

Attachment 1

Report Overview

This report covers communications and marketing activities between January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021.

Q1 Successes

1. Communications published the 2020 annual report and Conservation Matters video that showcases our value and role in the region to our stakeholders.
2. Improved events calendar on the TRCA website to include all TRCA led events.

Q1 Social Activity

The social media activity in Q1 reflected the attention the Duffins Creek issue received in the media by Specifically in March 2021,

Key Metrics:

- Audiences grew across TRCA social channels by 31%
- Total Impressions of social content peaked at close to two million
- Social media accounts saw an increase of 24% in engagement as hundreds of messages were received about the Province's MZO of Duffins Creek wetlands
- TRCA Trended on Twitter during the Duffins Creek Hearing

Best Performing Social Media Posts:

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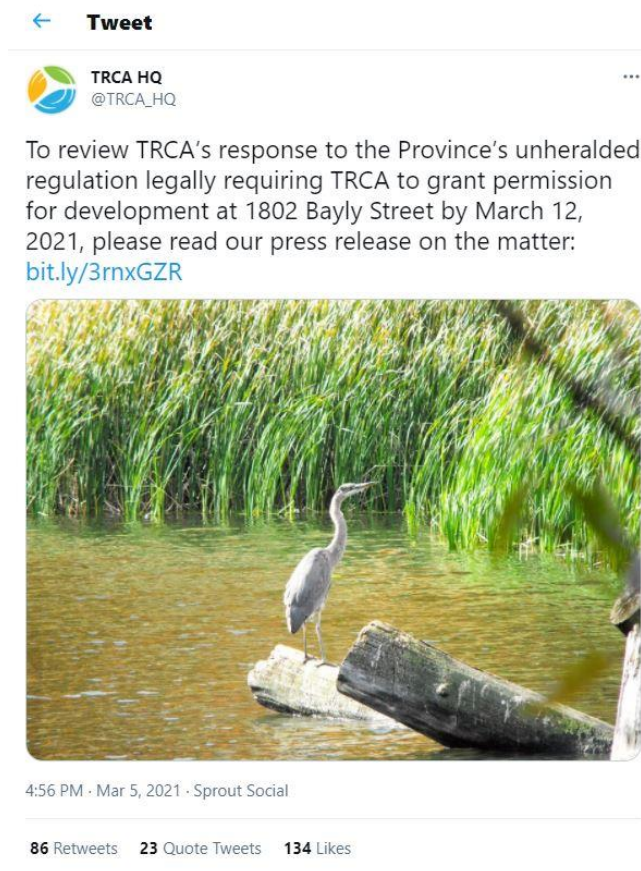
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To review TRCA's response to the Province's unheralded regulation legally requiring TRCA to grant permission for development at 1802 Bayly Street by March 12, 2021, please read our press release on the matter: <https://bit.ly/3rmxGZR>

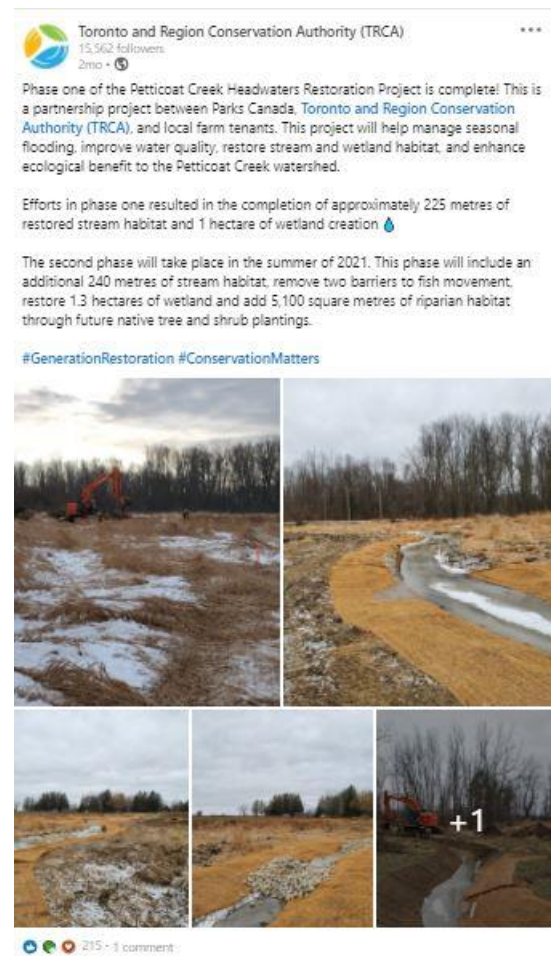
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Q1 Media Coverage:

In Q1, the majority of the traditional media stories focused on the Province's MZO of Duffins Creek wetlands. The Provincial government's Ontario Regulation 159/21, requiring TRCA to provide permission for a future development on the ecologically sensitive wetland and property was discussed in detail in major news outlets, including Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, CBC and others.

Other main media topics included:

- Filming at Tommy Thompson
- News regarding safety of waterways
- Hwy 413

Full Article: [Green leader, Clark spar on Minister's Zoning Orders at ROMA conference - constructconnect.com](https://constructconnect.com/green-leader-clark-spar-on-minister-s-zoning-orders-at-roma-conference/)

Green leader, Clark spar on Minister's Zoning Orders at ROMA conference

Don Wall January 28, 2021



SCREENSHOT — Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark addressed delegates attending the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference Jan. 26.

Ontario Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner delivered a blistering attack on the province's "reckless" development policies and stewardship of the environment during day two of the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference Jan. 26, especially targeting changes to the role of conservation authorities.

"Let there be no doubt that we will build back from COVID-19," said Schreiner, speaking an hour before Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark was to address the conference. "The question is how. The premier has shown that he wants to build back recklessly by dismantling environmental protections put in place over the last 75 years."

Full article: [‘Poster child for destruction’: The fight to save the Duffins Creek wetland from developers | TVO.org](#)

Environment

‘Poster child for destruction’: The fight to save the Duffins Creek wetland from developers

A billionaire and a business-friendly government have set their sights on a provincially significant wetland in Pickering. These advocates are trying to save it – and stop it from becoming a warehouse

By **Marsha McLeod** - Published on Feb 04, 2021



A protestor at a January rally against the planned development for the Duffins Creek wetland. (Devin Mathura)



PICKERING — Several months ago, Devin Mathura and Ally Zaheer learned that a large swath of wetland in their hometown of Pickering was set to be turned into a massive warehouse. Stuck in their respective bedrooms amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the university students started interviewing experts and local politicians about the proposed development.

“What is most at stake is the future of our green spaces,” says Zaheer. “I am extremely worried about the fact that they’re just going to get into this cycle of paving over things, and it’s going to be too late before they realize what’s done.”

The friends reached out to students at their former high school to share what they’d learned about the Duffins Creek wetland complex, which has long been designated provincially significant, indicating its special ecological value. They set up a Zoom session with other students and explained that the development had been approved through a Minister’s Zoning Order — a provincial edict that allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make decisions on land zoning while bypassing normal planning processes, such as the citizens’ rights to appeal. Then they coordinated a “phone zap.”

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Full article: [Ford government expanding MZO powers to dodge lawsuit and pave over wetland: internal document](#) | [National Observer](#)

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Ford government expanding MZO powers to dodge lawsuit and pave over wetland: internal document

By Emma McIntosh | News, Politics | March 4th 2021

#5 of 9 articles from the Special Report:

[Zoning out: Doug Ford's special land-use orders](#)



Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Steve Clark, pictured in 2018, is seeking to expand the government's ability to use a controversial land zoning power called an MZO. File photo by Alex Tétreault

Full Article: [TRCA has until March 12 to issue permit to build on Pickering wetlands \(durhamregion.com\)](https://durhamregion.com/trca-has-until-march-12-to-issue-permit-to-build-on-pickering-wetlands)



NEWS

TRCA has until March 12 to issue permit to build on Pickering wetlands

Critics are opposing a developers plan to build on Duffins Creek wetland complex

By **Kristen Calis**  Pickering News Advertiser
Friday, March 5, 2021



In an “unprecedented” move, the provincial government passed a special regulation that gives the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) a hard deadline to issue a permit for development on a wetland in Pickering.

The TRCA has until March 12 to issue a permit that critics say will destroy migratory bird habitat on the Duffins Creek wetland complex.

Full article: [‘Under duress,’ Toronto’s conservation authority fights back against push to level environmentally sensitive Pickering wetlands | The Star](#)

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‘Under duress,’ Toronto’s conservation authority fights back against push to level environmentally sensitive Pickering wetlands



By **Noor Javed** Staff Reporter
Fri., March 5, 2021 | 4 min. read

Article was updated Mar. 07, 2021



Toronto’s conservation authority is pushing back against the Doug Ford government, urging the public to get involved after the province ordered it to issue a permit allowing a developer to level and fill with soil a provincially significant wetland in Pickering.

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Full Article: [MPPs, conservation authority calling against development of Duffin's Creek wetlands | Durham Radio News](#)

MPPs, conservation authority calling against development of Duffin's Creek wetlands

March 7, 2021 | 2:12 pm



Queen's Park continues to come under fire from activists and conservation officials over their development plans for the Duffins Creek wetlands.

Part of the 'Durham Live' project is set to be built on the wetlands. While touted by [leaders in Pickering](#) as a way to attract thousands of jobs to the area, its impact on local ecosystems has been questioned by [Ajax council](#) and [environmental groups](#).

On Saturday, a protest in Pickering was attended by Oshawa MPP Jennifer French and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner. Both have spoken against the project.

Full Article: [Environmental groups apply for court order to prevent construction on Pickering wetlands | CBC News](#)

Environmental groups apply for court order to prevent construction on Pickering wetlands



Conservation authority says it provided construction permit under duress

CBC News - Posted: Mar 08, 2021 2:44 PM ET | Last Updated: March 8



A view of the section of Pickering wetland that would be the site of a distribution and production facility. (Google Maps)

14 comments 

Environmental groups opposing a development project on protected wetlands in Pickering have filed a court motion in an effort to prevent the start of construction.

The Ford government issued a regulation on March 4 requiring the Toronto Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA) to give permission to Pickering Developments Inc. to begin development of a distribution and production facility on wetlands surrounding Lower Duffins Creek by March 12.

Full Article: [Durham Live developer donated to PCs days before bill cleared the way for project on protected wetland | National Observer](#)

Durham Live developer donated to PCs days before bill cleared the way for project on protected wetland

By Emma McIntosh | News, Politics | March 8th 2021

#7 of 9 articles from the Special Report:

[Zoning out: Doug Ford's special land-use orders](#)



Protesters blockade the site of Durham Live, a development in Pickering, Ont., that received an MZO last year, on Jan. 9, 2021. Construction would involve paving over a protected wetland. Photo courtesy of John Oliver

The developers behind the controversial Durham Live project donated thousands to the Progressive Conservatives days before the government cleared the way for the project.

A warehouse connected to Durham Live, a casino complex proposed by developer Triple Group, is slated to be built on top of a protected cluster of marshes and swamps connected to the Duffins Creek watershed in Pickering, Ont. Though

Full article: [Doug Ford says he's 'proud' of controversial MZOs to fast-track development | The Star](#)

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Doug Ford says he's 'proud' of controversial MZOs to fast-track development



By **Robert Benzie** Queen's Park Bureau Chief
Tue., March 9, 2021 | 4 min. read

Article was updated Mar. 11, 2021



An unrepentant Premier [Doug Ford](#) insists MZOs are A-OK.

After his government rammed through another six ministerial zoning orders (MZO) to fast-track local development, Ford said he's "proud to announce that we have MZOs, because it's about the economy."

"Once we get through this (pandemic), people are going to be looking for jobs," the premier said Tuesday, stressing the fast-growing Greater Toronto Area's [housing crunch](#) also must be tackled.

"It's no longer just that young people can't afford housing, it's everyone. We want more houses out there, more condominiums, more townhouses to make

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What's really behind the Ford government's push to pave protected wetland in Pickering



Rival developers competing to host Canada's biggest retail warehouse, which sources say is for Amazon



Mike Crawley · CBC News · Posted: Mar 10, 2021 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 10



Roughly half of this property in Pickering, owned by Triple Group, is classed as a protected wetland. If approved for development, commercial real estate analysts say it would skyrocket in value, potentially to more than \$100 million. This view looks northwest from the corner of Bayly Street and Squires Beach Road. (Patrick Morrell/CBC)

768 comments 

Moves by Premier Doug Ford's government to grant special permission to pave over a protected wetland in Pickering have generated headlines, but behind the controversy, there's an untold story.

That story involves a battle between rival developers and rival municipalities to get the chance to build what would become the largest retail warehouse in Canada, a project worth hundreds of millions of dollars that multiple sources say is for Amazon.

Full Article: [Ford defends use of land development tool \(durhamregion.com\)](https://www.durhamregion.com/ford-defends-use-of-land-development-tool)

**NEWS**

Ford defends use of land development tool

The Canadian Press
Wednesday, March 10, 2021



TORONTO — Ontario Premier Doug Ford defended his government's use of a controversial land planning tool on Wednesday amid mounting concerns it was being used to green-light developments without proper environmental consultations.

The mechanism known as a ministerial zoning order gives the municipal affairs minister power to fast-track development in a given area.

Opposition parties have criticized the Progressive Conservative government for issuing dozens of the orders over the last year, and several in the last week, compared with infrequent use under previous governments.

Full Article: [Ontario premier defends use of development tool as concern mounts over fast-tracked projects \(iheartradio.ca\)](https://www.1010news.com/ontario-premier-defends-use-of-development-tool-as-concern-mounts-over-fast-tracked-projects)



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ONTARIO PREMIER DEFENDS USE OF DEVELOPMENT TOOL AS CONCERN MOUNTS OVER FAST-TRACKED PROJECTS



STAFF
The Canadian Press
Wednesday, March 10th 2021 - 4:07 pm



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Ford argued in the legislature Wednesday that his government is using the orders to help create more jobs and affordable housing after the pandemic.

"What should I do when we get through the recovery? Say no, let's go through the process that will take four years and everyone sit in the ... unemployment line," Ford said.

Full Article: [Ford government steamrolling opposition to Pickering wetland development, protesters say](#)
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Ford government steamrolling opposition to Pickering wetland development, protesters say



Province pushing plan through despite opposition from community, environmentalists



Sabrina Jonas · CBC News · Posted: Mar 11, 2021 11:05 PM ET | Last Updated: March 11



Pickering residents and environmentalists protested on Thursday against the controversial development on provincially protected Lower Duffins Creek wetland. (CBC)

27 comments 

Protesters voicing their opposition to a proposed development project that would destroy the Lower Duffins Creek wetland in Pickering gathered Thursday outside the offices of the company that owns the land.

The demonstrators denounced a ministerial zoning order (MZO) issued by the Ford government last fall that would allow the Triple Group of Companies to build Canada's largest distribution centre on the wetland, located south of Highway 401 near Pickering's border with Ajax.

Full Article: [Ford government's order to allow destruction of wetland poised to kick in Friday | CBC News](#)

Ford government's order to allow destruction of wetland poised to kick in Friday



Toronto Region Conservation Authority will issue permit to begin construction of warehouse 'under duress'



Mike Crawley · CBC News · Posted: Mar 12, 2021 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 12



The Triple Group of companies is proposing to build the largest retail warehouse in Canada on this Pickering property, roughly half of which is classed as a provincially significant wetland. This view looks toward the southeast, with Squires Beach Road and Bayly Street in the background forming the boundary of the site. (Patrick Morrell/CBC)

[232 comments](#) 

A developer is poised to get permission Friday to start destroying a protected wetland in Pickering in preparation for building a giant retail warehouse on the site.

The Ford government ordered the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to issue a permit by Friday to allow the Triple Group of Companies to move ahead with the proposed warehouse project on the Lower Duffins Creek wetland, just south of Highway 401.

March 12, 2021

Full article: [Ontario cabinet minister faces storm over use of planning powers - The Globe and Mail](#)

Ontario cabinet minister faces storm over use of planning powers

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Ontario Premier Doug Ford speaks to reporters with MPP Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in Toronto, on Sept. 10, 2018.

CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It might seem like a humdrum post that mostly involves stickhandling the various gripes of small-town mayors. But Ontario's current Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has become one of the most prominent figures in Premier Doug Ford's cabinet, partly through his use of previously obscure powers to approve development projects across the province while overriding planning and environmental rules.

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Full Article: ['We lost this once in a lifetime opportunity:' Amazon no longer interested in building warehouse in Pickering \(durhamregion.com\)](https://www.durhamregion.com/news/local-news/we-lost-this-once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity-amazon-no-longer-interested-in-building-warehouse-in-pickering)



NEWS

'We lost this once in a lifetime opportunity:' Amazon no longer interested in building warehouse in Pickering

The news of Amazon pulling out came on same day of hearing on permit to build on wetlands

By **Kristen Calis**  Pickering News Advertiser
Friday, March 12, 2021



Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan expressed his disappointment that Amazon is no longer considering building a warehouse in Pickering, and called for a pause on disrupting the wetlands.

Full Article: [Pickering mayor calls for pause on wetland development after Amazon deal falls through | Durham Radio News](#)

Pickering mayor calls for pause on wetland development after Amazon deal falls through

March 13, 2021 | 10:27 am



A Pickering wetland appears to be safe for now.

Following reports that delivery giant Amazon has decided against building its next warehouse on the controversial plot of land, Mayor Dave Ryan has indicated that any immediate development should be held off.

The land overlaps with a wetland deemed 'provincially significant' by Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Fishery.

This particular Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) takes up 18 hectares of the property, and is part of the Lower Duffins Creek wetland complex. According to the [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority](#) (TRCA), it is used by amphibians, small mammals and breeding birds. The authority also

Full article: [Amazon decides not to build controversial warehouse on protected Pickering wetlands \(blogto.com\)](https://blogto.com/amazon-decides-not-to-build-controversial-warehouse-on-protected-pickering-wetlands/)

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In a huge win for the environment, it appears that a massive warehouse that Amazon had planned to construct on protected wetlands near Toronto is not going to happen after all.

The development was one of many that Ontario Premier Doug Ford is quickly approving over the heads of municipalities and without usual due process through the use of [Ministerial Zoning Orders \(MZOs\)](#).

The highly controversial MZOs are used to fast-track new projects without the usual steps involved in such endeavours, like public consultation or even communicating with the municipality involved at all.



In this case, Ford had recently ordered the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to grant a building permit for the site despite the fact that the lands in question, near Highway 401 and Brock Road in Pickering, are in the protected [Greenbelt](#).

Full Article: [Property developer vows to protect Pickering wetland after Amazon cancels warehouse plans](#) | [CBC News](#)

Property developer vows to protect Pickering wetland after Amazon cancels warehouse plans



Pickering Developments Inc. announced 'voluntary promise' not to interfere with wetland

CBC News - Posted: Mar 14, 2021 5:19 PM ET | Last Updated: March 14



In a statement, Pickering Developments Inc. announced "through a legally enforceable undertaking, not to interfere with, alter or remove the provincially significant wetland on its Pickering property." (Mike Crawley/CBC)

[70 comments](#) 

The land owner and property developer that planned to put an Amazon warehouse on a provincially significant wetland in Pickering has announced a "voluntary promise" not to alter or remove the wetland.

In a statement provided to CBC Toronto on Sunday, Pickering Developments Inc. announced "through a legally enforceable undertaking, not to interfere with, alter or remove the provincially significant wetland on its Pickering property."

Full Article: [Significant wetland in Pickering saved from impending development \(durhamregion.com\)](https://durhamregion.com/significant-wetland-in-pickering-saved-from-impending-development)



NEWS

Significant wetland in Pickering saved from impending development

Developer agrees to not interfere with significant wetland on its property

By **Kristen Calis**  Pickering News Advertiser
Monday, March 15, 2021



Days after news that Amazon is no longer interested in building a warehouse on sensitive land in Pickering, the developer has pledged to leave the significant wetland alone.

On Sunday, March 14, Pickering Developments (Squires) Inc. announced “a voluntary promise, through a legally enforceable undertaking, not to interfere with, alter or remove the provincially significant wetland on its Pickering property.”

Full Article: [The rise and fall of the Duffins Creek MZO | TVO.org](https://www.tvo.org/story/2021-03-23/the-rise-and-fall-of-the-duffins-creek-mzo)

Environment

The rise and fall of the Duffins Creek MZO

Less than a year ago, Pickering city council voted to request the zoning edict. This week, it voted in favour of asking the government to rescind part of it. So what changed?

By [Marsha McLeod](#) - Published on Mar 23, 2021



Members of a March 6 protest against a proposed development on a parcel of Duffins Creek wetland, in Pickering. (Twitter/Environmental Action Now Ajax-Pickering)



In a battle between wetland and warehouse, the wetland has won.



On Monday evening, Pickering city council voted unanimously to request that the Ontario government rescind part of a zoning edict that would have allowed the building of a warehouse of up to 4 million square feet on a large parcel of Duffins Creek wetland. It was a significant about-face for a council that had unanimously voted to request the zoning edict, with expedited consideration, [less than a year ago](#).



The decision came after a month of mounting pressure from residents, opposition lawmakers, environmental organizations, and the nearby Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation — all of whom were critical of the current government's use of minister's zoning orders to bypass local zoning processes. In mid-March, Amazon, the company set to build and use the warehouse, signaled that the increasingly controversial site [was no longer under consideration](#).

TVO.org examines how the high-profile development, which was championed by the [Ontario government](#) and by Pickering city council as a major economic driver for Durham, fell apart over the last month.

Full article: [Richmond Hill plants nearly 10,000 trees in joint effort with community in 2020 \(yorkregion.com\)](https://www.yorkregion.com/news/2021/01/17/richmond-hill-plants-nearly-10000-trees-in-joint-effort-with-community-in-2020/)



COMMUNITY

Richmond Hill plants nearly 10,000 trees in joint effort with community in 2020

5 hectares of land in parks and natural area have been restored

By **Sheila Wang**  Richmond Hill Liberal
Sunday, January 17, 2021



Richmond Hill came out of a tumultuous year a greener city.

The city planted 8,800 trees and shrubs partnering with local schools, businesses and community groups in 2020 through its **community stewardship program**, according to a release on Jan. 12.

Full article: [Metrolinx renews agreement with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority | Mass Transit \(masstransitmag.com\)](https://www.masstransitmag.com/news/2021/03/22/metrolinx-renews-agreement-with-toronto-and-region-conservation-authority/)

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Metrolinx renews agreement with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The agreement will help with the needed expansion and updating of public transit projects.

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Mar 22nd, 2021



TRCA will help deliver crucial a third-party review to make sure the transit the region needs is built in a sustainable way.

[Metrolinx](#)

Metrolinx has renewed its agreement between the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to help manage the upcoming portfolio of construction work that includes subways, rapid transit, new stations and GO expansion.

With the amount of transit expansion infrastructure Metrolinx will be building over the coming years, tending to the natural environment is crucial to working across a vast landscape. The new and improved transit systems will connect municipalities and communities across the region, but new infrastructure and new services also require space and easy access for customers and maintenance crews.



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Transdev announces continued partnership with New Jersey Transit

[Transdev North America](#) Mar 23rd, 2021

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STAR Transit names new deputy executive director

[Star Transit](#) Mar 23rd, 2021



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The Scheduling Conundrum:





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Full Article: [Residents glad Metrolinx to work with community on plans that will affect Small's Creek Ravine](#) | [CBC News](#)

Residents glad Metrolinx to work with community on plans that will affect Small's Creek Ravine



Metrolinx says residents to be included in working group focused on future of path in ravine

Muriel Draaisma - CBC News · Posted: Mar 08, 2021 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 8



Residents who live in the area of Danforth and Woodbine avenues will be invited to join a working group set up by Metrolinx, the provincial transit agency, before work on GO expansion project gets underway in their area. (Keith Burgess/CBC)

Some residents in Toronto's east end say Metrolinx is finally consulting them about the impact of a GO expansion project that will affect a green space near their homes known as Small's Creek Ravine.

The residents, who live in the area of Danforth and Woodbine avenues, will be invited to join a working group set up by Metrolinx, the provincial transit agency, before the project gets underway in their area.

That working group will focus on the future of a path that provides a loop of the ravine.

Metrolinx plans to widen a railway embankment to support a four-track, electrified Lakeshore East line. Trees will be removed from Small's Creek Ravine to enable crews to build a retaining wall and a new culvert as part of the project. The ravine, much loved by neighbourhood families, is tucked behind Copeland Avenue, between Coxwell and Woodbine Avenues, south of the

Full article:

[Renderings revealed for West 8 and DTAH's spiffy Toronto waterfront revitalization \(archpaper.com\)](https://archpaper.com/renderings-revealed-for-west-8-and-dtahs-spiffy-toronto-waterfront-revitalization/)

Renderings revealed for West 8 and DTAH's spiffy Toronto waterfront revitalization

By Audrey Wasieleski • March 9, 2021 • International, News, Urbanism



Renderings from West 8 and DTAH depict swimmers in a pool connected to Lake Ontario. (West 8 and DTAH/Courtesy Waterfront Toronto)

The public agency that stewards Toronto's waterfront has tapped West 8 and local firm DTAH to turn a slice of formerly industrial shoreline into a local destination.



When it opens, the gussied-up Parliament Slip will have aquatics opportunities galore. Residents and visitors will be able to swim in a timber-decked pool complex, launch kayaks and canoes, and dine at a floating restaurant. For those who like to take in the view, there will be an amphitheater on-site, too.

"Great waterfronts around the world have distinct defining features," said Chris Glaisiek, chief planning and design officer for Waterfront Toronto, in a press release. "Memorable design, welcoming public spaces, the ability to serve recreational and transportation needs, waterfront dining and retail options, and cultural attractions."

Work by West 8 and DTAH along derelict stretches of the Toronto shoreline dates back to 2006. Additionally, in 2015, the city and Waterfront Toronto selected West 8's team proposal to rework the outdated Jack Layton Ferry Terminal and adjacent Harbour Square Park. The waterfront parcel that will serve as the future home of the Parliament Slip project was once a part of Sidewalk Labs' massive—and now-abandoned—Quayside redevelopment scheme.

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Full article: [TRCA reminds visitors this winter: stay off the ice | The GATE](#)



TRAVEL

TRCA reminds visitors this winter: stay off the ice

written by W. Andrew Powell | January 18, 2021

This winter in Ontario we're facing numerous COVID precautions, and at the same time the [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority](#) (TRCA) wants to make everyone aware that it's not safe to go out on any lakes or other bodies of water this season.

Because of the weather, and the fact that conditions have not been cold enough to maintain ice thickness, the TRCA is warning visitors not to go out on ice.

Full Article: [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority warns of high water levels in rivers and streams](#)
[| Toronto.com](#)

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority warns of high water levels in rivers and streams

'All shorelines, rivers, and streams within the GTA should be considered hazardous,' says TRCA

NEWS | MAR 10, 2021 | BY JOANNA LAVOIE | TORONTO.COM



High water levels were observed at the mouth of the Don River in this 2014 file photo. - Joanna Lavoie/Torstar

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is advising the public about high water levels in rivers and streams, which could create dangerous situations.

The authority's Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre issued a Water Safety Watershed Conditions Statement at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9. It will be in effect until Saturday, March 12.

Water Safety Watershed Conditions Statements are issued when there are high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users like anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, and pets.

FILMING AT TOMMY THOMPSON PARK



February 1, 2021

Full article: [Commercial filming at Tommy Thompson Park among items to be discussed at online meeting – Beach Metro Community News](#)

Commercial filming at Tommy Thompson Park among items to be discussed at online meeting

© February 1, 2021



A Butterfly Walk takes place in Tommy Thompson Park on the Leslie Street Spit in this Beach Metro News file photo.



By JAYSON DIMAANO

On Thursday, Feb. 4th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and PortsToronto will host an information webinar on Tommy Thompson Park this week.

The online event takes place on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include visiting the park on the Leslie Street Spit during COVID-19, a pedestrian bridge and construction access road, upcoming commercial filming, aquatic habitat restoration and a moderated question-and-answer session.

The group Friends of the Spit is opposed to commercial filming in the area.

"The Spit is an urban wilderness, both by our definition, and the TRCA's definition. The Spit is not a backlot for Hollywood North productions. Commercial filming is incompatible with The Spit," said the group in a statement.

"The Spit is a park; a different park and is for people and wildlife. We do understand the importance of the film industry in Toronto; but, we also understand and know the importance of The Spit to the citizens of Toronto and to the wildlife on The Spit, especially now, in these COVID times. Filming should not come at the expense of the Spit."

Friends of the Spit says the Leslie Street Spit is North America's "most remarkable" public

Full article: [Jason Momoa series See creates dystopian village set on Leslie Spit in Toronto \(blogto.com\)](https://blogto.com/jason-momoa-series-see-creates-dystopian-village-set-on-leslie-spit-in-toronto/)

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Beloved hollywood actor **Jason Momoa** has been in town filming the second season of his Apple TV+ series **See** since **October**, with production set to wrap in just a few weeks.

But while the cast and crew have less than a month left to capture their final shots for the sci-fi show, they've been using their last few weeks in the city to turn a portion of the **Leslie Spit trail** into a colourful, dystopian-looking village set.

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TRCA says all productions are vetted for ecological soundness before being green-lit

Kate McGillivray · CBC News · Posted: Mar 06, 2021 6:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 6



Members of a citizens group were horrified to see a large set spring up on the Leslie Street Spit in late February. They argue it's not the right place for large productions. (Submitted by G.V. Riley)

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A recent film shoot on the Leslie Street Spit is opening up a conversation about whether film shoots should be allowed in the area.

The shoot, for an Apple TV series called *See* that stars Jason Momoa, has now wrapped — but members of the citizen advocacy group Friends of the Spit remain concerned about the long-term impacts on habitat for wildlife.

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OPINION

The Ice Angel and the Palgrave pond rinks

Winter's arrival is marked by carefully plowed, outdoor hockey rinks surrounded by an icy track, says Taylor Parnaby

By Taylor Parnaby Caledon Enterprise
Wednesday, February 10, 2021



For more than 170 years, the "mill pond" has been a centrepiece of Palgrave.

The pond, formed by a control dam along a branch of the Humber River, stored water needed by the mill, which cut the timber for its buildings and ground the grains that supported villagers and their livestock in the northeast corner of what is now Caledon. In winter, former Mayor Marolyn Morrison wrote several years ago: "Ice would be cut from the mill pond (about two-feet thick) and nearby Gibson Lake and sold to the dairy farmers, hotels, stores, butchers — first hauled off the pond by horse and sleighs and then later by trucks."

For celebrated Canadian artist David Milne, the pond was the inspiration for a painting hanging in the National Gallery.

After the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Hazel in 1954, the pond has been controlled by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

For the past 20 years, winter's arrival was marked by a Canadian flag flying over carefully plowed, outdoor hockey rinks surrounded by an icy track for those who wanted an outdoor place to skate, our grandchildren included.

Full Article: [Petition to save skating at Palgrave Pond receives positive response \(yahoo.com\)](#)

Petition to save skating at Palgrave Pond receives positive response



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The Caledon community was recently shaken by well-known and popular Palgrave pond being put under fire by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority.

For over 20 years, Caledon residents have spent numerous hours skating, playing hockey and enjoying the wintertime on the Palgrave Mill Pond. During the past two decades, local resident Ken Hunt has maintained the hockey and skating rinks on the pond for the community.

Over those years, Hunt has been appreciated for his work maintaining the pond, in which he had assistance from both the Rotary Club of Palgrave and the local fire department. The Town of Caledon has, as well, acknowledged Hunt when he was awarded the Town of Caledon's Distinguished Citizen Award.

Though maintained by Hunt, the pond is owned by the TRCA, who recently and suddenly decided to shut down the pond due to ice safety.

A news release was posted on January 13 on the Conservation Authority's group demanding residents to stay off all TRCA ponds, lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

"Venturing out on the ice is not a permitted activity at TRCA parks," the statement said.



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■ BRAMPTON APPROVES SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN FOR BRAMALEA

MARSHALLING SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

Marc Mitanis

Brampton city council has approved a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) for a portion of the Bramalea district to advance sustainability, urban renewal, and climate action priorities on a localized scale.

The SNAP program was initially developed by the **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)** as a pilot project in 2009. The program takes a collaborative, neighbourhood-based approach to advancing urban renewal and climate action in older urban areas, and aligns municipal sustainability objectives with local community needs. There are now over a dozen SNAPs across Ontario, including five in **Peel Region**, and two in Brampton—in County Court and Fletcher's Creek.

"The idea behind the program is that these big issues like sustainability, urban renewal,

them," TRCA sustainable neighbourhoods senior program manager **Shannon Logan** told NRU. "We can work with everyone at a neighbourhood scale, across property lines; we can work with the community and new partners on planned projects that will achieve more than we would have achieved in isolation. It's all about bringing together the interests of government and community to support change on the ground."

Known as Canada's first satellite city and envisioned as a 'new town' separate from Brampton, the Bramalea district was gradually developed between 1960 and 1980. Each section of Bramalea and its streets, parks, and schools are themed according to a different letter of the alphabet. Today, Bramalea is home to approximately 17,000 people, accommodating a variety of built forms, a range of income

The Bramalea SNAP corresponds to the K, E, and F sections of Bramalea, bounded by Queen Street to the north, Clark Avenue and Balmoral Drive to the south, Central Park and Bramalea Road to the west, and Torbram Road to the east. The K section is dominated

by high-density residential buildings, with a commercial plaza and Knightsbridge Park serving as community amenities. The eastern section (E and F) is mainly populated by low-density, single-detached and semi-detached homes,

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Photo of Hungry Hollow, a 5.4 km trail running along the Silver Creek branch of the Credit River in Halton Hills. Its marshes, ponds and meadows and scenic bridges and boardwalks attract local students, hikers, cyclists, and in winter, cross-country skiers. The town's new economic development & tourism strategy lays out a plan to help the town and residents inform people across the GTHA and beyond of the tourism and business opportunities in Halton Hills. See story, page 7.

SOURCE: TOWN OF HALTON HILLS



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Ford government's Hwy. 413 dreams fade as another municipality pulls support

By Emma McIntosh | News, Politics | March 12th 2021



Highway 401, seen from above, winds through Ontario's Greenbelt. The province is now proposing another highway project that would cut through the protected area. Photo by Haljackey / Wikimedia Commons

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Ontario's Peel Region pulled its support for the Ford government's plan to build a highway through the Greenbelt on Thursday, joining a flurry of councils turning their backs on the project.

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Key Learnings and Next Steps

1. MZO's will continue to get traditional media coverage and continue to elicit social media activity. TRCA Communications will actively monitor these issues and prepare messaging proactively to be ready for quick response.
2. Our video content performs very well. TRCA Communications will explore ways to include more video in our social channels.
3. Our partnership network is an asset who can amplify our message. TRCA Communications will aim to improve coordination and partnership with our partners' marketing departments.