



October 29, 2025

The Honourable Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack:

**RE: Durham Region's response to the province's proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline, ERO Posting #025-0844 (2025-CG-10), Our File: L14**

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**The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham**

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on October 29, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Community Growth & Economic Development Committee:

- A) That the letter dated October 8, 2025 (Attachment #1 of Report #2025-CG-10) from the Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be endorsed as Durham Region's comments on the proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline;
- B) That the following recommendations form the Region's comments to the province on the proposed Projection Methodology, namely that:
  - i) Future updates to the Ministry of Finance population projections should consider constraints and opportunities for population growth, and include household and employment forecasts, allocated to the area municipal level of geography;
  - ii) The Projection Methodology Guideline (PMG) should include direction for municipalities to align work on housing needs assessments with housing and homelessness plans like At Home in Durham;

- iii) The PMG should acknowledge and provide direction on the challenges faced by municipalities from privately-led applications for settlement area boundary expansions; and
- C) That a copy of Report #2025-CG-10 be forwarded to Durham local area municipalities, conservation authorities, and neighbouring municipalities for information.

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #2025-CG-10 for your information.

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