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Welcome to West Grey

With a population of over 13,500 the Municipality of West Grey is the largest geographic municipality in Grey County (876 square kilometres), with the River Styx and Rocky Saugeen, Beatty Saugeen and South Saugeen Rivers being the connecting links between our rural communities of Elmwood, Durham, Neustadt and Ayton.

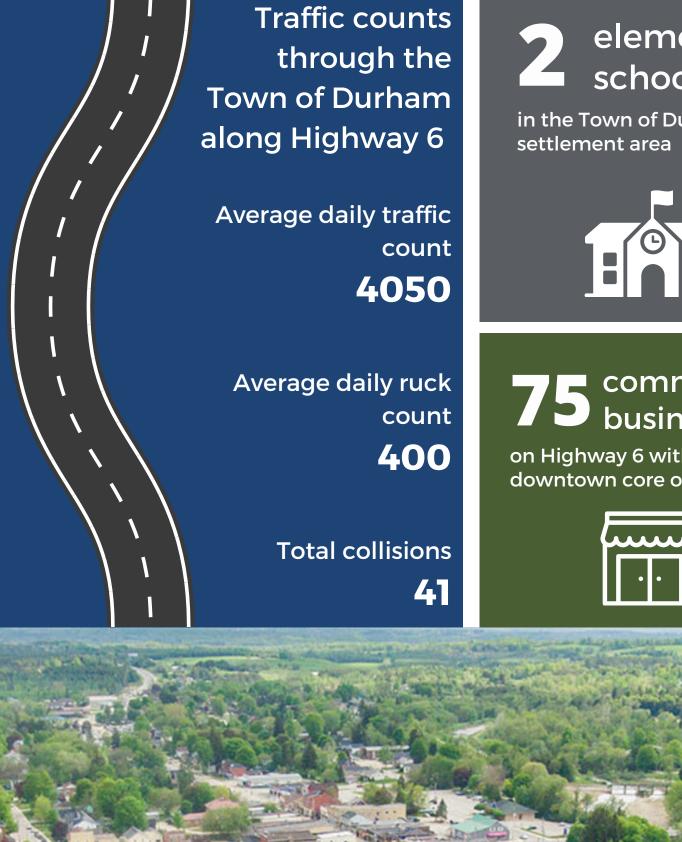
Highway 6 is the provincial artery that bisects the Town of Durham, and each day over 4,050 passenger vehicles and 400 trucks use this provincial highway to travel between southern Ontario and Georgian Bay, passing through our community in West Grey.

West Grey is seeing significant residential, commercial and industrial growth. As we deal with the positive impact of this growth, we are seeing increasing pressures related to pedestrian and vehicular safety through Durham (along Highway 6). Additionally, we have many businesses who are looking to invest in our community and/or expand their service offerings along this primary artery.

West Grey is working to support the province's commitment to affordable housing, and forward-thinking initiatives to reduce red tape in support of increased business productivity, economic development and domestic and international growth (Ontario's Red Tape Reduction Package).

On behalf of our Council, we are seeking assistance from the Ministry of Transportation to help West Grey navigate provincial processes, provide guidance to support pedestrian safety and traffic calming along Highway 6, and to assist in expediting applications for development permits with the Ministry, as we continue to encourage investment in the province.

Mayor Kevin Eccles



elementary schools

in the Town of Durham



75 commercial businesses

on Highway 6 within the downtown core of Durham



Seeking support from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation

- Expedite development permit applications (to align with the Fall 2024 Red Tape Reduction Program and in support of the Province's Building Ontario Program).
- Quarterly meetings between MTO and West Grey to assist in streamlining project implementation and understanding immediate and future community needs.
- Recommend preferred solutions related to traffic calming and pedestrian safety practices.





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