

To: City Council

From: Kevin Alexander, Commissioner,  
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Report Number: CNCL-25-93

Date of Report: December 10, 2025

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2025

Subject: C.P.T.E.D. Cleanup at Oshawa Creek Valley Monitoring  
Update

Ward: Ward 5

File: 03-05

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this Report is to respond to Council's direction with respect to Item CO-24-48 dated September 16, 2024, concerning Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ("C.P.T.E.D.") analysis and cleanup at Oshawa Creek valley, to coordinate with Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority ("C.L.O.C.A.") and the Region of Durham in an effort to implement the work outlined in Section 4.4.1 to 4.4.4 of Item CO-24-48 through a phased in approach at the discretion of the Commissioner and monitor the impacts for a period of one (1) year and report back to Council.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended to City Council:

That Report CNCL-25-93 dated December 10, 2025, regarding C.P.T.E.D. Cleanup at Oshawa Valley Creek Monitoring Update be received for information.

## **3.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Legislative Services
- Legal Services
- Service Oshawa
- Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services

## **4.0 Analysis**

### **4.1 Background**

In June 2024, City Council considered Report SF-24-33, which introduced a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) review of the Oshawa Creek Valley. Council directed staff to complete the C.P.T.E.D. analysis and undertake cleanup activities which included removing debris and trimming vegetation to improve visibility along six access points to the valley.

Following that direction, Report CO-24-48 was presented to Council in September 2024. That report outlined the operational requirements needed to implement the C.P.T.E.D. recommendations, including coordination with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (C.L.O.C.A.) and the Region of Durham, and proposed a phased approach to complete the work and monitor results over the following year.

### **4.2 Staff Actions**

Managing the City-owned dead-end road sections to allow for better sightlines was assisted through consultation with C.L.O.C.A. and the Region. As a result of these discussions, staff increased visibility of sightlines by rough cutting the grass, lifting the tree canopy and removing brush and shrubs back into the wooded area.

Furthermore, to meet the intent of the C.P.T.E.D. recommendations, grass cutting and weed trimming were added to City's regular grass cutting program, which is on a regular rotation basis and was completed 14 times in 2025.

Municipal Law Enforcement Services ("M.L.E.S.") had reported one reported file to clean up debris at the Hall Street dead end location.

### **4.3 Monitoring Actions**

To evaluate the outcomes of the visibility improvements, staff undertook ongoing natural surveillance comprising regularly scheduled site inspections and monitoring of service requests. These inspections generated corresponding work orders for debris and litter removal, weed trimming, and tree clearing.

### **4.4 Outstanding Actions**

Based on the reduced volume of complaints, staff will continue the maintenance program into 2026. At this time, staff do not believe it is necessary to install fencing or additional lighting in these areas but will continue to monitor the situation and will advise Council if there is a change that would require a consideration for fencing and/or additional lighting.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this Report.

## 6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment” with the goal to collaborate and advocate for effective services, programs, and community safety and well-being support.



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