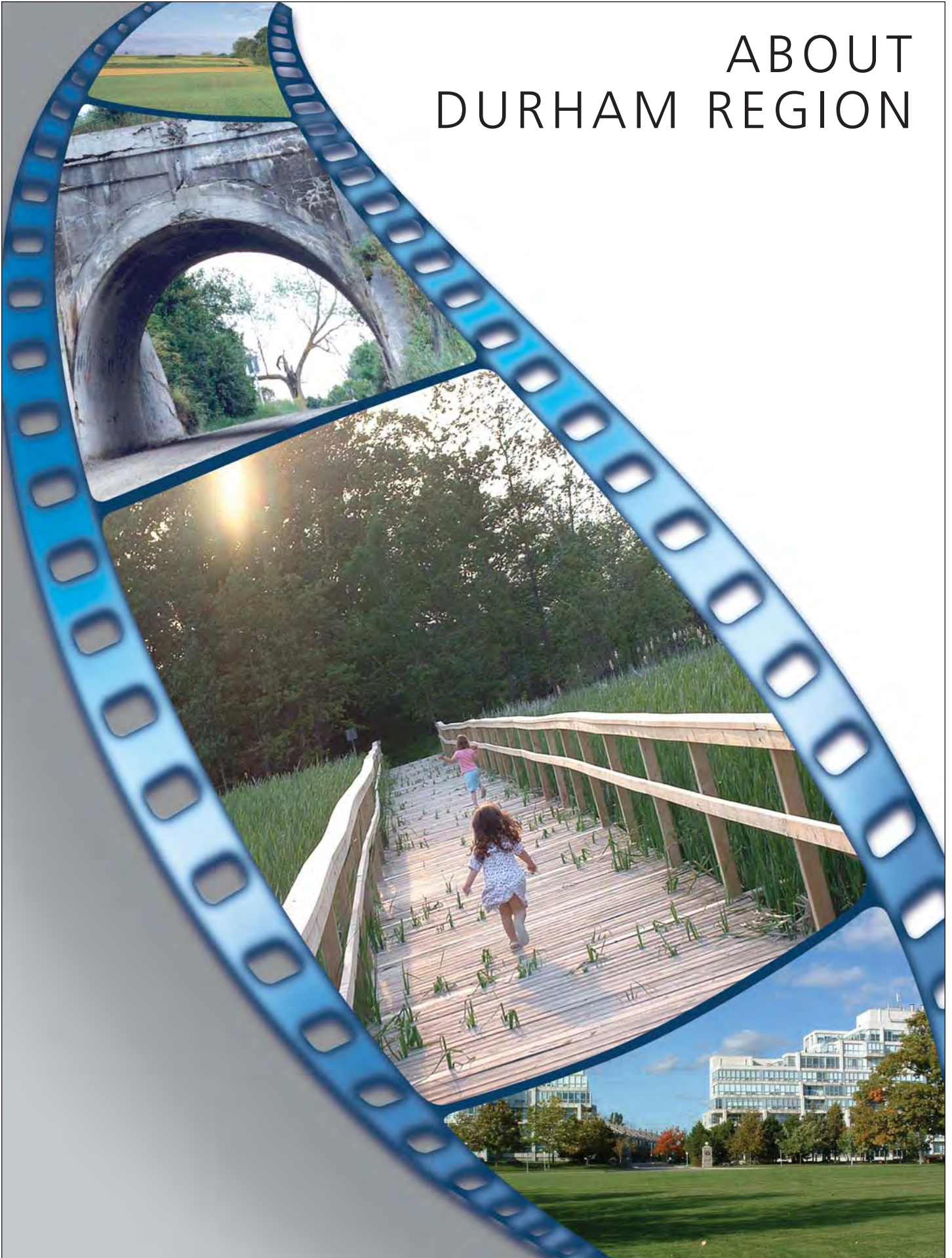


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Covering approximately 2,500 sq. km., Durham Region is geographically the largest region in the Golden Horseshoe. Located just 60 kilometres east of Toronto, Durham is comprised of eight municipalities: the Town of Ajax, the Township of Brock, the Municipality of Clarington, the City of Oshawa, the City of Pickering, the Township of Scugog, the Township of Uxbridge and the Town of Whitby. Although these municipalities are all part of the same region, they are quite different from each other—some are densely populated urban communities, while others are sparsely populated rural communities.

FILMING IN DURHAM REGION

Durham's proximity to Toronto and unique urban-rural mix make it an attractive production location for film and television. Durham Region has eight film-friendly municipalities with hundreds of attractive film locations from quaint towns, picturesque bridges and historic buildings, to rural settings, stately mansions, abandoned factories and rustic train stations. These are just some of the locations Durham Region has to offer.

Film production in Durham is growing each year. Music videos, feature films, television shows and commercials have all been shot in Durham Region, including *The West Wing*, *Sue Thomas F.B. Eye*, *Queer as Folk*, and Walt Disney's *A Mother's Gift*.

In 2004, over 40 productions were shot at various locations throughout Durham.

DURHAM REGION'S FILM LIAISON OFFICE

The Durham Region Film Liaison Office, part of the Regional government's Economic Development and Tourism Department, is here to help you in all aspects of your film project from beginning to end, at no charge. We are your first point of contact for information on filming in Durham Region. Our staff will help guide you and point you in the right direction. Durham's eight municipalities also have film liaison officers to assist you with location searches, logistical questions and their permitting processes.

Arranging to film in Durham Region can be confusing due to the Region's two-tiered government—regional and municipal. Our goal is to make the process easy for you. Our film and production guide provides you with all the contacts you may need prior to, or while you film here. It also contains regional film information, location permits, film policies and maps for all of Durham's eight municipalities for your convenience.

WHEN TO CONTACT THE DURHAM REGION FILM OFFICE:

If you're a first-time filmmaker in Durham Region, your best bet is to contact the Durham Region film office first for advice on shooting here. We will assist you with location options and refer you to the appropriate municipal film liaison officer for further information if necessary.

If you've filmed in Durham Region before, and are familiar with the regional and municipal policies, you may choose to go directly to the municipal film liaison officer in the municipality you are shooting.

Municipal liaison officers are experts in their areas. They can suggest locations for a particular scene or script and give you information on local communities, organizations, private and public properties, restaurants, parking and government services.

We appreciate your patience, support and feedback as we continue to grow as a film-friendly destination.

We are always open to suggestions as to how we can better serve you. Feel free to contact us at any time with comments and/or suggestions.

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UNDERSTANDING DURHAM'S GOVERNMENT

Durham Region is governed by a two-tier system. Regional government is responsible for core services like health, police, waste management, and public transit, while municipal governments are responsible for fire protection, parks, recreation and building permits (see chart below for complete list of services).

Durham has eight municipalities (Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby). Each works alongside the regional government to respond to challenges facing the Region.

GOVERNMENT LEVEL	RESPONSIBILITY
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Services • Major Roads • Traffic Lights and Controls • Police Service • Economic Development & Tourism • Emergency Medical Services • Waste (garbage and recycling) • Water Supply & Distribution • Sewage Collection & Treatment • Sanitary Dumping (for holding tanks) • Water Supply and Billing
Municipal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Roads • Fire Protection • Parks and Recreation • Building Permits

ROAD OCCUPANCY PERMIT PROCESS

Because of our two-tier government system, acquiring film permits can be confusing since the region has its film permit process, and so does each municipality. To simplify things, if you're filming on a municipal road, you will need a municipal permit, and if you're filming on a regional road, you will require a regional permit. The same goes for a provincial road. You will need to contact the Ontario Ministry of Transportation if filming on a provincial road.

For your reference, we have included a list of regional roads on page 79 under the "Visitor's Info & Maps" tab. If the road you're filming on is NOT listed in this chart, then it's most likely a municipal road and you will need to contact the municipality for a road occupancy permit. We have also included each municipality's film permits under the "Government Services" tab for your convenience. You can photocopy it and submit it in person, or by fax to the municipality. You will also find a copy of the region's film permit in the same section.

FEES

The region charges \$535 (includes GST - goods & services tax) per day for filming on a regional road. Some municipalities also charge fees for filming on their streets (see "Government Services" tab for amounts). As well, some locations throughout the region also charge fees for production hours and set dress/wrap hours. These fees often include a staff person on site. To find out information on location fees, call the municipal liaison officer, the Durham Region film office, or the location itself.

PRIVATE FILM LOCATIONS

Several private property owners in Durham Region welcome filming on their properties. Fees are negotiated between the production company and the owners. When filming on private property, production companies must also notify the municipality and/or region since these location shoots often affect road access and/or emergency responders.

FIRE SERVICES

Fire services are required to oversee any pyrotechnical explosions. Fire personnel are booked through the appropriate municipal offices.

POLICE SERVICES

Durham Regional Police serve the entire region. You must fill out a pay duty request form (page9) and submit it to Durham Police. A rate sheet has also been included for your reference on page 10. *NOTE: Durham Police pay duty rates are subject to change.*

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