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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-6
Date: January 24, 2020

Subject:

Bill 108 More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and Bill 138 Plan to Build Ontario Together Act

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Regional Council of the changes to the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA), effective January 1, 2020 as a result of:

- a. Certain sections of Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* and Bill 138 *Plan to Build Ontario Together Act* being proclaimed; and
- b. The release of Regulation 454/19 in support of Bill 108 and Bill 138.

2. Background

2.1 Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019 and the Province released two proposed regulations on June 21, 2019 (ERO #019-0184 and #019-0183). Staff previously reported on the intended changes to the DCA from Bill 108 and the related regulations (Report #2019-INFO-51) which are summarized in the following chart:

Issue	Change
Waste Diversion Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of 10 per cent statutory reduction
Ambulance Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of 10 per cent statutory exemption
Exemption of Secondary Suites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends exemption to new residential units (current DCA applies exemption to existing homes) • Extends exemption to secondary units <u>detached</u> from the existing or new home • Durham's by-law already exempts secondary units detached from the existing home
Removal of Soft services from the DCA and Imposition of Community Benefits Charges By-law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term care • Health and Social Services • Housing Services • Development Related Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impose a Community Benefits Charge (CBC) under the Planning Act (replaces soft services DCs) • Require municipalities to transition to the CBC regime by January 1, 2021 • Cannot impose a CBC for certain services currently ineligible under the DCA – tourism, cultural or entertainment facilities, hospitals, headquarters etc. • Amount of the CBC is to be limited to an amount that shall not exceed an amount equal to the prescribed percentage of the value of the land – percentage and attribution of maximum charge between upper and lower tier municipalities not yet prescribed
Collection of Development Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCs for rental housing, institutional, commercial and industrial developments will be paid over five years in equal installments, commencing the earlier of date of issuance of an occupancy permit or occupancy of the building (i.e. six annual installments) • DCs for not-for-profit housing developments will be paid over twenty years in equal installments, commencing the earlier of date of issuance of an occupancy permit or occupancy of the building (i.e. twenty-one annual installments) • Municipality can charge interest to recover foregone revenue – Province not prescribing a maximum interest rate
Freezing of Development Charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC rates locked in on the date of application for an approval of development in a site plan control area; or the date an application for an amendment to a by-law passed under Section 34 of the Planning Act • DC rates frozen until two years from the date the site plan application or zoning application is approved • Municipality can impose interest charges from the date the applicable application is received to the date the DC is payable to recover foregone revenue • Province not prescribing a maximum interest rate

- 2.2 Subsequent to Bill 108 receiving Royal Assent, the Province introduced Bill 138 (Plan to Build Ontario Together Act) in the Ontario Legislature on November 6, 2019 which included a number of changes to Bill 108. The Bill received Royal Assent on December 10, 2019. In this regard, Bill 138:
- a. Removed industrial and commercial development from the types of development that would be eligible for the development charge installment provisions and the deferral of payment to occupancy (i.e. commercial and industrial developments will continue to pay the full amount of DCs owing at building permit issuance); and
 - b. Added provisions to allow a Community Benefits Charges By-law (under the Planning Act) to be appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), as is the case with DC by-laws under the DCA.

3. Update on Bill 108 and Bill 138

- 3.1 In December 2019, certain sections of Bill 108 and Bill 138 were proclaimed and came into force on January 1, 2020, with no transition period. As well, Regulation 454/19 was released on December 20, 2019 to further support the changes identified in Bill 108 and Bill 138. The changes that came into effect on January 1, 2020 include the following:
- a. DCs for rental housing and institutional developments are to be paid in six equal installments over five years and non-profit housing developments will pay DCs in twenty-one equal installments over twenty years, commencing the earlier of the date of issuance of occupancy permit or the date of first occupancy (prior to January 1, 2020, 100% of the development charges were paid at the time of building permit issuance for these types of development);
 - b. The development charge rates will be frozen at the date of site plan or zoning by-law amendment application, for applications received on or after January 1, 2020. The rates will be frozen for two years after approval of the site plan or zoning by-law amendment application (prior to January 1, 2020 the development charge rates were generally determined at the time of building permit issuance for institutional, rental-housing and non-profit housing developments);
 - c. The freezing of DC provisions will also apply to commercial, industrial and residential development developments if they go through the site plan application or a zoning by-law amendment application process; and
 - d. The exemption of secondary units has been broadened to apply to units that are detached from the existing unit but on the same property (formerly, the DCA only required an exemption for secondary units attached to existing units), however, Durham's in force DC By-law already exempts secondary units that are detached from the existing unit.

- 3.2 Regulation 454/19 provided further clarification on the amendments to the DCA through the following definitions:
- a. Rental housing development means development of a building or structure with four or more dwelling units, all of which are intended for use as rented residential premises;
 - b. Institutional development includes long term care and retirement homes, universities, colleges, hospices, a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by an Ontario branch of the Royal Canadian Legion;
 - c. Non-profit housing development means development of a building or structure intended for use as a residential premise by:
 - A non-profit housing co-operative in good standing under the Co-operative Corporations Act;
 - a corporation without share capital to which the Corporations Act applies that is in good standing under the Act and whose primary object is to provide housing; and
 - a corporation without share capital to which the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act applies, that is in good standing under that Act and whose primary object is to provide housing.
 - d. Specifies that only the Statistics Canada Non-Residential Building Construction Price Index for Ottawa-Gatineau or Toronto may be used for indexing development charges.
- 3.3 Municipalities can charge interest to recover the costs associated with the development charge deferral and / or the freezing of DCs. The Province has not prescribed a maximum interest rate for this purpose at this time.
- 3.4 There has been no update on the implementation on the Community Benefits Charges under the authority of the Planning Act. The draft regulations state that the prescribed date to transition to the Community Benefits Charge regime is January 1, 2021. Under this scenario, municipalities can continue to collect soft service development charges until December 31, 2020.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The changes effective January 1, 2020 related to the delayed collection of DCs and freezing of DCs will impact the Region's cashflow and result in an increase in administration / procedural costs. The reduced cashflow could result in:
- a. The deferral of growth related capital infrastructure needed to support future development;
 - b. Increased debt financing; and
 - c. Greater pressure on property taxes and water and sewer user rates.

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- 4.2 The freezing of DCs at the time of planning application could have a significant impact when a municipality is renewing their DC By-law. The renewal of a DC by-law can result in significant increases in the water, sewer and roads DC quantum, due to higher construction costs. Allowing the freezing of DCs to avoid DC increases related to a by-law renewal will result in a DC revenue shortfall and result in increased funding from user revenue and property taxes, depending upon interest charges yet to be determined.
- 4.3 With respect to the new Community Benefits Charges regime, the calculation methodology and other details have not been released, therefore the financial impact is unknown.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 As the changes to the DCA impact both Regional and area municipalities on January 1, 2020, the Region will be working collaboratively with the local municipalities on an interim solution to implement the new requirements. Local municipalities collect development charges on behalf of the Region.
- 5.2 Regional staff have already met with area municipal staff to discuss how to coordinate implementing the changes that came into effect on January 1, 2020. Several issues have already been raised that staff are discussing, including:
- a. The importance of complete applications when determining application submission dates;
 - b. The implications of changes to site plan applications (i.e. would DC rates be frozen on the date that changes to site plan applications are filed, or are the rates frozen as of the date of the original application);
 - c. Tracking of application submission and approval dates for site plans and zoning by-law amendment applications; and
 - d. Tracking of occupancies by area municipalities and informing the Region as they occur.
- 5.3 As approved by Regional Council in November 2019 (Report #2019-F-41), staff will be amending the Region's DC By-laws in 2020 to reflect changes to the DCA. In the interim, the Region's DC By-laws will be applied in a manner that is consistent with the DCA (i.e. to comply with all the amendments effective January 1, 2020).
- 5.4 Forthcoming, amendments to the Region's DC By-laws will need to consider:
- a. Changes to the cashflows to reflect the delayed payment and freezing of DCs;
 - b. Implementing an interest rate policy to address the foregone revenue for DC deferral and freezing;
 - c. Implementation of a new Community Benefits Charges under the Planning Act (which removes the soft services from the DCA), once additional information is released;
 - d. Removal of the statutory 10 per cent reduction for ambulance service.

- 5.5 Work will also be undertaken in 2020 on a new DC By-law for waste diversion services.
- 5.6 Regional staff are investigating the possibility of recommending an interest rate policy for Regional Council approval, prior to amending the DC By-law, to recover foregone revenue related to the deferral and freezing of development charges. It is not clear at this time if the interest rate policy is required to be in a DC By-law.
- 5.7 Staff are also participating in regular conference calls with area municipal, single-tier and Regional municipalities through MOFA as well as ongoing meetings with the local area municipalities which provides an opportunity to discuss the ongoing issues and challenges with the new changes and to share ideas on implementation.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Bill 108, Bill 138 and Regulation 454/19 made significant changes to the DCA, effective January 1, 2020 that will impact the collection of DCs (i.e. amount and process for collection) by all municipalities. Regional staff will continue to work with area municipalities to implement these changes and will continue to update Council as more information becomes available.
- 6.2 The inter-department DC working group will continue to analyze information and undertake the necessary work to amend the DC By-laws. The inter-departmental group is also facilitating ongoing discussion forums with the local area municipalities.
- 6.3 This report has been prepared with assistance of the Works and Planning and Economic Development Departments, as well as Corporate Services - Legal Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance

Clarington

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January 21, 2020

The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
Via E-mail: inf.c.minister-ministre.inf.c@canada.ca

Original		To: CIP								C.C. S.C.C. File		Take Appr. Auditen	
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Dear Minister:

Re: Gas Tax Funds

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on January 20, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-008-20:

That the following resolution from the Town of Whitby, regarding Gas Tax Funds, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas Canada has responded to the climate change emergency through commitments to a zero carbon future;

And Whereas there are global and national shifts in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation by reducing reliance on fossil fuel powered vehicles; and,

And Whereas the Gas Tax Funds, which are permanent and much valued sources of funding for municipal infrastructure priorities, derives funding from fossil-fuel taxation, the use of which will be reduced in the coming years as dependence on them decreases.

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests the Federal Government and Provincial Government ensure that funding for municipalities through their Gas Tax Funds remains sustainable to facilitate effective service delivery and infrastructure maintenance by having the funds supplemented through means other than the taxation of gas and diesel;

That the Federal Government and Provincial Government consider renaming their Gas Tax Funds to reflect more sustainable sources of funding;

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That the Federal Government and Provincial Government consider providing a set dollar amount or an increasing percentage of revenue to municipalities as the reliance on fossil fuels is reduced; and,

That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution to the Region of Durham, Durham Region local municipalities, MPP Lorne Coe, MP Ryan Turnbull, AMO and FCM.

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Deputy Clerk

JG/lp

- c. Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Jamie McGarvey, President, AMO
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham
Kevin Narraway, Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Whitby

Clarington

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January 21, 2020

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
Via E-mail: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister:

Re: National School Bus Safety Week and Stop Arm Cameras

File Number: PG.25.06

C.S. - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Take Appr. Action

At a meeting held on January 20, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-011-20:

That the following resolution from the City of Pickering, regarding National School Bus Safety Week and Stop Arm Cameras, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

That Corr. 36-19, dated October 18, 2019, from Pierre Ranger, Chair, Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus, be endorsed; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, Minister of Education, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Durham District School Board, Durham Catholic District School Board, KPRDSB, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir, Durham Regional Police Service, the Region of Durham, and all Durham Region municipalities for their consideration.

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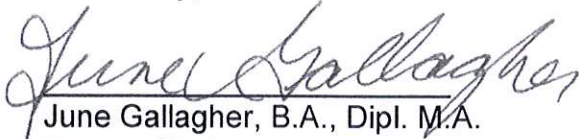
Premier Ford

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January 21, 2020

Accordingly, please find enclosed correspondence from the City of Pickering, which contains the correspondence from Pierre Ranger.

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.
Deputy Clerk

JG/lp

Encl.

- c. The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Tracy Barill, Director of Education, Durham Catholic District School Board
Jennifer Leclerc, Director of Education, KPRDSB
Michael Nasello, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer, Peterborough
Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
Andre Blais, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer, Conseil Scolaire
Catholique MonAvenir
Martin Bertrand, Director of Education, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
Durham Regional Police Service
Susan Cassel, City of Pickering
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham

Sent By Email

November 29, 2019

The Honourable Caroline Mulrone
Minister of Transportation
Ministry of Transportation
caroline.mulrone@pc.ola.org

Subject: National School Bus Safety Week and Stop Arm Cameras
Corr. 36-19
File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on November 25, 2019 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 36-19, dated October 18, 2019, from Pierre Ranger, Chair, Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus, be endorsed; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, Minister of Education, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Durham District School Board, Durham Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, Durham Regional Police Service, the Region of Durham, and all Durham Region municipalities for their consideration.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660 extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:rp
Enclosure

Copy: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Durham District School Board
Durham Catholic District School Board
Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Police Service
Nicole Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax
Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock
Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
Mary Medeiros, Interim City Clerk, City of Oshawa
John Paul Newman, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog
Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
Christopher Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
Pierre Ranger, Chair, Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus

Chief Administrative Officer

Let's Remember Adam

STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS



October 18, 2019

RE: National School Bus Safety Week and Stop Arm Cameras

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council,

Earlier this year, I wrote to you on behalf of the *Let's Remember Adam - STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS* campaign asking for your help to improve student safety by urging the provincial government to get stop arm cameras on all school buses in Ontario. Our efforts were acknowledged by the Province but there is still work to be done. We will not stop until we reach our goal of having stop-arm cameras on all school buses.

Next week is National School Bus Safety Week, from October 21 to 25, 2019. I respectfully request your support to not only recognize and highlight this important week, but that you take this opportunity to act now by implementing a solution that will help protect our children's safety as they travel to and from school each day.

As you may know, the Government of Ontario announced in April that they are taking steps to ensure stop-arm camera technology is implemented and used to prosecute stop-arm violations in Ontario. Included in these steps is the message that the Province is looking to municipalities to help inform the regulatory framework process, by specifying what equipment should be used and how tickets will be processed.

This is an extremely important issue that deserves your immediate attention.

On behalf of Let's Remember Adam, I respectfully ask that you take the necessary steps to get stop-arm cameras on school buses in your community as soon as possible. I don't want any family to endure the senseless suffering my family has had to. It's been nearly 20 years since Adam was killed while crossing the street to our home after getting off the school bus. The time for action is now. Championing National School Bus Safety Week in your municipality will be an important step forward to achieving our ultimate goal.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in this process. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing stop-arm cameras implemented.

Pierre Ranger
Chair, Let's Remember Adam - STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS

**This Has to Stop.
We Need to Stop.**



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We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST


Jim Harrison
Mayor



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Res: 2020.01. 23

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Moved by: Mike Hentz

Seconded by: Patricia Corneil

THAT Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years; and

THAT Municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and healthy watersheds for residents; and

THAT Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address climate change.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all upper and lower-tier municipalities, Conservation Authorities and the Provincial Government (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks) in Ontario

<u>Recorded Vote</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
P. Corneil	_____	_____
A. Drouillard	_____	_____
K. Loveland	_____	_____
M. Hentz	_____	_____
B. Purcell – Mayor	_____	_____

CARRIED:
[Signature]
Mayor

DEFEATED:

Mayor

Good afternoon,

Attached please find correspondence from the Township of South Frontenac as well as a resolution passed by the Township of Warwick regarding Safety on Family Farms. This correspondence was reviewed by the Township of Perth South council at their regular meeting of September 3, 2019 and the consensus of council was to fully support the resolution put forward by the Township of Warwick.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lizet Scott

Clerk

Township of Perth South

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August 9, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay St
11th Floor
Toronto ON
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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting August 6, 2019:

That Council support the resolution passed by the Township of Warwick regarding the safety on family farms,

And that the Premier, Attorney General, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, AMO, ROMA and all other municipalities be informed of this decision. Carried.

Our Council was strongly supportive of the Township of Warwick's position to find a better way to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws or the creation of new legislation to ensure that the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals. There have been a number of incidents recently where farmers and livestock transporters have been harassed and activists have had no regard for private property and leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system. A copy of the Township of Warwick resolution is attached.

We look forward to receiving any updates on this matter.

Yours truly

Handwritten signature of Angela Maddocks

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

Encl.

- c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;

AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,



Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
P. MacArthur, Oshawa
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
G. Taylor, Pickering

Absent: F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair
B. Smith, Uxbridge
B. Winter, Ajax

Also

Present: Councillor Highet

Staff

Present: K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
L. Mackenzie, Agriculture Program Coordinator, Department of Planning and Economic Development
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Election of Officers for 2020

K. Kilbourne called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by G. O'Connor,
That Z. Cohoon be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by N. Guthrie, Seconded by G. O'Connor,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

K. Kilbourne asked if Z. Cohoon wished to stand. Z. Cohoon indicated he would stand.

Z. Cohoon was acclaimed as the Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Z. Cohoon called for nominations for the two Vice-Chair positions of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by F. Taylor,
That F. Puterbough be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of
the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That T. Watpool be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Z. Cohoon asked if T. Watpool wished to stand. T. Watpool indicated he would stand. F. Puterbough expressed his willingness to stand prior to the meeting.

F. Puterbough and T. Watpool were acclaimed as the first and second Vice-Chairs, respectively, of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on December 10, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Presentations

A) Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Update, Chris Darling, Chief Administrative Officer

Chris Darling, Chief Administrative Officer, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), appeared before the Committee to provide a CLOCA Update.

C. Darling provided a highlight of the programs and services that CLOCA offers. He advised that the six program areas include: Watershed Science and Management; YPDT CAMC Groundwater Program; Environmental Plan Review and Regulation Services; Conservation Area and Property Management; Community Engagement; and Corporate Services.

C. Darling advised that CLOCA is the only conservation authority that is fully in Durham Region.

C. Darling responded to questions from the Committee regarding what information the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has regarding underground water testing; the impacts of the recent high volume rainfall; whether ground truthing is a requirement for zoning and Clarington's zoning exercise; displacement of wildlife; and how CLOCA can become better communicators of the services they offer, in order to create a better relationship with land holders.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

L. MacKenzie, Program Coordinator, Agriculture and Rural Affairs provided the following update:

- With regards to the Broadband Survey, postcards were handed out, and a survey was released last Tuesday and is now available online. She can provide a hardcopy or township offices will have those as well.
- With regards to the Durham Broadband Roundtable Group, looking for a representative from DAAC to sit on this roundtable that will meet quarterly. The first roundtable meeting will be held February 6, 2020 from 10-12 PM at Regional Headquarters. K. Kilbourne advised that she will send out the details. D. Risebrough commented that the survey is quite technical and complicated.
- With regards to the Eastern Ontario Local Food Aggregation and Distribution Centre, the Peterborough and Kawartha Economic Development are currently evaluating the feasibility of developing a Local Food Aggregation and Distribution Centre. There is an online

survey and DAAC members are invited to attend a focus group being held January 21, 2020 from 10-12 PM in the City of Peterborough.

- The Ontario Farmlands Trust (OFT) and the National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O), will be hosting a series of free workshops on land linking and farmland conservation. The first workshop is being held January 30, 2020 from 4-6 PM at the Lunar Rhythm Gardens in Janetville.
- With regards to a staffing update, interviews are currently taking place for the Manager position, and L. Mackenzie will be moving to a different portfolio, however will continue to support the agricultural portfolio still until her replacement is hired.

B) DAAC Farm Tour

Councillor Bath-Hadden provided a brief update with respect to the DAAC Farm Tour date. She advised that there is a target date of September 17, 2020. K. Kilbourne advised that she would confirm availability on the Regional Events Calendar. Councillor Bath-Hadden also advised that she will be attending the initial meeting with the farm manager to discuss future plans for the site. There will then be a joint meeting with DAAC members, subsequent of that and before the next meeting.

K. Kilbourne advised that the draft farm tour invite list will be circulated to the members once it has been updated.

C) Updates on matters of interest and 2020 DAAC Presentations

K. Kilbourne advised that she followed up with the Municipality of Clarington staff with respect to any presentations they've had from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). Clarington staff advised that the leases between the farmers on the MTO owned lands and MTO are year to year for the most part. The last meeting the MTO attended at the Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington was in 2018. At Clarington's meeting they reviewed the complaints process and Committee members raised issues around fencing, drainage, and local road conditions. K. Kilbourne also advised that the minutes of the Clarington Agricultural Committee detail the complaints process and she will circulate that information to committee members.

K. Kilbourne advised the committee that the following presentations have been confirmed for future DAAC meetings:

- Riaz Razvi, Business Analyst, Durham Region – February
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSCRA) – April
- Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region – May

6. Information Items

A) Report #2019-INFO-91: Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update

A copy of Report #2019-INFO-91 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development regarding the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

K. Kilbourne advised that staff are reviewing the first draft internally and will then be providing comments to the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). DAAC will be notified when the draft is released for public comment.

Moved by Councillor Bath-Hadden, Seconded by Kevin Kemp,
That Information Item A) be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Other Business

D. Risebrough advised that his relatives, Mike and Jaime Risebrough of Maplebrough Farm, in the Township of Uxbridge, were recipients of the Holstein Canada Master Breeder Shields for 2019. The formal presentation of the award will take place at Holstein Canada's annual meeting in April 2020 in Regina, Saskatchewan. D. Risebrough stated that the Master Breeder program is the most prolific accolade awarded by Holstein Canada. L. Mackenzie advised that she could put something together to be promoted through Economic Development.

K. Kilbourne advised that the Agriculture Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy and the Durham Region Broadband Strategy were selected as finalists for Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) awards. Donald Rickard, Chair of the Agriculture Sector Climate Change Expert Task Force, K. Kilbourne and other Regional Economic Development staff will be attending the awards ceremony in February.

K. Kilbourne advised that tonight would be her last meeting as she accepted a position at the City of Pickering. The Committee thanked her for her work and dedication to the DAAC.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

7. Adjournment

Moved by T. Watpool, Seconded by K. Kemp,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk