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Mayor and Council City of Oshawa 50 Centre St. S. Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

## RE: Letter of Request for endorsement in principle of Durham Greener Homes program enhancements

Under the guidance of the City of Oshawa Clerks office, Durham Region is providing this letter to request Oshawa City Council endorsement in principle of enhancements to the Durham Greener Homes program approved by Regional Council on April 23, 2025 (Report #2025-COW-17, previously shared with Oshawa Council). This endorsement will support Oshawa staff collaboration on program design and implementation and will demonstrate local area municipal support as part of a future funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program.

As outlined in the above noted report, program enhancements include "weather-ready" home assessment services for residents to reduce the impacts and costs associated with extreme weather (i.e. flooding, heat waves, high winds); as well as a new direct municipality-to-homeowner loan financing program led by the Region with input from local area municipalities. These program improvements are designed to increase affordability and livability, and provide residents with a voluntary, affordable option to help reduce monthly energy costs and prevent potential damage that they would have otherwise had to pay for.

Regional staff have sought input from local area municipal staff throughout the program design phase. Durham Region staff are pleased to provide a presentation to Oshawa Council or the appropriate standing committee if requested. We look forward to continuing collaboration with the City of Oshawa to support resilient and affordable homes and improved quality of life for residents.

Sincerely,

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