



ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The Durham Regional Police planning process is a comprehensive exercise supported by research on growth and development trends that affect police activity, and changes in the environment, the organization itself, and police operations.

The steps in the business planning process include an environmental scan to understand the external drivers of change, information gathering through consultations and focus groups, and surveys of external and internal stakeholders. This approach to business planning elicits comprehensive and accurate information from a variety of sources, and uses the best information available in planning and decision-making for the short, medium, and long-term. Information and feedback from these sources were prioritized and addressed through specific initiatives outlined over the three-year horizon of the Business Plan.

Working Committees, made up of members from all ranks across the organization, helped prioritize the views and suggestions received from consultations into a framework of strategic goals, objectives, and action plans. A Steering Committee consisting of senior members of the DRP, the Police Services Board, and the Durham Regional Police Association guided the overall development of the 2005 – 2007 Business Plan.

Through this process of information gathering and considering long-term issues, the Business Plan moves the Police Service beyond immediate needs and guides program and service delivery decisions in a staged and managed way over the horizon of the Plan.



"We have had a very good relationship with the Police - I hope that this continues so that we may have a great community. We must continue to ensure that our citizens stay safe."

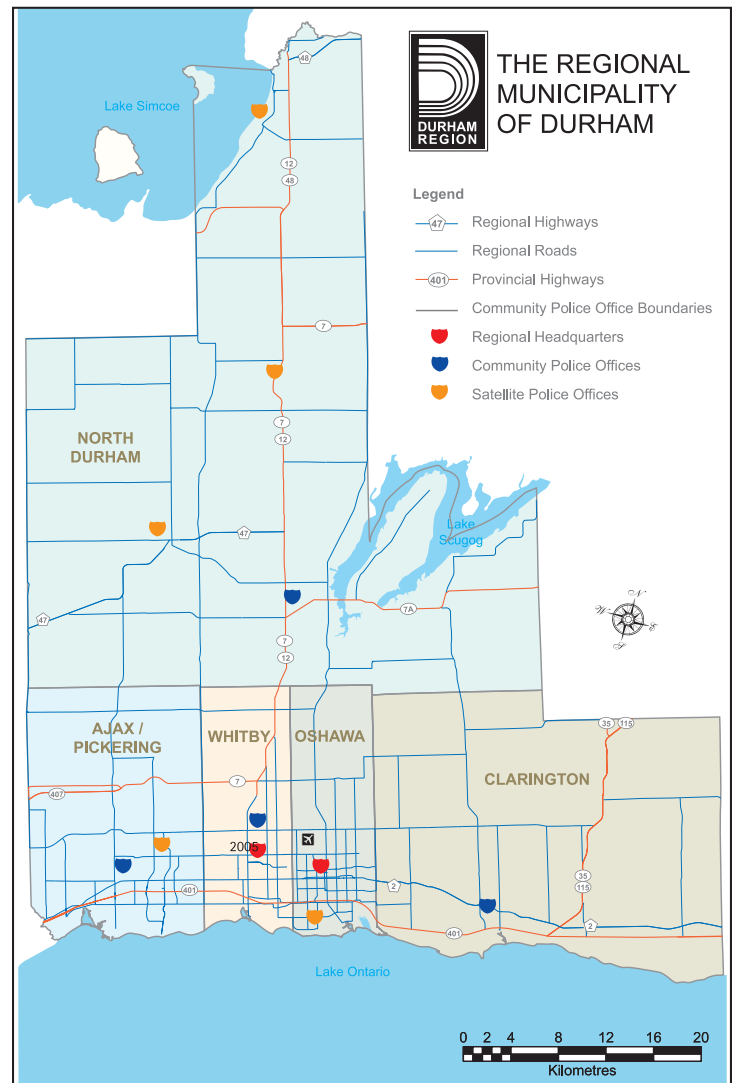
- Comment from Community member during consultations.

THE DURHAM REGION CONTEXT

The Durham Regional Police Service polices 2,500 square kilometers of mixed urban and rural land – the largest municipal jurisdiction in the Greater Toronto Area stretching from Lake Ontario in the south to Lake Simcoe in the north. Providing visible police service to densely populated urban communities and geographically expansive rural communities poses unique challenges for effectively managing police resources.

There are eight member municipalities in Durham Region: the Town of Ajax, the Township of Brock, the Municipality of Clarington, the City of Oshawa, the City of Pickering, the Township of Scugog, the Township of Uxbridge, and the Town of Whitby.

Community Police Offices	Population (1,000s)	Area (Sq. km)
Ajax/Pickering	183.2	294
Clarington	79.1	608
North Durham	54.0	1,301
Oshawa	148.7	143
Whitby	99.0	143



Source: DRP Corporate Planning Unit interpolations of Durham Region's Official Plan. New Regional Headquarters open Summer 2005.