

June 8, 2026

Chairman and CEO John Henry
The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road West
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Re: Participation in the Canada–Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program

Dear Chairman Henry,

The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) and the Central Lakes Association of REALTORS® (CLAR) represent 70,000 real estate professionals across the Greater Toronto Area, Durham and surrounding regions. On behalf of our associations and Members, we are writing to urge the Durham Region to apply for funding under the Canada–Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program (the “Program”) before the June 19 deadline.

Housing affordability remains a central economic and social priority for the region. Development charges (DCs), while essential to funding local infrastructure, have substantially increased the upfront cost of new housing delivery. This, in turn, contributes to higher purchase prices and rental costs. TRREB and CLAR have consistently advocated for policies that balance the need for infrastructure funding with strategies that remove barriers to housing supply and affordability.

The Program presents a meaningful opportunity for the region and municipalities to reduce development charges for eligible housing projects while accessing provincial funding to offset related fiscal impacts. Participation aligns with shared objectives of all orders of government to accelerate housing supply, reduce affordability pressures, and foster complete, sustainable communities.

We urge Durham Region to give prompt consideration to applying for the Program and to take all necessary steps to maximize potential benefits for residents, builders, and the housing market at large.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



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President
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Cc: Minister Rob Flack
Municipal Affairs & Housing