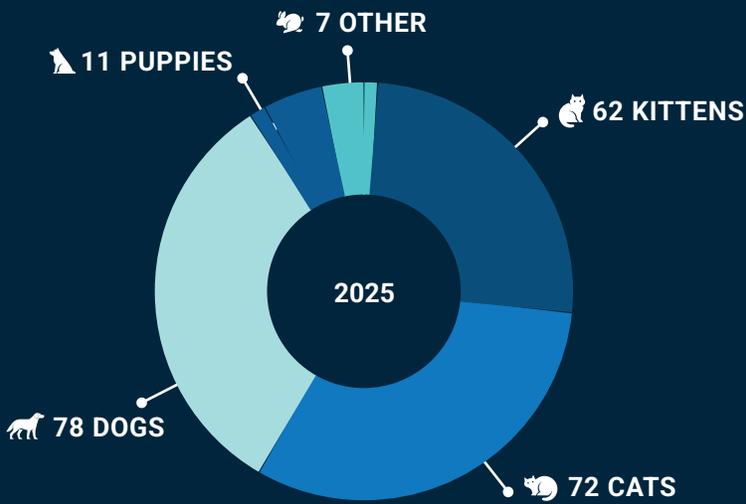
**SAFE STREETS START WITH MINDFUL DRIVING.**



### Animal Services' love and care makes a lasting difference

# 250+

Animals were helped in 2025



## 182

animals were adopted into their fur-ever homes

## 78

animals made their way back home

Clarington's Animal Shelter received

# \$20,619.50

in monetary donations from our community in 2025!

THANK YOU!



### Meet Shadow and Nova

Their story began in rural Clarington, where residents and farmers spotted the pair over several weeks, raiding chicken coops and doing whatever they could to survive. Frightened and quick to run, they stayed close to each other but kept their distance from people. That changed when Shadow finally approached a passerby on a rural road looking for help. Clarington's Municipal Law Enforcement Officers brought her safely to the Animal Shelter. Nova was still out there, but with the help of a kind resident and a local volunteer group, she was humanely trapped and brought in soon after.

Both dogs were given time, care, and a safe place to land after life on their own. Once Shadow settled in and gained some weight, staff discovered she was expecting puppies. She moved into a foster home, where she delivered a healthy litter, then returned to the shelter so her pups could be raised with the same gentle care as their mom. All nine dogs found loving families, with the puppies joining us for a community puppy-yoga event before heading to their new homes.

### Dogs get more room to run, plus more Shelter upgrades on the way

Completed last summer, the dog run was doubled in size and outfitted with shade canopies, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Marilyn Neaves Charitable Foundation Trust. An additional \$76,000 grant in 2025 will fund the more upgrades that will improve the care and experience in the shelter.

### C.3 Empower a diverse, equitable and inclusive community

At the heart of Clarington, we see a community where everyone feels welcome, authenticity is celebrated, and strength comes from our diversity.

#### Embrace diversity. Be the change.

Clarington is growing—and with that growth comes the chance to build a more inclusive and connected community. That work takes ongoing effort from all of us. Our **Together, We Are Clarington** campaign highlights the importance of diversity, belonging, and taking action against racism. It gives residents practical tools to recognize and respond to racism, hate, and discrimination.



Watch our powerful 90-second video and learn how you can help make Clarington a place where everyone belongs:

[www.clarington.net/BeTheChange](http://www.clarington.net/BeTheChange)

Together, we are  
**Clarington**



“Many shared how meaningful Together We Are Clarington was for them. Feeling seen, heard, and respected creates a community where everyone can enjoy the many wonderful things that Clarington has to offer, no matter who they are.”

**Regional Councillor  
Granville Anderson,**  
Wards 1 and 2

#### Youth are championing diversity and belonging locally

Clarington awarded the 2025 Diversity Leadership Bursary to Alina Gregory and Jacob Kniaz for their exceptional leadership in advancing diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, and accessibility. Alina has made it her priority to create safe spaces for women and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth through school events, care packages for Bethesda House, and community outreach. Jacob is passionate and committed to supporting diversity and creating inclusive communities that support and uplift others, shown through his leadership as Student Cabinet Prime Minister and his work with Durham Region Police Service’s Youth in Policing Initiative.



## Creating a more inclusive Clarington

Clarington continues to advance our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, delivering real improvements that make our programs, services, and spaces more welcoming and barrier-free for everyone.

### New adult change tables help remove barriers

Supported by a \$33,500 Inclusive Community Grant from the Government of Ontario, these stations offer a safe, dignified, and accessible space for assisted changing – ensuring that more residents and caregivers can participate fully in community life, comfortably and confidently.

 [www.clarington.net/Accessibility](http://www.clarington.net/Accessibility)



## A celebration of talent, culture, and unity

Black Vendor Village marks its second year as a growing community tradition

**BLACK  
VENDOR  
VILLAGE**

More than 700 residents gathered for Clarington's second annual Black Vendor Village, celebrating Black History Month

and the creativity and entrepreneurial strength of Black-owned businesses. With live entertainment, art, food and more than 50 vendors, the event brought people together in a spirit of culture and community pride. A community-made quilt honouring the International Decade for People of African Descent was unveiled, reflecting what diversity and belonging mean to the residents of Clarington.

## Honouring experiences and opening space for real conversations

When we learn about each other's histories and experiences, we build a community where people feel seen, respected, and safe.

### Red Dress Day

Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit people, and recognizing this ongoing national crisis that demands action



### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Reflecting on the truths of residential schools and committing to meaningful reconciliation in our community



### Pink Shirt Day

Standing against bullying and supporting safe, inclusive spaces where everyone feels they belong



### Pride

Celebrating Clarington's 2SLGBTQIA+ community and reaffirming our commitment to inclusion, respect, and safety for all



### Emancipation Day

Recognizing the abolition of slavery and acknowledging its lasting impacts while honouring the resilience of Black communities



## C.4 Ensure arts, culture and recreation are prioritized

We embrace the joy that comes from active living, connecting with our neighbours and cherishing our unique heritage.

### Get ready for a future filled with fun, fitness and hometown pride at our new rec centre!

Soon you'll experience the new recreation centre in south Bowmanville, our biggest community build yet, with the Aquatics Centre coming in 2027. We can't wait to welcome you to the *Home of Unstoppable Team Spirit*.

A **FIFA-sized multi-sport dome** with a three-lane indoor walking track — four times larger than the former Bowmanville Indoor Soccer facility

**Two FIBA-sized, fully accessible courts** — twice the size of the gym at Diane Hamre Recreation Complex

Durham Region's **first outdoor refrigerated skating trail** and one of the longest in Ontario — making it a landmark community feature

**Multi-purpose rooms** to support everything from strength training and Pilates to camps and children's programs

The existing **lacrosse bowl** will remain on-site

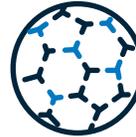
In 2027, a **new Aquatics Centre** will introduce Clarington's first warm-water therapeutic pool alongside a six-lane, 25-metre lap pool

**1,400+ residents helped shape programming**



Your input last fall is directly guiding program planning to ensure inclusive, accessible and engaging recreation opportunities for all ages.

### We're building our roster



Recruitment begins this spring and summer. Watch for opportunities to join **#TeamClarington** and help shape the future of play.

### Wanna lifeguard?



Aspiring lifeguards are encouraged to begin training and certification now to be ready for the new Aquatics Centre opening in 2027.

### Score! \$10 million grant from the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

Together we celebrated what this pivotal \$10-million investment means for the community with Mayor, Council, and staff, alongside Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport; Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham; John Henry, Regional Chair; Michael Frogley, former Paralympic athlete, coach, and mentor; and our construction partners.



[www.clarington.net/SouthBowmanvilleRec](http://www.clarington.net/SouthBowmanvilleRec)

## Annual round up: Park and playground glow-ups

We completed upgrades at eight parks and built two new ones, giving some love to the corners of our community that keep us active and make us smile with our neighbours.



### Brookhouse Parkette Newcastle

Larger play area with new structure and benches



### Soper Creek Park Bowmanville

Baseball diamond upgrades underway



### Stuart Park Courtice

New playground, swings, benches, and accessible pathways structure and benches



### Solina Park Solina

Upgraded court surfacing, fencing, and shared basketball area

### Harry Gay Park Courtice

New rubberized splash pad surface

### Longworth Park Bowmanville

Refreshed rubberized splash pad surface

### Lord Elgin Park Bowmanville

Expanded playground, accessible swing, and paved paths

### Rosswell Park Courtice

Updated playground, splash pad, and accessibility features



### Rose Parkette Newtonville NEW

New junior/senior playgrounds, swings, and shade structure



### Middle Park Bowmanville NEW

New playground, splash pad, diamond, and walkways



## Our outdoor refrigerated rinks bring seasonal cheer

Residents are loving all-day access to skating right in their neighbourhoods. In 2025, we celebrated the grand openings of the outdoor refrigerated rinks in Courtice and Newcastle, with Bowmanville’s trail set to open next.

### Cool Facts:

#### Outdoor refrigerated rinks

**70 floods a week**, with each rink resurfaced five times a day. Over the season, that adds up to about 464 km of fresh outdoor ice – far enough to skate past Sudbury!

#### Indoor ice pads

**75 floods a week**, with each resurfacing close to 1 km long. Over a year, that adds up to 14,475 km of fresh ice – more than skating coast-to-coast across Canada... twice!



## Preserving our charming history



Waverley Place, the heritage home-turned-museum in downtown Bowmanville, recently underwent a \$500,000 restoration, with more work planned for 2026.

The updates preserve its historic charm while making it more welcoming and accessible for today’s visitors. Clarington Library, Museums & Archives invites residents to explore this local treasure dating back to the 1800s.

**Lambert House**, the 1926 Nurses’ Residence on the Bowmanville Hospital grounds, is a meaningful part of our community’s early health-care history. As Lakeridge Health Bowmanville’s hospital redevelopment moves forward, the house will be moved to a new location on the same property, facing Prince Street, and will be formally designated under the Ontario Heritage Act following its relocation and restoration.



## New scoreboard brings big-league energy to Clarington Toyota Arena

Thanks to a generous donation by the former Clarington Toros Zone AAA, a new four-face LED jumbotron now lights up the Clarington Toyota Arena at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex, elevating the gameday experience for families, fans, and players chasing their NHL dreams.

## Clarington's first Veterans' Crosswalk

In October, we marked the official opening of the Veterans' Crosswalk at King Street and Temperance Street, just steps from Veterans' Square in Bowmanville. The new crosswalk serves as a lasting tribute to the men and women who have served – and continue to serve – our country, offering a visible reminder of the respect and gratitude our community holds for Canada's veterans. Following the ceremony, Clarington Council raised the Poppy Flag at Veterans' Square, marking the official launch of the Royal Canadian Legion's annual Poppy Campaign in support of veterans.



## Grow Responsibly

### G.1 Bolster a strong local economy

We're attracting new investments and supporting local innovation to build a prosperous and bright future for our community brimming with opportunities.

### Attracting the best to help drive our economy

In 2025, we created Clarington's Investment Attraction Strategy, which helps guide growth by targeting the industries that create jobs, diversify our economy, and support the services residents rely on. It's a focused plan to bring the right investment to the right places, backed by clear actions and strong partnerships.

[www.InvestClarington.ca](http://www.InvestClarington.ca)



**OPEN**  
in Clarington!

From trades to restaurants  
**21 new businesses** opened  
in Clarington in 2025,  
generating over **130 jobs**



**?**  
**Did you know?**

Average wages:

**\$71.3K**

Clarington

**\$67K**

Ontario

Source: Lightcast Analyst

## Netflix's Ginny & Georgia filmed in town



Season 4 of Netflix's Ginny & Georgia chose Newcastle as a filming location this past year, putting a small corner of Clarington onto a global platform. Productions like this bring real economic activity into the community and help strengthen Clarington's growing reputation as a place filmmakers want to work.



**\$1.3M**

in local economic impact from  
filming in Clarington in 2025

**ic** Invest  
Clarington

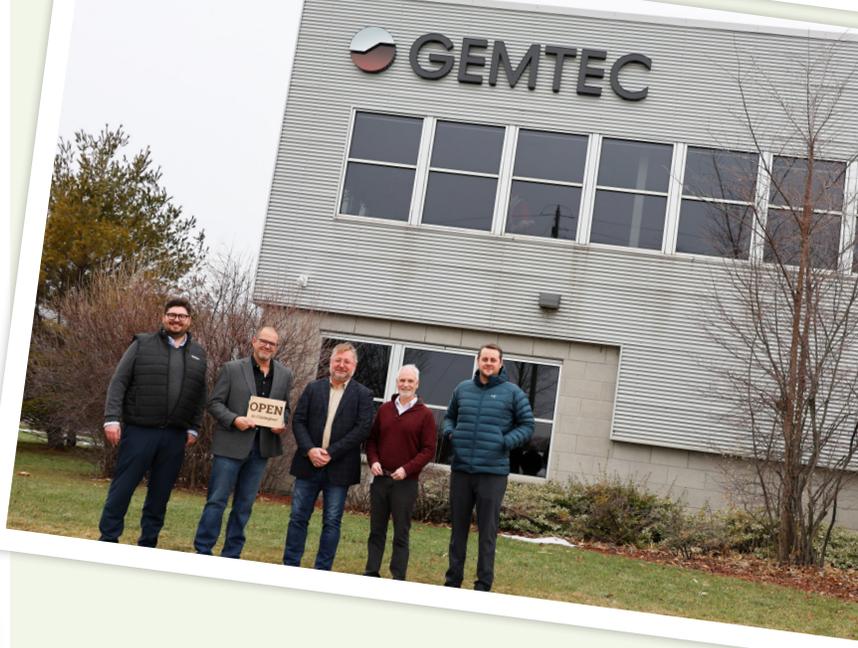
## Helping new businesses call Clarington home

Our Concierge Program provides hands-on guidance for significant non-residential developments, designed to attract investment that supports jobs, services, and Clarington's long-term growth.



I want to thank the Municipality of Clarington for the concierge program and the support provided throughout this process. We have received clear and timely responses, flexibility in submissions, and practical problem-solving. The monthly check-ins have been especially helpful, and your team's involvement from the early pre-consultation stage through to submission has made the process efficient and collaborative. This is a strong example of how municipalities can effectively support investment and development.

Katie Pandey, Associate  
Innovative Planning  
Solutions Consulting Inc.



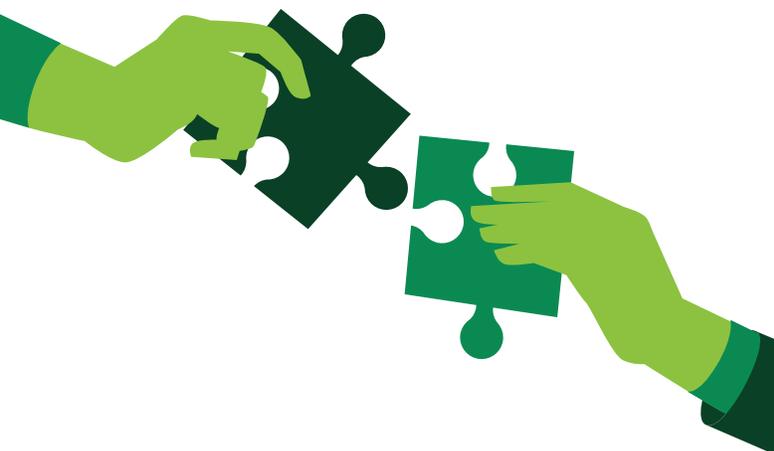
## Welcome, GEMTEC!

GEMTEC Consulting Engineers and Scientists Limited opened a new office in Clarington this past year, bringing **43 new jobs** with room to grow. As an employee-owned firm, they add to the range of technical employers now operating in the community.



As a specialist ground engineering and environmental services firm, relocating GEMTEC from Oshawa to Clarington was a strategic decision driven by our commitment to our team and our long-term growth. Clarington offers a noticeably improved cost of living and quality of life for our staff, which has already had a positive impact on morale, attraction, and retention. Being closer to major nuclear projects also opens up exciting new opportunities for collaboration and expansion in a sector that's vital to the province's future. What truly set Clarington apart, though, was their concierge program. The personalized support we received throughout the transition like navigating municipal processes was exceptional. It felt less like a move and more like a partnership. We're proud to now call Clarington home.

Chris Kellestine, Associate VP Operations – Ontario  
GEMTEC Consulting Engineers & Scientists Limited





## Our nuclear journey

**Clarington solidified its role as a leader in Canada's clean energy future.** Ontario Power Generation (OPG) received its licence to construct the nation's first grid-scale Small Modular Reactor in April 2025. Clarington has supported this project by coordinating with OPG, participating in regulatory reviews, and continuing to advocate as a proud nuclear host community.

**Clarington strengthened its influence on the world stage.** In December, Mayor Foster represented our community through the Global Partnership of Nuclear Communities, giving Clarington a direct voice in shaping international standards, sharing best practices, and advocating for the needs of nuclear host communities. This work helps protect local interests, attract investment, and keep Clarington at the forefront of the clean energy transition.



Small Modular Reactor



**“From medical isotopes to Small Modular Reactors to a fusion research centre, the local nuclear scene is changing fast, and we’re right in the middle of it all. We’re proud to play a key role in this exciting journey.”**

**Adrian Foster,**  
Mayor



## Over 25 years of strengthening Clarington's business community

Since 1998, the Clarington Board of Trade (CBOT) has played a role in fostering a strong business environment and connected community through advocacy, programming, and collaboration. CBOT serves as the Municipality's partner in economic development, focusing efforts on business retention.

[www.cbote.ca](http://www.cbote.ca)



### Engaging with the nuclear sector

In April, the *Durham Nuclear Host Communities Reception* in Ottawa brought together **75 members of the nuclear industry and partners** to discuss growth, workforce needs, and community integration.

### More pathways for students and young workers

In May, *Tapping into Talent: Bridging Co-op Programs & Workforce Gaps* gathered **51 attendees and four key education partners** — Ontario Tech University, Trent University Durham GTA, Durham College, and Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to improve access to student talent and create co-op partnerships.

### Supporting capacity for growth

In September, the *Funding Forum* welcomed **69 businesses** for practical guidance on identifying funding needs, understanding eligibility, writing strong applications, and securing financial support — strengthening local business capacity to grow and hire.

### Local job fairs open doors

In March and October, two major job fairs connected over **1,000 job seekers** with about **30 actively hiring employers** at each event, offering part-time and full-time opportunities.

### Building business connections

In December, the *Municipality-Business Connect & Exchange* brought together **30+ local businesses** with municipal purchasing and procurement staff, building connections and paving the way for future opportunities.



Help us source local goods and services! Add your business to Clarington's Vendor Directory: [www.clarington.net/VendorDirectory](http://www.clarington.net/VendorDirectory)

## G.2 Ensure that growth is proactively addressed

Imagine what the future of Clarington looks like for your family and business – that’s what we’re planning, preparing, and advocating for.

### Secondary Plans: Ensuring complete, connected, future-ready neighbourhoods

A Secondary Plan outlines a detailed set of rules and guidelines for developing a specific area within Clarington. It helps determine things like where buildings can go, how tall they can be, what kinds of businesses can operate there, and what kind of roads or parks are needed. Secondary Plans are important because they help make sure the area develops in a way that meets the community’s needs and fits with the rest of the municipality.

### Courtice Transit-Oriented Community *Adopted in December 2025*

A bold, long-term vision for a mixed-use, transit-supportive community centred on the future Courtice GO Station.

 [www.clarington.net/CourticeTOC](http://www.clarington.net/CourticeTOC)



### Bowmanville East Urban Centre *Adopted in January 2025*

A renewed vision for Bowmanville’s core that celebrates heritage and culture while evolving to accommodate growth and change.

 [www.clarington.net/BowmanvilleEast](http://www.clarington.net/BowmanvilleEast)



### Courtice Waterfront (in draft) *Public Meeting held in May 2025*

A 101-hectare lakeshore area envisioned as a new waterfront community with a signature municipal-wide park, enhanced trails, and significantly improved public access to Lake Ontario.

 [www.clarington.net/CourticeWaterfront](http://www.clarington.net/CourticeWaterfront)



**Soper Springs – Bowmanville (in draft)**  
*Public Meeting held in May 2025*

A compact, connected and walkable community planned for north Bowmanville that protects the significant surrounding natural environment.



[www.clarington.net/SoperSprings](http://www.clarington.net/SoperSprings)



**Soper Hills – Bowmanville (in draft)**  
*Public Meeting held in June 2025*

A new community in east Bowmanville that proposes a variety of housing types, schools, trails, parks, and a neighbourhood centre with convenient access to shopping and services.



[www.clarington.net/SoperHills](http://www.clarington.net/SoperHills)



**Farewell Heights – Courtice (in draft)**  
*Public Information Centre hosted in January and June 2025*

A plan is underway for a 107-hectare area in north Courtice that will guide future growth by outlining land uses, transportation and infrastructure needs, natural heritage protection, phasing, and urban design for a complete, well-connected neighbourhood.



[www.clarington.net/FarewellHeights](http://www.clarington.net/FarewellHeights)



Stay up to date on proposed developments in your neighbourhood and be part of the conversation



See the map of active development proposals:  
[www.clarington.net/GrowingClarington](http://www.clarington.net/GrowingClarington)



Subscribe to the Growing Clarington Together newsletter:  
[www.clarington.net/Subscribe](http://www.clarington.net/Subscribe)



## Reimagining Clarington's Waterfront

We're developing a bold new vision for our 34 kilometres of waterfront along Lake Ontario. So much has been done to improve public access and increase land ownership along the lakefront since the first Waterfront Strategy launched in 1992. Building on that progress, we're now drafting a renewed vision for the next 30 years – one that seeks to:

- 1 Enhance public access to green spaces and the lakefront**
- 2 Preserve the natural environment to strengthen shoreline resilience and biodiversity**
- 3 Support thoughtful growth with high-quality parks and amenities**
- 4 Promote year-round recreation and tourism opportunities**
- 5 Celebrate the unique character of the waterfront communities located along our 34-km shoreline**



### Grounded in community feedback

Extensive public input on Clarington's waterfront was collected in 2022 and as part of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan (PRCMP) in 2023. This collective data and community input helped define the draft Vision and Guiding Principles, which was shared for additional feedback in 2025. The draft Waterfront Strategy will be presented to the public for final comments in 2026.

## Waterfront Strategy Timeline



 [www.clarington.net/WaterfrontStrategy](http://www.clarington.net/WaterfrontStrategy)

## Clarington awarded \$2.8M through Building Faster Fund

The Ontario government awarded the Municipality of Clarington **\$2,877,680** through the second round of the Building Faster Fund, which provides funding to municipalities that achieve at least 80 per cent of their provincially designated housing targets. Clarington achieved 83 per cent of its 2024 housing target, with 899 new homes breaking ground last year. The funds will be invested to facilitate the infrastructure needed to support new neighbourhoods, as Clarington continues to work with the province to advance its shared housing goals.



## Helping Clarington’s builders navigate the new code

As the new Ontario Building Code came into effect at the start of the year, Clarington’s Building Services team launched the Builders Information Series in 2025. The event brought together local builders and contractors to discuss recent Ontario and National Building Code amendments, share information on emerging building products and techniques, and provide an open forum for industry feedback. The Builders Information Series will continue in 2026.

## Clarington secures Affordable Housing Agreement; first of its kind in Durham

Clarington is committed to working with the Region of Durham and the local development community to boost affordable housing supply across the municipality. Following Council direction in 2025, staff secured an Affordable Housing Agreement – the first of its kind in Durham Region – with the owner of 1697 and 1701 Highway 2 in Courtice. The agreement outlines the exemption of development charges and parkland dedication for approximately 55 residential units that are required to remain affordable in accordance with the Development Charges Act over the next 25 years.

## Creating complete, well-serviced communities

New funding supports facilities, services, and infrastructure

Clarington Council has approved an updated Development Charges (DC) By-law and a new Community Benefits Charges (CBC) By-law, both of which came into effect on December 15, 2025. These by-laws set the fees collected when new residential and non-residential developments are built in Clarington, helping fund the infrastructure and amenities needed to support our growing community. These updates will contribute to major growth-related projects over the coming years, including:



**South Bowmanville Recreation Centre and its Aquatics Centre**



**New Clarington Operations Depot, Emergency and Fire Services Training Facility**



**Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan projects**



**Road improvements required to serve our growing community**

[www.clarington.net/DC-CBC](http://www.clarington.net/DC-CBC)



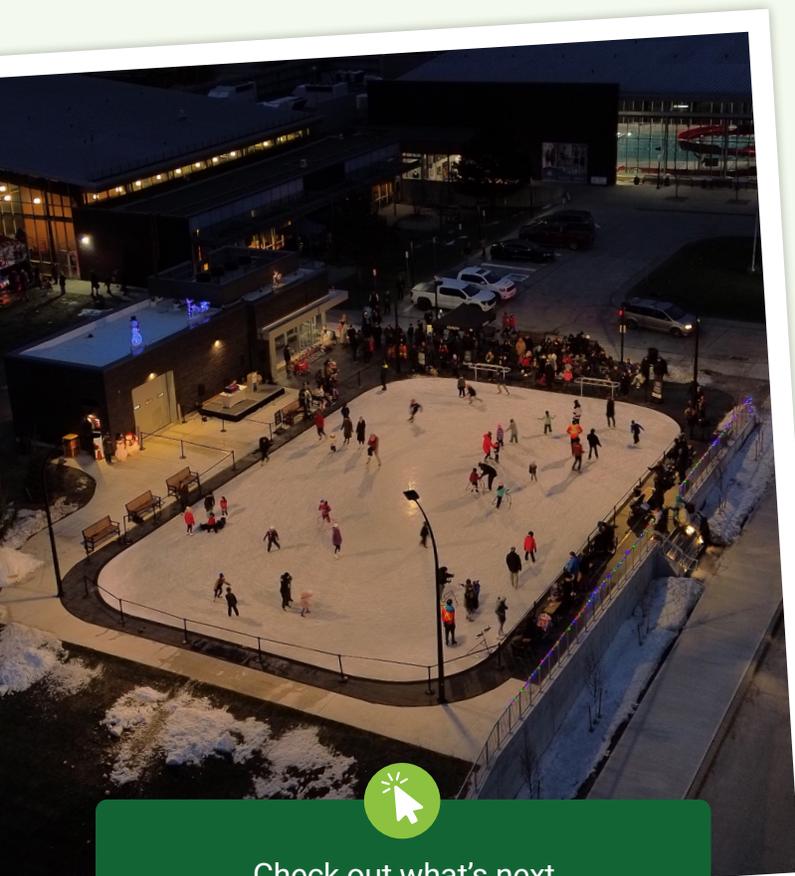
### G.3 Ensure unique community spaces are prioritized

The perspectives of our community members are integral to our decision-making processes.

#### Bringing the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan to life

Since the adoption of Clarington's Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan (PRCMP) in late 2024, significant progress has been made on many of its 113 recommendations. In 2025, Council endorsed an implementation plan and financing strategy to advance several short-term priorities between 2024 and 2028 – with many already underway!

Inspired by community input and Clarington's deep love for its parkland, the PRCMP serves as a roadmap to inform future Council decisions about Clarington's parkland, programs and services, and what's needed to grow with the community.



Check out what's next and read the full plan: [www.clarington.net/PRCMP](http://www.clarington.net/PRCMP)

Some highlights of our work to date:



Newcastle Community Park: Tennis/pickleball courts, tournament-grade baseball diamond, and skate park



Middle Park: Softball diamond, splash pad and playground



20 hectares acquired for a future Sports and Event Grounds in Bowmanville



Brookhill Parkette, Bruce Cameron Park, and Rose Parkette



Nine parks reconstructed, including enlarged play pods, new playground equipment, benches, waste receptacles and reconstructed park pathways



Courtice and Newcastle outdoor refrigerated skating rinks



Outdoor accessible fitness area, two lit tennis courts, and multi-skills court at South Courtice Arena



Baseball lighting replacement at Orono Park



Solina Park tennis courts rebuilt



Clarington Library, Museums & Archives Book Locker in Hampton

## Tranquility at your doorstep

### Trail design underway at former Bowmanville Zoo lands

Imagine stepping away from the hustle and bustle of urban life into the scenic, tranquil beauty of a 13.7-hectare (34-acre) municipal park – right in the heart of Clarington. Last year, Clarington took its first big step in transforming the former Bowmanville Zoo lands into a vibrant public space – one that immerses visitors in the natural beauty of Soper Creek and its surrounding environment.

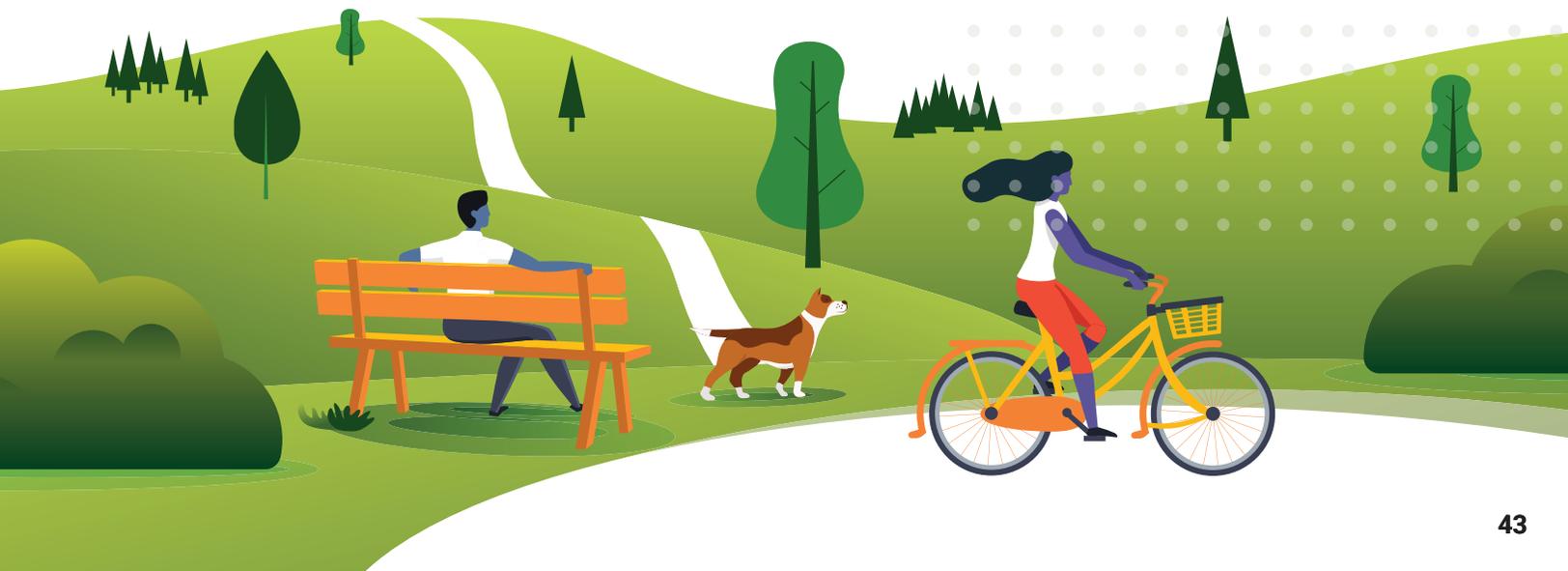
Phase 1 of the Bowmanville Park Master Plan kicked off in June 2025. This first phase focused on designing scenic trails that will connect people to nature and reflect the community's vision for the park. The trails will offer a tranquil, accessible experience for visitors of all ages and abilities, just minutes from downtown Bowmanville.

Trail development in 2026 will mark the beginning of a bold vision to create an imaginative municipal park that honours the legacy of Soper Creek and the former zoo lands.



Stay in the know:

[www.clarington.net/BowmanvillePark](http://www.clarington.net/BowmanvillePark)



## A new outdoor Sports and Event Grounds for community gatherings

Coming soon: more outdoor space for community life!

Just west of the new recreation centre in south Bowmanville, the Municipality has purchased 20 hectares of land at 801 Maple Grove Road. The property will become the site of a new outdoor Sports and Event Grounds, creating a central destination for active and passive recreation as well as large-scale outdoor community gatherings.

Residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the overall vision for this area as planning progresses over the coming months. Preliminary concepts being explored for the site include:

-  **Dedicated cricket field**
-  **Soccer fields**
-  **Municipally sanctioned toboggan hill**
-  **3.5-hectare outdoor gathering space for major community events**
-  **Covered stage for concerts and live performances**
-  **Connected trails, parking, and more**

[www.clarington.net/Projects](http://www.clarington.net/Projects)



## G.4 Promote a healthy and resilient environment

We're doing our part to protect our heritage and environment while mitigating the effects of climate change.

### Steps towards our net-zero goals

In our Corporate Climate Action Plan, we've set targets to help mitigate the effects of climate change. Based on 2018 baseline levels, we're aiming for:



**35% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030**



**Net-zero by 2050**

[www.clarington.net/ClimateChange](http://www.clarington.net/ClimateChange)



"I appreciate everyone's dedication to our climate change goals. I believe every step in the right direction adds up to something significant when we all contribute."

**Councillor Margaret Zwart,**  
Ward 4

## Clarington awarded Leadership and Sustainability Impact Award for CODEFS design

The Clarington Operations Depot, Emergency and Fire Services Training Facility (CODEFS) has earned the Leadership and Sustainability Impact Award from Durham Greener Buildings for its climate-resilient, sustainable design.



"Resident safety is a priority with our new state-of-the-art training facility and fire station."

**Councillor Corinna Traill,**  
Ward 3



[www.clarington.net/CODEFS](http://www.clarington.net/CODEFS)

## Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

To identify ways to reduce emissions from 25 municipally owned buildings, Clarington recently completed the GHG Reduction Pathway Feasibility Study, partly funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund. These facilities produce about 5,200 tonnes of GHGs each year, mostly from natural gas heating. Measures such as electrifying heating systems, adding rooftop solar panels, and improving energy efficiencies will help us progress toward our net-zero goals.

## A green way to say goodbye to old electronics

New e-waste collection bins are now available at the Bowmanville, Newcastle, and Courtice library branches, giving residents an easy way to recycle old cellphones, computer accessories, and audio/visual devices responsibly — brought to you by Clarington Library, Museums & Archives and the Municipality of Clarington.

## Trees for Rural Roads

With our Trees for Rural Roads program, we work with our community to distribute and plant trees and shrubs around Clarington's rural roads.

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**31** participants in 2025

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**363** native tree saplings planted in 2025

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**9,200** trees planted since 2012

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This program thrives thanks to the support of our partners: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, and Maple Leaves Forever.



### Benefits of the program include:

Provides increased tree canopy cover and wildlife habitat

Adds ecological value

Preserves Clarington's rural character

Contributes to local efforts to take action on climate change



Learn more about this program:  
[www.clarington.net/TreesForRuralRoads](http://www.clarington.net/TreesForRuralRoads)



## EV charging network gets supercharged

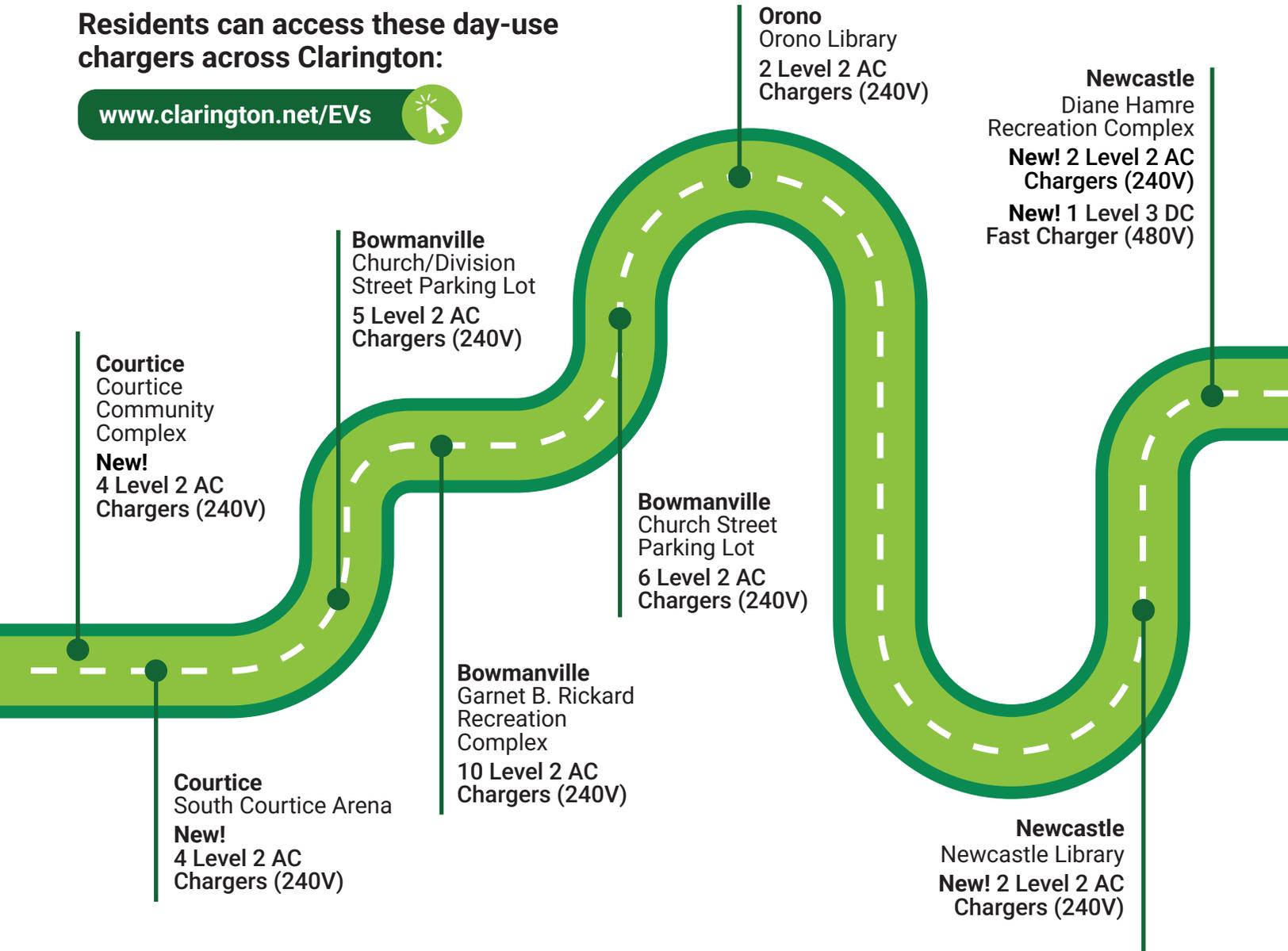
With more residents choosing electric vehicles (EVs), we've expanded our charging infrastructure to a total of 36 charging points across our community – including Clarington's first fast charger at the Diane Hamre Recreation Complex.

Thanks to Ontario's ChargeON Program, in 2025 we were awarded \$120,000 to support our growth. This is in addition to \$60,000 in grant funding announced in 2024 as part of NRCan's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program. As transportation is one of the largest contributors to pollution and climate change, we're proud to support the community in adopting EVs.



## Residents can access these day-use chargers across Clarington:

[www.clarington.net/EVs](http://www.clarington.net/EVs)



## Coastal Process Study underway to guide restoration of Graham Creek Jetties and Bond Head Beach

The Municipality of Clarington, in partnership with the Government of Canada and with technical support from the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, is conducting a Coastal Process Study along Lake Ontario to inform the restoration of the Graham Creek Jetties and Bond Head Beach. The study is partially funded through the Government of Canada's Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative, which is providing \$100,000 over two years. Launched in summer 2025, the study is now in the design phase. The proposed design will incorporate nature-based solutions to improve the functionality and resilience of the jetties and beach.



### What are Jetties?

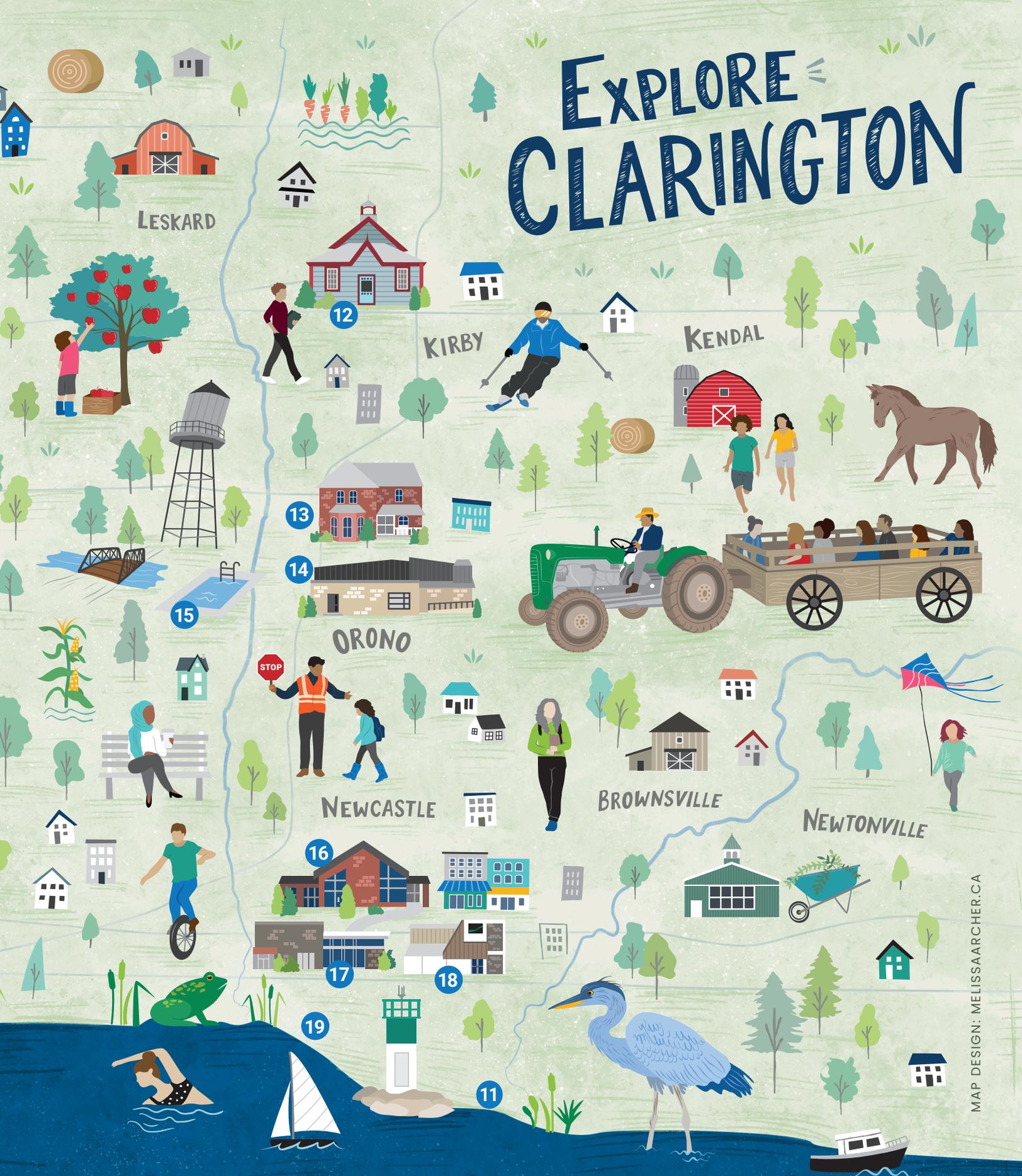
Jetties are structures made of wood, stone, or concrete, built along coastlines or riverbanks to help with maritime navigation and protect the shore. To better understand how natural forces — like waves, currents, and sediment — affect the coastline and jetties, a Coastal Process Study is often needed. The study will help guide restoration efforts to improve the functionality of the Graham Creek Jetties and Bond Head Beach, making them more resilient to environmental changes, particularly those posed by climate change.

This study will build on previous studies under the Lake Ontario Canadian Nearshore Assessment (2019) and advance the recommendations outlined in the Lake Ontario Shoreline Management Plan (2020).

**Initiatives like these support Clarington's 2024-27 Strategic Plan to protect the environment while enhancing Clarington's waterfront.**



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