

Attachment 4 – Region of Durham Submission on Bill 60 (ERO 025-1098)

Summary and Comments in Support of the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 through Bill 60 (“An Act to amend various Acts and to enact the Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025”)

ERO/RR Posting and Comment Period	Durham Region Staff Comments (Council endorsement to be sought on November 26, 2025)
<p data-bbox="100 370 701 435">ERO 025-1098 October 23, 2025 – November 22, 2025 (30 days)</p> <p data-bbox="100 477 701 683">Proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 to transfer jurisdiction over water and wastewater to the lower-tier municipalities in Peel Region and a standalone statute to authorize the establishment of water and wastewater public corporations Environmental Registry of Ontario</p>	<p data-bbox="730 370 1988 467">(1) Legislative amendments to the <i>Municipal Act, 2001</i> to transfer jurisdiction over water and wastewater to the lower-tier municipalities in Peel Region and the introduction of a new standalone statute to authorize the establishment of water and wastewater corporations</p> <p data-bbox="730 509 936 537">Staff Comments:</p> <ul data-bbox="779 548 1988 1040" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="779 548 1988 651">• Municipalities are best positioned to determine whether a public corporate utility model is appropriate for their unique circumstances. Decisions should consider local costs, risks, efficiencies, and household affordability rather than applying a uniform provincial approach.<li data-bbox="779 656 1988 758">• The province should use lessons learned from the changes in Peel Region to inform any future work. This approach ensures that regulatory changes are based on practical experience and data, minimizing unintended impacts.<li data-bbox="779 763 1988 902">• While corporate utility models may offer benefits in certain contexts, they can also introduce additional regulatory costs and risk higher household rates. Existing municipal and regional systems have already achieved significant efficiencies and accountability through local governance and public input processes.<li data-bbox="779 907 1988 1040">• While MSCs may enhance financial flexibility, especially for smaller municipalities, the benefits are likely more limited for large regional systems like Durham, which already achieve economies of scale, and include multi-regional partnerships which further increase broader system efficiencies.