



The Regional Municipality of Durham

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

February 18, 2022

Information Reports

- 2022-INFO-10** Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health – re: Patterns of Medication and Healthcare Use Among People Who Died of Opioid-Related Toxicity During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario
- 2022-INFO-11** Commissioner of Corporate Services – re: Restricted Acts after Nomination Day and/or Election Day - Lame Duck provisions of the Municipal Act
- 2022-INFO-12** Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – re: Comments from the Region of Durham on the Report of the Provincial Housing Affordability Task Force

Early Release Reports

There are no Early Release Reports

Staff Correspondence

1. Memorandum from Dr. R. J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health – re: Health Information Update – February 13, 2022
2. Memorandum from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works – re: Response to National Farmers Union – Ontario Letter to Municipality of Clarington Dated February 7, 2022, regarding Durham Region’s Proposed Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility

Durham Municipalities Correspondence

There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions

1. **Municipality of Central Elgin** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 24, 2022, regarding Joint & Several Liability Reform
2. **The Township of Front of Yonge** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 7, 2022, requesting the Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal
3. **City of Sarnia** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 7, 2022, requesting the Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal
4. **Town of New Tecumseth** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 17, 2022, regarding Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition – Update on Bradford Bypass

Miscellaneous Correspondence

There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

1. 9-1-1 Management Board minutes – **January 25, 2022**
2. Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Committee (DRART) minutes – **January 27, 2022**

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

Notice regarding collection, use and disclosure of personal information:

Written information (either paper or electronic) that you send to Durham Regional Council or Committees, including home address, phone numbers and email addresses, will become part of the public record. If you have any questions about the collection of information, please contact the Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 3111



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2022-INFO-10
Date: February 18, 2022

Subject:

Patterns of Medication and Healthcare Use Among People Who Died of Opioid-Related Toxicity During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on the report titled: [Patterns of Medication and Healthcare Use Among People Who Died of Opioid-Related Toxicity During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ontario](#), released on January 18, 2022.

2. Background

- 2.1 This report was prepared by the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network (ODPRN), the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OCC/OFPS) and Public Health Ontario (PHO).
- 2.2 The report describes patterns of medication and healthcare use among people who died of an opioid-related toxicity in Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic, up to the end of December 2020.
- 2.3 ODPRN, OCC/OFPS, and PHO prepared this report in the context of an urgent need to better understand patterns of healthcare use among people who died of an opioid-related toxicity during the pandemic, particularly amid the pandemic-related disruptions to healthcare services and increasing rates of unintentional deaths due to opioid-related toxicity since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.4 This report is a follow-up the previous report, [Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), released in May

2021, which highlighted a 79 per cent increase in opioid-related deaths during the pandemic, with the most serious impacts affecting marginalized populations.

3. Highlights from the Report

- 3.1 Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (March to December 2019), there were 1,017 opioid-related deaths in Ontario.
- 3.2 During the COVID-19 pandemic (March to December 2020), there were 1,808 opioid-related deaths in Ontario. This timeframe represents the first two waves of the pandemic.
- 3.3 Trends in opioid-related deaths during the pandemic show increases among certain demographic groups, including:
 - a. Two times more deaths among males.
 - b. A 79 per cent increase in deaths among adults aged 25 to 44.
 - c. Three times more deaths in Northern Ontario compared to Southern regions in the province.
 - d. Deaths among people experiencing homelessness doubled compared to pre-pandemic numbers.
- 3.4 Opioid-related deaths were linked to pharmaceutical products, non-pharmaceutical products, or a mix of the two.
 - a. Approximately 63 per cent of deaths occurred among people who used pharmaceutical opioids (e.g., pain medications, or opioid agonist treatment such as methadone or buprenorphine).
 - b. Approximately 15 per cent of deaths occurred among people who used non-pharmaceutical opioids (e.g., fentanyl, heroin).
 - c. Approximately 63 per cent involved a mix of non-pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical opioids.
- 3.5 The authors note that a large proportion of people dying of a pharmaceutical opioid toxicity had not been recently prescribed the medication. They may have been accessing diverted prescription opioid supplies or prescriptions that had been dispensed more than 30 days prior to death, at which point they may have reduced tolerance to the prescribed dose.
- 3.6 Health service use among people at risk of overdose is high (e.g., use of outpatient, primary care, or emergency department services).
 - a. Half of the opioid-related deaths in the 2020 period occurred among people who had a healthcare encounter in the 30 days prior to their death, and 24 per cent had a healthcare encounter in the seven days prior to their death.
- 3.7 Patterns of high contact with the healthcare system a month prior to death highlights that healthcare providers have an opportunity to engage people at high

risk of an overdose and connect them with low-barrier access to treatment or harm reduction services. This also supports calls for broader integration of opioid agonist treatment (OAT) and harm reduction approaches directly into hospital and primary care settings.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priority in the Durham Region Strategic Plan: Community Vitality, 2.3 influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Findings in this report reinforce the need for expanded access to a broad suite of programs designed to support people who use drugs. ODPRN recommends this should include:
- a. Low barrier access to OAT in multiple healthcare settings, including during emergency department visits where many people frequent in the weeks prior to a fatal overdose.
 - b. Comprehensive health and social care for all people who use substances.
 - c. Expanded harm reduction with access to safer opioid supply programs and supervised consumption services that include spaces for supervised inhalation and smoking in all communities across the province.
- 5.2 Locally, the [Durham Region Opioid Information System](#) (DROIS) provides detailed information on:
- a. Calls to Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) associated with a suspected opioid overdose.
 - In 2021, there were approximately 998 suspected calls, which is approximately a 38 per cent increase from 725 calls in 2020, and an even larger increase from 591 in 2019 (pre-pandemic).
 - b. A map of RDPS opioid overdose calls.
 - c. Annual numbers of opioid-related deaths.
 - In 2021, preliminary data show there were approximately 73 deaths from January to July.
 - d. Monthly and annual opioid overdose emergency department visits.
- 5.3 The escalating overdose epidemic locally and across Canada demonstrates the need for rapid action and investment in programs to support people who use substances.

- 5.4 One of Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD) priorities is to update the [Durham Region Opioid Response Plan](#) in collaboration with key stakeholders.
- a. A complex issue like opioid overdoses requires a comprehensive, collaborative, compassionate, and evidence-based approach.
 - b. DRHD is working alongside Opioid Task Force members to update the opioid response plan and identify further actions to address areas of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement.
 - c. The Opioid Task Force is comprised of agencies that provide harm reduction and/or treatment services, first responders, individual residents with lived experience, school boards, and health care professionals.
 - d. The Task Force is currently working on establishing objectives, priorities, and timelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2126



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Corporate Services
Report: #2022-INFO-11
Date: February 18, 2022

Subject:

Restricted Acts after Nomination Day and/or Election Day - Lame Duck provisions of the Municipal Act

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Council that pursuant to section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the "Act"), there are certain actions of Regional Council which may be restricted during two separate periods after the municipal nomination date (August 19, 2022). These restrictions may occur in the event that any one of the so-called "lame duck" thresholds set forth in section 275(1) are satisfied. A Council can become "lame duck" in one or both of two separate time periods:
- a. The period from the nomination date (August 19, 2022) to the day of the election (October 24, 2022); and
 - b. The period from the day of the election (October 24, 2022) to the end of the current term of Regional Council (November 14, 2022).
 - c. In each instance an analysis must be done at the outset of these periods to determine whether the Council is "lame duck".

2. Analysis

- 2.1 Typically, a Council becomes “lame duck” if it is determined with certainty that the new Council will have less than three-quarters of the members of the outgoing one. In order to determine whether the three-quarters threshold has been met, one must have regard to the nominations that have been certified and any acclamations made to the new Council, as well as the results of the election.
- 2.2 Based on the current and new Regional Council having 29 elected members, three quarters of which will be 21.75, it will require 22 returning members in order to avoid becoming “lame duck”. In other words, if on either the nomination day or election day it can be determined with certainty that 8 or more members of the outgoing Regional Council are not returning, then the restrictions in s. 275 of the Act will apply.
- 2.3 Once the determination has been made with certainty that a council is “lame duck”, then the four restrictions contained within s. 275(3) will apply. They are prohibitions upon:
 - a. The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality.
 - b. The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality.
 - c. The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000, at the time of disposal; and
 - d. Making any expenditure or incurring any other liability that exceeds \$50,000.
- 2.4 Sections 275(3) (a) and (b) do not restrict the hiring or dismissal of officers or employees of the municipality where such powers have been delegated to staff prior to nomination day. Such powers have been delegated to senior officers by Regional Council.
- 2.5 Clauses 275(3) (c) and (d) do not apply if the disposition or the liability was included in the most recent budget adopted by Council before the nomination day.
- 2.6 The Act also provides that nothing in s. 275 prevents a municipality from taking any action in the event of an emergency.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report [#2017-INFO-92](#): Restricted Acts after Nomination Day and/or Election Day - Lame Duck provisions of the Municipal Act

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

4.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

a. Goal 5: Service Excellence. Objective: To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

- 5.3 Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

5. Conclusion

5.1 As in the past, and in light of the upcoming 2022 municipal election, this information is being brought to your attention at this time.

5.2 For additional information, contact: Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 2100.

Prepared by: Leigh Fleury, Legislative Officer and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem, at 905-668-7711, extension 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.
Commissioner of Corporate Services

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2564



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2022-INFO-12
Date: February 18, 2022

Subject:

Comments from the Region of Durham on the Report of the Provincial Housing Affordability Task Force

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 On December 6, 2021, the province announced that it had appointed nine members to a new Housing Affordability Task Force to provide the government with recommendations on additional measures to address market housing supply and affordability. The mandate of the Housing Affordability Task Force was to explore measures to address housing affordability by:

- a) Increasing the supply of market rate rental and ownership housing;
- b) Building housing supply in complete communities;
- c) Reducing red tape and accelerating timelines;
- d) Encouraging innovation and digital modernization, such as in planning processes;
- e) Supporting economic recovery and job creation; and
- f) Balancing housing needs with protecting the environment.

1.2 On February 8, 2022, the province released the [Report of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force](#). Through its 55 recommendations, the Task Force focused

on how to increase market housing supply and affordability. By market housing, the report is referring to homes that can be purchased or rented without government support. The report is not intended as an “all or nothing” set of proposals but lists options that the government could apply to help address housing affordability and get more homes built. It proposes a target of 1.5 million new homes being built in the next ten years. The report also identifies the following themes to support the delivery additional housing supply:

- a) More housing density across the province
- b) End exclusionary municipal rules that block or delay new housing
- c) Depoliticize the housing approvals process
- d) Prevent abuse of the housing appeals system
- e) Financial support to municipalities that build more housing

- 1.3 The deadline for comments on the report was Tuesday February 15, 2022 (one week from the release date). Despite the unusually short deadline, the purpose of this report is to advise Council that the Regional Chair issued a letter providing detailed comments by the commenting deadline (see Attachment 1).

2. Report

- 2.1 The Task Force focused on supply, based on an underlying assumption that by simply increasing supply, housing affordability would be improved which is questionable. Although the Report correctly notes the issue is very complex, it also appears to take a “one size fits all” approach, which does not account for the widely varying characteristics of Ontario’s municipalities.

- 2.2 The Report includes some positive recommendations including:

- a) Creating approvals facilitators to quickly resolve conflicts and ensure timelines are met;
- b) Reducing the backlog at OLT by encouraging oral decisions on the day of issue, providing funding to increase staffing, and prioritizing projects that will support housing growth;
- c) Ensuring inclusivity and accessibility by: funding calling on the federal government to implement a Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy, funding pilots to create innovative pathways to ownership for Black, Indigenous, and marginalized people, and providing provincial/federal loan guarantees for purpose-built affordable rental and ownership projects;

- d) Addressing labour shortages by improving funding for training including on-the-job training, and attracting more skill trades through the federal immigration program;
- e) Ensuring consistent e-permitting standards by funding the adoption of a common data architecture standards across the sector and require zoning with open data standards which would enable broad tracking of land use and development.

2.3 However, the report also includes recommendations which concerning, including the following:

- a) Some of the recommendations would prioritize housing supply over quality of place.
- b) The report would seek to allow unrestricted development should not occur without understanding the impact on sewer, water and roads infrastructure.
- c) The report suggests that official plan conformity (municipal comprehensive review) amendments should be appealable, which would not only clog the OLT system, introduce lengthy delays, and introduce extensive legal and processing costs to the process.
- d) The Report includes a recommendation that it apply to “all undeveloped land”, which ignores the need for adequate employment areas, protected ecological features and natural hazards areas, viable farmland, etc.
- e) Limiting municipalities from hosting additional public meetings beyond the minimum required under the Planning Act is not in the public interest. Public participation is an inherent part of the planning process.
- f) Legislating timelines at each stage of the provincial and municipal review process and introducing the concept of “deemed approved” could create a risk of substandard or flawed applications being granted approval status just because the timeline has expired.
- g) Waiving development charges will mean existing taxpayers would have to fund new growth, which is contrary to the “growth pays for growth” concept. This should be decided upon locally.
- h) The elimination of water and sewer Development Charges on new development would place the full cost burden of growth on existing customers.
- i) Reducing funding to municipalities that fail to meet timelines is problematic. Processing timelines should allow municipalities to “stop the clock” once comments are sent back to applicants.

- j) Requiring municipalities and the provincial government to use the Ministry of Finance population projections as the basis for housing need analysis and related land use requirements would force a complete stop of all MCRs and would cause a revisiting of the foundational assumptions of ongoing land needs assessments.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 By planning for housing growth in a sustainable, progressive, and responsible manner, following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan would be met:

- a) Under Goal Area 2, Community Vitality:
 - 2.1 Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well connected, and have a mix of attainable housing;
 - 2.5 Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging;
- b) Under Goal Area 3, Economic Prosperity:
 - 3.2 Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth;
- c) Under Goal Area 4, Social Investment:
 - 4.1 Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Report of the Housing Affordability Task Force was released on February 8, 2022. Despite a very short commenting deadline, a letter was provided by the Regional Chair with the Region's comments. Attached to the letter is a detailed chart which provides an assessment of each and every one of the report's 55 recommendations. The chart is comprehensive and reflects input received from staff in the CAO's office, Planning and Economic Development, Works, Finance and Social Services Housing Division. Staff will continue to keep Regional Council apprised of any provincial actions that may result from the recommendations in the Report.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: Correspondence to the MMAH, February 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

Sent Via Email



February 15, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th floor
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5
housingsupply@ontario.ca

Dear Minister:

RE: Housing Affordability Task Force Report

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

Office of the Regional
Chair

605 Rossland Rd. E.
Level 5
PO Box 623
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3
Canada

905-668-7711
1-800-372-1102
john.henry@durham.ca
durham.ca

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO

The Region of Durham shares the concerns of the province, our partner municipalities, the development community and other stakeholders regarding housing affordability and the lack of a supply of affordable housing across the GTHA. We agree that collaboration between all levels of government is required to address the housing crisis facing Ontarians.

We have done an in-depth review of the 55 recommendations put forward in the Housing Affordability Task Force Report. We have summarized our comments below and appended a chart which includes our specific comments on each of the recommendations.

Overall, the Task Force recommendations focus on supply and assume that increasing supply will improve housing affordability. We support efforts to increase housing supply but encourage the province to consider a broader strategy that addresses the many complexities of the housing crisis.

We support some of the recommendations of the Task Force to create approvals facilitators, reduce the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal and increase funding for training skilled trades. The additional recommendations to ensure inclusivity and accessibility by creating innovative pathways to ownership for Black, Indigenous and marginalized people are commended.

There are also several recommendations that are very concerning because of the significant negative impact they would have on municipal finances, municipal processes, and community development.

- The impact of recommendations on water/sewer infrastructure is not considered. Municipalities require an opportunity to consider the servicing requirements for new developments. For example: allowing ‘as of right’ residential housing up to four units and four storeys on all single residential lots and allowing ‘as of right’ zoning up to unlimited height and unlimited density within major transit stations may exceed servicing capacity.
- Some of the recommendations seek supply over quality of place. This is concerning since creating liveable, complete communities is vital to well-being and economic success. Overriding municipal approvals with provincial standards such as preservation of physical character of the neighbourhood will impact urban design and the liveability of a community. This also applies to the creation of a common definition of subdivision which may not be appropriate considering local storm water, drainage, soil, etc.
- Applying the recommendations to “all undeveloped land” ignores the need to have adequate employment areas, protection of ecological features, protection from natural hazards, protection of farmland, etc.
- Permitting developers to appeal the Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) will delay any timely resolution for the MCR and would add years to the final approval process.
- Waiving development charges and parkland cash-in-lieu for infill residential beyond what is already permitted should not be implemented since it will mean existing taxpayers have to make up the difference, which is contrary to “growth pays for growth” concept. This should be decided locally.
- Requiring the establishment of a Municipal Services Corporation for water/sewer would remove oversight from municipal councils and add administration costs. The elimination of water and sewer Development Charges would place the full cost burden of growth on existing customers and introducing “double taxing”.
- We urge the province to consider the broader implications to some of the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force. We look forward to working with the province and our partner municipalities to implement effective solutions to the housing supply and affordability challenges.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

John Henry

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO

c: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner Planning and Economic Development

Appendix 1:

Comprehensive Task Force Recommendations and Staff Response

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
<p>1. Set a goal of building 1.5 million new homes in ten years.</p>	<p>Although this goal applies province wide, it appears to be well beyond the forecasts prepared by Hemson in its Growth Plan Background Report, which forecasted growth of 2.229 million new households within the GGH to 2051. To meet this target, it is unclear whether the Growth Plan will need to be amended once again, and in turn, whether MCRs will need to be updated.</p>
<p>2. Amend the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, and Growth Plans to set “growth in the full spectrum of housing supply” and “intensification within existing built-up areas” of municipalities as the most important residential housing priorities in the mandate and purpose.</p>	<p>May be appropriate province-wide but may not be applicable across the board for each municipality.</p>
<p>3. Limit exclusionary zoning in municipalities through binding provincial action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allow “as of right” residential housing up to four units and up to four storeys on a single residential lot. b. Modernize the Building Code and other policies to remove any barriers to affordable construction and to ensure meaningful implementation (e.g., allow single-staircase construction for up to four storeys, allow single egress, etc.). 	<p>Agree in part as an overall zoning principle or as a Building Code provision, but additional units on the ground may still be constrained due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - servicing required for additional units - for rear lanes, garbage pick-up and snow plowing may not be provided - Availability of on-site parking in areas not well served by transit
<p>4. Permit “as of right” conversion of underutilized or redundant commercial properties to residential or mixed residential and commercial use.</p>	<p>Agree in part, but conversions would still be subject to infrastructure capacity.</p>
<p>5. Permit “as of right” secondary suites, garden suites, and laneway houses province-wide.</p>	<p>Agree in part as a zoning permission but need to be mindful that servicing capacity may not be available, and lane-based units may not be accessible by emergency or garbage vehicles.</p>

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
6. Permit “as of right” multi-tenant housing (renting rooms within a dwelling) province-wide.	Agree. Unit occupancy is not a land use planning concern, per se.
7. Encourage and incentivize municipalities to increase density in areas with excess school capacity to benefit families with children.	Agree in principle if infrastructure capacity is available.
8. Allow “as of right” zoning up to unlimited height and unlimited density in the immediate proximity of individual major transit stations within two years if municipal zoning remains insufficient to meet provincial density targets.	Disagree. “Unlimited” height and density raises questions of infrastructure capacity, compatibility of built form, and capacity of local services. Height and density are still valid planning considerations in these areas.
9. Allow “as of right” zoning of six to 11 storeys with no minimum parking requirements on any streets utilized by public transit (including streets on bus and streetcar routes).	Should be refined. Should be limited to defined transit corridors or strategic growth areas, as minor local streets are often used by transit vehicles. Building heights of 6-11 storeys without parking could impact the interiors of existing neighbourhoods.
10. Designate or rezone as mixed commercial and residential use all land along transit corridors and redesignate all Residential Apartment to mixed commercial and residential zoning in Toronto.	No comment. This recommendation is specific to the City of Toronto.
11. Support responsible housing growth on undeveloped land, including outside existing municipal boundaries, by building necessary infrastructure to support higher density housing and complete communities and applying the recommendations of this report to all undeveloped land.	Disagree. Applying this recommendation to “all undeveloped land” ignores other planning concerns including ensuring adequacy of employment areas, protection of ecological features, protection from natural hazards, protection of farmland, etc.
12. Create a more permissive land use, planning, and approvals system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Repeal or override municipal policies, zoning, or plans that prioritize the preservation of physical character of neighbourhood b. Exempt from site plan approval and public consultation all projects of 10 units or less that conform to the Official Plan and require only minor variances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Disagree. The value of certain neighbourhoods is defined by their physical character. Well written policies that allow for sensitive new building designs that are sympathetic to community character is a better approach. b) Agree in part. However, requirement to ensure servicing drawings in order ensure compliance with sewer, water, and entrance to Regional Road bylaw requirements. However, the Region would lose the opportunity to get needed road widenings from these lands.

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
<p>c. Establish province-wide zoning standards, or prohibitions, for minimum lot sizes, maximum building setbacks, minimum heights, angular planes, shadow rules, front doors, building depth, landscaping, floor space index, and heritage view cones, and planes; restore pre-2006 site plan exclusions (colour, texture, and type of materials, window details, etc.) to the Planning Act and reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements; and</p> <p>d. Remove any floorplate restrictions to allow larger, more efficient high-density towers.</p>	<p>c) Disagree. Good urban design is worthwhile, takes work and results in better outcomes. Suggest broader use or encouragement of design review panels and rewarding good design that meets standards. Good urban design needs to be contextually appropriate. A one-size fits all approach to urban design ignores distinctiveness of communities.</p> <p>d) Disagree. We've moved away from 60's style slab buildings which we have learned are stark, visually imposing, cast large shadows, create wind impacts.</p>
<p>13. Limit municipalities from requesting or hosting additional public meetings beyond those that are required under the Planning Act.</p>	<p>Disagree. Public participation is an inherent part of the Planning process. The merits of the comment are topics that need to be weighed so that "people zoning" does not occur, that non-planning matters like "property values" arguments, or that negligible traffic effects do not bog down the process.</p>
<p>14. Require that public consultations provide digital participation options.</p>	<p>Agree.</p>
<p>15. Require mandatory delegation of site plan approvals and minor variances to staff or pre-approved qualified third-party technical consultants through a simplified review and approval process, without the ability to withdraw Council's delegation.</p>	<p>Agree. This could also be extended to technical consents, lifting of Holding provisions and exemptions from part lot control, as well as approvals under the Condominium Act.</p>
<p>16. Prevent abuse of the heritage preservation and designation process by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prohibiting the use of bulk listing on municipal heritage registers b. Prohibiting reactive heritage designations after a Planning Act development application has been filed 	<p>Disagree in principle. Although not strictly a Regional interest, there are situations where a heritage designation may make sense if it is on a 'wish list' and therefore unprotected.</p>

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
17. Requiring municipalities to compensate property owners for loss of property value as a result of heritage designations, based on the principle of best economic use of land.	Disagree. Heritage designations have community value. The loss of a heritage resource constitutes a loss to the community.
18. Restore the right of developers to appeal Official Plans and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews.	Disagree. This would be a step backward in providing timely resolution of MCRs, and would add years and extraordinary costs (in the millions) to the final approval process. Durham’s last conformity amendment (ROPA 128) was the subject of a 4-year appeal and settlement OMB process.
19. Legislate timelines at each stage of the provincial and municipal review process, including site plan, minor variance, and provincial reviews, and deem an application approved if the legislated response time is exceeded.	Disagree. Deemed approval creates a risk of substandard or flawed applications being granted approval status.
20. Fund the creation of “approvals facilitators” with the authority to quickly resolve conflicts among municipal and/or provincial authorities and ensure timelines are met.	Agree with caution. This idea should be explored further.
21. Require a pre-consultation with all relevant parties at which the municipality sets out a binding list that defines what constitutes a complete application; confirms the number of consultations established in the previous recommendations; and clarifies that if a member of a regulated profession such as a professional engineer has stamped an application, the municipality has no liability, and no additional stamp is needed.	Agree with preconsultation requirements. Durham Region already has a pre-consultation by-law and a process that sets out clear submission requirements for applicants. Disagree with the engineering stamp recommendation. The municipality can not “wash its hands” of liability of the applicant’s engineer provides a stamp. Municipal due diligence and certification is still required to ensure the public interest is covered.
22. Simplify planning legislation and policy documents.	Generally agree as a matter of good practice. However, simplification should not erode good practice or undermine a stable long range planning policy regime.
23. Create a common, province-wide definition of plan of subdivision and standard set of conditions which clarify which may be included; require the use of standard province-wide legal agreements and, where feasible, plans of subdivision.	Disagree. Section 51 of the Planning Act is clear regarding the definition of a plan of subdivision. Province wide standards may not be appropriate, since standards are also tied to local context (e.g. local snow clearing ability, local storm water controls, local drainage or soil conditions, etc.). Upper tiers can act in an advisory capacity for small

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
	municipalities by developing templates or best practices, but this is a local matter.
24. Allow wood construction of up to 12 storeys.	This is a Building Code matter.
25. Require municipalities to provide the option of pay on demand surety bonds and letters of credit.	No comment.
26. Require appellants to promptly seek permission (“leave to appeal”) of the Tribunal and demonstrate that an appeal has merit, relying on evidence and expert reports, before it is accepted.	Agree.
27. Prevent abuse of process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Remove right of appeal for projects with at least 30% affordable housing in which units are guaranteed affordable for at least 40 years. b. Require a \$10,000 filing fee for third-party appeals. c. Provide discretion to adjudicators to award full costs to the successful party in any appeal brought by a third party or by a municipality where its council has overridden a recommended staff approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Disagree. This approach does not deal with the planning merits of a project. Issue may have nothing to do with affordability. b) Agree in principle, suggest a “fee for service for appeals”, rather than choosing an arbitrary amount. c) Disagree. Staff may recommend an approval of a project but may not adequately take the interests of a neighbouring municipality into account.
28. Encourage greater use of oral decisions issued the day of the hearing, with written reasons to follow, and allow those decisions to become binding the day that they are issued.	Agree.
29. Where it is found that a municipality has refused an application simply to avoid a deemed approval for lack of decision, allow the Tribunal to award punitive damages.	Agree in principle.
30. Provide funding to increase staffing (adjudicators and case managers), provide market-competitive salaries, outsource more matters to mediators, and set shorter time targets.	Agree.

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
31. In clearing the existing backlog, encourage the Tribunal to prioritize projects close to the finish line that will support housing growth and intensification, as well as regional water or utility infrastructure decisions that will unlock significant housing capacity.	Agree.
32. Waive development charges and parkland cash-in-lieu and charge only modest connection fees for all infill residential projects up to 10 units or for any development where no new material infrastructure will be required.	Disagree. Infill development also requires new municipal capital infrastructure, including water, sewer and transportation. If not funded by the infill development, the costs of development will be a burden on existing property taxpayers and water/sewer ratepayers. Municipal water and sewer capital is funded on the basis that new growth will contribute to the growth-related costs, whether before or after the residential units are built. Any waiver of DCs would need to be funded by property taxpayers and ratepayers and thus any waiver should be a local decision. Alternatively, the Province could provide the waived DCs to replenish the DC Reserve Funds.
33. Waive development charges on all forms of affordable housing guaranteed to be affordable for 40 years.	Disagree. Development charges are intended to pay for growth related capital required for the development, otherwise the expense of replenishing the DC Reserve Funds will be paid by property taxpayers and ratepayers. The decision to subsidize affordable housing from existing taxpayers and ratepayers should be a local decision. This proposal would only impose development charges on higher cost housing (which can house multi-generation or co-ownership households). Alternatively, the Province could provide the waived DCs to replenish the DCRFs.
34. Prohibit interest rates on development charges higher than a municipality's borrowing rate.	Agree.
35. Regarding cash in lieu of parkland, s.37, Community Benefit Charges, and development charges: a. Provincial review of reserve levels, collections and drawdowns annually to ensure funds are being used in a timely fashion and for the intended	Disagree. a) The Province already requires annual reporting for DCs and their use by municipalities is done in a fully transparent manner along with a public process for the DC rates, calculations and policies. Many large-scale infrastructure projects require multiple years to design, approve and

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
<p>purpose, and, where review points to a significant concern, do not allow further collection until the situation has been corrected.</p> <p>b. Except where allocated towards municipality-wide infrastructure projects, require municipalities to spend funds in the neighbourhoods where they were collected. However, where there's a significant community need in a priority area of the City, allow for specific ward-to-ward allocation of unspent and unallocated reserves.</p>	<p>construct so the DCRFs may accumulate until the planned expenditures are withdrawn. The DC background Study requires a cashflow projections. Any interpretation of DC collection would only benefit those developers developing at that time.</p> <p>b) The DCA already provides for area specific DCs for smaller capital projects with a strictly local benefit. Regional capital projects benefit the broader community. Given the provincially prescribed DC methodology, any unspent and unallocated RFs are considered, and adjustments made in subsequent DC by-law updates.</p>
<p>36. Recommend that the federal government and provincial governments update HST rebate to reflect current home prices and begin indexing the thresholds to housing prices, and that the federal government match the provincial 75% rebate and remove any claw back.</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p>37. Align property taxes for purpose-built rental with those of condos and low-rise homes.</p>	<p>Disagree. The current Provincial legislation requires any new multi-residential buildings to be taxed at a ratio of 1:1 to residential. Further, the multi-residential tax ratio used for existing buildings is greater than one to reflect the offsetting lower current value assessment values. Thus, property tax burdens for multi-residential are the same as residential and condos on a per unit basis.</p>
<p>38. Amend the Planning Act and Perpetuities Act to extend the maximum period for land leases and restrictive covenants on land to 40 or more years.</p>	<p>Agree.</p>
<p>39. Eliminate or reduce tax disincentives to housing growth.</p>	<p>Too broad of a recommendation to comment.</p>
<p>40. Call on the Federal Government to implement an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy.</p>	<p>Agree.</p>

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
41. Funding for pilot projects that create innovative pathways to homeownership, for Black, Indigenous, and marginalized people and first-generation homeowners.	Agree.
42. Provide provincial and federal loan guarantees for purpose-built rental, affordable rental and affordable ownership projects.	Agree.
43. Enable municipalities, subject to adverse external economic events, to withdraw infrastructure allocations from any permitted projects where construction has not been initiated within three years of build permits being issued.	Agree in principle.
44. Work with municipalities to develop and implement a municipal services corporation utility model for water and wastewater under which the municipal corporation would borrow and amortize costs among customers instead of using development charges.	<p>Disagree. Further financial and business planning would be required to fully understand the impacts of such a model on the Region and the development industry. Municipalities already use a variety of financing mechanisms for water and sewer capital, including debt. The appropriate use of debt allows for the timing of repayment over future users but does so at the cost of additional interest expenses. With the elimination of Development Charges, the Region would need to fund the capital program to meet development demand completely through user rates and debt. It is likely that significant user rate increases would be required to maintain the current capital forecast for infrastructure.</p> <p>The establishment of a MSC would remove the oversight from municipal councils and add administration costs. The elimination of water and sewer DCs would place the full cost burden of growth on existing customers who already paid DCs towards growth related water & sewer capital needs thus double taxing the existing customers and eliminates the concept that “growth pays for growth”.</p>
45. Improve funding for colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeships; encourage and incentivize municipalities, unions and employers to provide more on-the-job training.	Agree.

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
46. Undertake multi-stakeholder education program to promote skilled trades.	Agree.
47. Recommend that the federal and provincial government prioritize skilled trades and adjust the immigration points system to strongly favour needed trades and expedite immigration status for these workers, and encourage the federal government to increase from 9,000 to 20,000 the number of immigrants admitted through Ontario's program.	Agree in principle. No comment on the number of trades workers required.
48. The Ontario government should establish a large "Ontario Housing Delivery Fund" and encourage the federal government to match funding. This fund should reward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual housing growth that meets or exceeds provincial targets b. Reductions in total approval times for new housing c. the speedy removal of exclusionary d. zoning practices 	Disagree. Provincial targets are not set annually, so it is unclear how this would be measured. For example, there could be a situation where a municipality "underperforms" in one calendar year and overperforms the following year, based on when site plans and plans of subdivision are approved. Disagree, unless approval timelines are broken down between municipalities' and applicants' role in the delay. Municipalities can only control their own actions and should be rewarded for expeditious processing. Comments that take applicants months to resolve should also be tracked so that the sources of delay are fully understood. Agree. Rewarding municipalities for updating zoning by-laws that conform to up-to-date official plans is a good idea.
49. Reductions in funding to municipalities that fail to meet provincial housing growth and approval timeline targets.	Disagree, as it is unclear what "funding" the Task Force was referring to. If this is new a funding program, then could be amenable, if reasonable targets are set. If it is referring to an existing funding program, then disagree as the Region doesn't receive unconditional funding and any conditional funding is required to support those specific social, health, police, transit and other initiatives. Applications that are delayed due delays by applicants should not be the cause of municipal penalties. Processing timelines should allow municipalities to "stop the clock" once comments are sent back to applicants.
50. Fund the adoption of consistent municipal e-permitting systems and encourage the federal government to	Agree. This would go along way to enable broad tracking of the land use and development picture.

Task Force Recommendation	Staff Comment
<p>match funding. Fund the development of common data architecture standards across municipalities and provincial agencies and require municipalities to provide their zoning bylaws with open data standards. Set an implementation goal of 2025 and make funding conditional on established targets.</p>	
<p>51. Require municipalities and the provincial government to use the Ministry of Finance population projections as the basis for housing need analysis and related land use requirements.</p>	<p>Disagree. This would force a complete stop of all MCRs and would cause a revisiting of foundational assumptions of the current land needs assessment work. For example, the Ministry of Finance projections assign a population of approx. 986,000 by 2046 to Durham. The Growth Plan forecasts 1.3M people by 2051, creating the opposite effect to what we believe the Task Force is looking for.</p>
<p>52. Resume reporting on housing data and require consistent municipal reporting, enforcing compliance as a requirement for accessing programs under the Ontario Housing Delivery Fund.</p>	<p>Agree in principle. Further information on “what” housing data is lacking, but online track systems (such as PlanIT in Durham) will help with future reporting.</p>
<p>53. Report each year at the municipal and provincial level on any gap between demand and supply by housing type and location, and make underlying data freely available to the public.</p>	<p>Agree in principle, but information needed on the details. How does one measure “demand”?</p>
<p>54. Empower the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to lead an all-of-government committee, including key provincial ministries and agencies, that meets weekly to ensure our remaining recommendations and any other productive ideas are implemented.</p>	<p>How will this Committee liaise with key stakeholders?</p>
<p>55. Commit to evaluate these recommendations for the next three years with public reporting on progress.</p>	<p>No concerns.</p>



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: February 18, 2022

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – February 13, 2022

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

A stylized graphic of a hand or a flame in shades of blue, positioned behind the text.

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 13, 2022

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/2p92wbk4

- COVID-19 Therapeutics Clinic (Feb 3)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/k2k5c5kt

- Government of Canada introduces legislation to support low-income seniors who received pandemic benefits (Feb 8)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/2p8bfzdz

- Strengthening protections for Canadians and the environment from harmful chemicals and pollutants (Feb 9)

tinyurl.com/2p8svy7w

- Government of Canada consulting on new measures to require certain plastic items be made of at least 50 percent recycled material (Feb 11)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/2p9hm5cx

- Government of Canada introduces legislation to increase access to rapid testing across the country (Jan 31)

tinyurl.com/2p9y2328

- Health Canada releases assessment report on effects of climate change on health (Feb 9)

Indigenous Services Canada

tinyurl.com/5ajcwhhe

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of February 3, 2022

tinyurl.com/2p8fatsr

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of February 10, 2022

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/2p9c395m

- Canada Raising Awareness on Zero-Emission Vehicles in Canada (Feb 8)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/msvj4hdu

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on February 4, 2022

tinyurl.com/3xx5tbmj

- Government of Canada Announces Additional Funding for COVID-19 Safe Voluntary Sites Program Across Canada (Feb 10)

tinyurl.com/yndjbb4

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on February 11, 2022

tinyurl.com/37hhj5bw

- Remarks from the Minister of Health on COVID-19, Feb 11, 2022

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/y84f7h4v

- Government of Canada takes steps toward implementing innovative technologies to improve rail safety (Feb 4)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

tinyurl.com/murvz9tw

- Minister Fortier tables 2020-21 Departmental Results Reports (Feb 1)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

tinyurl.com/3fpmja7n

- Ontario Continues to Protect Agri-Food Workers (Feb 3)

Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

tinyurl.com/4u8hr8r2

- Ontario Continues to Drive Booster Vaccine Rollout, Support Businesses and Families During COVID-19 (Feb 4)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/2p82ds65

- Ontario Extending Health Card Renewal Requirement (Feb 9)

tinyurl.com/7r84z5v2

- Ontario Expanding Access to Free Rapid Tests for General Public (Feb 9)

tinyurl.com/2p996srn

- Ontario Gradually Resuming Surgeries and Procedures (Feb 10)

tinyurl.com/ydk2m3rn

- Ontario Launches New Addictions Recovery Fund (Feb 11)

Ministry of Long-Term Care

tinyurl.com/2p8aujer

- Ontario Launches Long-Term Care Homefinder (Feb 2)

tinyurl.com/4pw5bkb9

- Ontario Easing Temporary Visiting Restrictions at Long-Term Care Homes (Feb 4)

tinyurl.com/4efkb97t

- Ontario Launches Program to Increase Hands-On Training Opportunities for More PSWs and Nurses (Feb 10)

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

tinyurl.com/28dmax3k

- Ontario Extending Free Rides to Vaccination Sites for People with Mobility Issues (Feb 8 22)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

tinyurl.com/2p8dfkaz

- GO-VAXX Mobile Vaccine Clinics Now Accepting Walk-Ins (Feb 7)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/2p8r2s2r

- Ontario Celebrates New Long-Term Care Home in Ajax (Feb 1)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canada's Premiers

tinyurl.com/yckm8wr9

- Premiers discuss pressures on our health care system and urge the federal government to join them in building a sustainable health care funding relationship (Feb 4)

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health

tinyurl.com/ycxvnmsk

- CADTH Establishes New Post-Market Drug Evaluation Program (Feb 4)

Canadian Cancer Society

tinyurl.com/8jr3x8aj

- On World Cancer Day, championing the needs of those affected by cancer has never been more important (Feb 4)

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association

tinyurl.com/hctkz5zh

- New Study Calls for Action to Protect Canada's Supply of Prescription Medicines (Feb 7)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/yndjjacv

- Time to increase efforts to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines globally: CMA (Feb 2)

Canadian Ophthalmological Society

tinyurl.com/4dufamrr

- Canadian Ophthalmological Society highlights potential new treatments of eye disease during AMD Awareness Month (Feb 8)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/yckn98pd

- FAO expects strong revenue growth will significantly lower the budget deficit (Feb 8)

Lakeridge Health

tinyurl.com/2p8jjefv

- Lakeridge Health Unveils 'Lakeridge Gardens' as the Name of its New Long-Term Care Home (Feb 3)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/4wbtp7wt

- Protests Must Remain Peaceful and Non-Disruptive (Feb 4)

Ontario Medical Association

tinyurl.com/44pd3dwx

- Patients and doctors must be able to access health care (Feb 3)

Parachute

tinyurl.com/2zvmeuap

- Collective action key to creating change that will lead to better, safer roads for all (Feb 2)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/yckms5en

- Public Health Connections (Feb 2)



The Regional
Municipality of
Durham

Works Department

Memorandum

Date: February 11, 2022

To: Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council

From: Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works
Giuseppe Anello, M.Eng., P.Eng., PMP, Director, Waste Management Services
John Presta, P.Eng., MPA, Director, Environmental Services

Subject: Response to National Farmers Union – Ontario letter to Municipality of Clarington dated February 7, 2022, regarding Durham Region’s Proposed Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility

The Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) received a copy of the above noted letter outlining National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O) concerns with the Region’s proposed Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility. The enclosed letter contains several misstatements and inaccuracies that the Region would like to address here.

Firstly, the land application of sewage biosolids has a long and safe history in Ontario, dating back to the 1970s and is supported by both the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), and the Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO), an organization representing wastewater professionals.

Sewage biosolids are defined as a Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) and are regulated by the Nutrient Management Act (Ontario Regulation 267/03). Biosolids are applied to farmland using a NASM Plan. A NASM Plan is a detailed summary of the farmer’s crop rotation over five years and accounts for all nutrients applied to the farmland, including sewage biosolids, and tracks the safe addition of nitrogen, phosphorous, and metals to promote soil and crop health. Sewage biosolids are regularly analyzed for nutrients, metals, and pathogens to ensure that they meet the standards detailed in the Nutrient Management Act and Regulations. Strict regulatory oversight provides a

quality assurance program for farmers, the community, and the environment.

OMAFRA provides training, education, and licenses/certifications to operators who are applying nutrients to land and for individuals creating NASM Plans. These individuals adhere to the strict standards of the Nutrient Management Act and its regulations to ensure the protection of soils, water resources, human and animal health.

The Region's Biosolids Program is supported by the Durham Region Soil and Crop Improvement Association and by many local farmers who benefit from the application of biosolids. For many farmers in Durham Region, the Region's biosolids program is an important source of nutrients, organic and other material that improves soil and crop health.

Independent research into the effects of metals, pharmaceuticals, and personal care products in biosolids is very active at the University of Guelph, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada, and several other institutions. Independent research continues to support the land application of sewage biosolids.

Secondly, the Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility (MWP/AD) is a new and separate facility from the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), or incinerator as referred to in the letter. The DYEC began commercial operations in 2016 and is capable of processing 160,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste each year. The DYEC operates under an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) that limits waste processing to 140,000 tonnes per year. In 2019 the Region and York Region initiated an Environmental Screening Process to increase the permitted capacity of the DYEC to 160,000 tonnes per year.

In 2020, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Region and York Region requested and received an emergency ECA amendment to process 160,000 tonnes in 2020. **At no time has the DYEC ever exceeded its permitted waste processing capacity.** In fact, the purpose of the MWP/AD facility is to reduce the quantity of waste sent to the DYEC for processing. Rather than residential waste going directly to the DYEC, it will first be sorted to remove remaining recyclables, organics and non-combustible materials. Only the garbage residue from the MWP will be sent to the DYEC therefore delaying the need to expand the facility to further increase capacity.

The DYEC operates under Environmental Assessment Approval conditions and an ECA which both stipulate emission limits. Emission limits apply to emissions measured via stack tests which occur twice per year and to emissions monitored continuously. Results of all emission measurements are posted for public review on the DYEC website. There was one stack test exceedance in 2016 during facility commissioning

that was reported to and investigated by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The DYEC was shutdown until the MECP was satisfied that the facility could operate within the emission limits set out in its approvals. **The DYEC has not exceeded stack emission limits since this single incident in 2016.** There are occasional exceedances of Carbon Monoxide limits as noted in the continuous emissions monitoring. Carbon Monoxide is considered an operational parameter and is not a contaminant of concern.

The proposed Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility will operate two digestion trains. One will receive source separated organics from the Green Bin program servicing single family homes in the Region. The second train will receive facility separated organics from the Mixed Waste Pre-sort (MWP) facility. Output from the two digestion trains will be kept separate when the facility begins operations. The Region has committed to work with the MECP to evaluate the digestate from the facility separated organic train to confirm it is of consistent quality with the source separated organics digestate. **The Region is committed to producing a high quality, beneficial agricultural product as an output from the AD facility and will do so with MECP and OMAFRA involvement and approvals.**

The Region has been in regular communication with MECP regarding the planning and regulatory requirements for the MWP/AD Facility. MECP has confirmed in writing to the Region that **the MWP/AD Facility does not meet the criteria under the Environmental Assessment Act that would necessitate an Environmental Assessment.** The Region will apply for an Environmental Compliance Approval that will stipulate operating parameters for the facility.

End of Memo

Enclosed: Letter dated February 7, 2022, to Municipality of Clarington from
Don Ciparis, President, National Farmers Union - Ontario

Copy: Honourable David Piccini, Minister, Environment, Conservation and Parks
Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham)
Mayor Foster and Members of Council, Municipality of Clarington
Mary-Anne Dempster, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Clarington
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
Don Ciparis, President, National Farmers Union – Ontario

Elizabeth Stocking, President, Local 345 (Durham, Peterborough, Victoria),
National Farmers Union – Ontario

Gord Robinson, Chair, Durham/York/Victoria/Northumberland Chapter - Ontario
Landowners Association

Agricultural Advisory Committee of Clarington c/o Amy Burke, Senior Planner, Planning
and Development Services

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee c/o Michael Scott, Project Planner, Department
of Planning and Economic Development

Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, Durham Region

Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner, Planning and Economic Development, Durham Region

Don Beaton, Commissioner, Corporate Services, Durham Region

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk / Director, Legislative Services, Durham Region

February 7, 2022

Mayor Foster and Municipal Council
Municipality of Clarington
40 Temperance Street
Bowmanville, ON L1C 3A6

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

It has come to the attention of the National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O) that the Region of Durham is proposing to build an anaerobic digester near its municipal incinerator in Clarington. This proposal has raised the concerns of our members in the Region and those of the Provincial Council of the NFU-O.

The NFU-O is an accredited farm organization representing thousands of sustainable family farmers in Ontario and has advocated for farm families across Ontario and Canada since 1969. The NFU-O believes agriculture should be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and lead to enriched soils, biodiverse ecosystems, financially viable farms, healthy and safe food and thriving rural communities. Members work together to achieve agricultural policies that ensure dignity and income security for farm families, while protecting and enhancing rural environments for current and future generations.

We advocate for the province to provide concrete supports for farmers to build soil health while continuing to minimize soil contamination. Our policies on sewage sludge request that spreading of untreated sludge be prohibited (Nov. 2001) and that spreading treated sewage sludge be prohibited until processes are in place to remove heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and other toxic residues that are harmful to humans, animals and the environment (Nov. 2001, Nov. 2011).

The proposal presented here has a number of design flaws that are not being addressed including: an incinerator that has violated Provincial Air Emissions standards, that same incinerator is now being called on to perform service on three times the waste tonnage that it was designed for and an anaerobic digester that uses mixed organic waste that cannot be used as agricultural fertilizer as determined by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The legality of the proposal has been challenged by non-government organizations and First Nations communities.

The Durham Regional government must demonstrate the same forethought and leadership in this important decision that it displayed in declaring a climate emergency in 2020 and developing a plan for 100% reduction in GHG emissions by 2045.

Local members of the NFU-O and their Provincial Council are calling on the Regional Government to impose an interim control by-law on the proposal until all Environmental

Assessments are completed. Regional decision-makers can count on the NFU-O's support in making the right decision.

Sincerely,



Don Ciparis
President, National Farmers Union - Ontario


cc.

Minister Piccini
Lindsey Park, MPP
Gord Robinson
Elizabeth Stocking



January 25, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
M7A 1A1

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	February 15, 2022 8:41 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

RE: Joint & Several Liability

Dear Premier Ford:

At its Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022, Central Elgin Council passed the following resolution respecting the above noted matter:

THAT the Municipality of Central Elgin reaffirms its concern about joint and several liability and again requests a review of the law to ensure a fair and reasonable way to compensate those who have suffered losses while preventing further reductions in public services due to the high insurance costs associated with joint and several liability.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to AMO and all other municipalities in Ontario.

The Municipality of Central Elgin, along with other municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), has advocated for a fair, reasonable, and responsible manner to ensure that those who have suffered losses are compensated without putting the burden solely on municipalities.

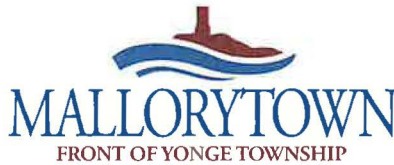
We understand that this matter is under review at Queen's Park but continue to have concerns about the inequity of the current system. We look forward to any updates you can provide on this issue.

Sincerely,



Sally Martyn
Mayor

c.c. AMO

Ontario Municipalities



1514 County Road 2, P.O. Box 130, Mallorytown, ON K0L 1R0
 T 613.923.2251 · F 613.923.2421
www.Mallorytown.ca

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	February 15, 2022 3:15 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

February 14, 2022

via email premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building
 Queen’s Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A7

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised, at their regular meeting on the evening of February 7, 2022, the Council of the Township of Front of Yonge passed the following motion:

“Moved by Gail Williams and seconded by Carson Massey:

WHEREAS *Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and*

WHEREAS *an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and*

WHEREAS *our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and*

WHEREAS *our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and*

WHEREAS *it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge’s Official Plan; and*

WHEREAS *it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Township of Front of Yonge’s Official Plan; and*

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Township of Front of Yonge; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** That the Township of Front of Yonge requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried- Roger Haley, Mayor”

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ault
Clerk

cc via email:

- Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing - steve.clark@pc.ola.org
- Honourable Andrea Horwath, Opposition Leader - ahorwath-gp@ndp.on.ca
- Honourable Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party - info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca
- Honourable Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party - mschreiner-co@ola.org
- All Ontario MPPs
- Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario
- Small Urban GTHA Mayors of Ontario
- Regional Chairs of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - amo@amo.on.ca
- All Ontario municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA
City Clerk's Department**

255 Christina Street N. PO Box 3018
Sarnia ON Canada N7T 7N2
519-332-0330 (phone) 519-332-3995 (fax)
519-332-2664 (TTY)
www.sarnia.ca clerks@sarnia.ca

February 15, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on February 7, 2022, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community"; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes



Corporate Services Department
Legislative Services Division

Date & Time Received:	February 17, 2022 8:28 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia's Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Sarnia's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the City of Sarnia; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The City of Sarnia requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of

Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leader of the Opposition
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
MPPs in the Province of Ontario
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario
Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities


*Clerks/Administration Department
Administration Centre
10 Wellington St. E.
Alliston, ON L9R 1A1*

*Web Address: www.newtecumseth.ca
Email: bkane@newtecumseth.ca
Phone: 705-435-3900
or 905-729-0057
Fax: 705-435-2873*

February 16, 2022

Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities
Via email

Dear Sir/Madam:

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	February 17, 2022 8:25 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Re: Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition Update on Bradford Bypass

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of January 17, 2022:

Whereas the Township of Scugog received the attached correspondence from the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, regarding updates on the Bradford Bypass;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of New Tecumseth supports the Township of Scugog in their request to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to complete a Federal Impact Assessment for the Bradford Bypass project;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and All Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities.

Yours truly,



Barbara Kane
Deputy Clerk

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

9-1-1 MANAGEMENT BOARD

January 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the 9-1-1 Management Board was held in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 9:30 A.M. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: P. Hallett, Durham Regional Police (Chair)
M. Berney, Scugog Fire & Emergency Services
T. Cheseboro, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
B. Drew, Durham Regional Council
L. Kellett, Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre, Ministry of Health – Emergency Health Program Management & Delivery Branch
M. Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement, Durham Region
J. Wichman, Communications/9-1-1 Technical Manager
*** all members of Committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
T. Fraser, Legislative Services Division – Corporate Services Department

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Wichman, Seconded by B. Drew,
(1) That the minutes of the 9-1-1 Management Board meeting held on November 30, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Appointment of New Chair for 9-1-1 Management Board

T. Fraser advised that in accordance with the provisions contained in the 9-1-1 Joint Powers Agreement, it is required that a representative of either the Police or Fire Agencies, Chair on a rotating annual basis.

It was the consensus of the Board that M. Berney will assume the Chair of the 9-1-1 Management Board as of the next meeting.

5. 9-1-1 Call Statistics

J. Wichman provided the statistics on calls transferred from January to December 2021. He advised that a total of 243,710 calls were received, which is an increase in calls from 2020.

6. 9-1-1 System Complaints reported by Technical Manager

J. Wichman provided an overview of the following issues involving the 9-1-1 system:

- There have been some recurring issues where calls have come in with a static or grounding noise. He explained there has been no serious issues as a result of this issue and they are managing the issue with Bell SMC. He added that this is to be expected with the age of the network and one of the pushes for Next Generation 9-1-1 is to upgrade the network.
- Last week the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P.P.S.A.P.) had an issue with one of their servers and licensing. He explained that the server logged out all of the call takers. He also explained that they moved over to their backup system and confirmed with Bell SMC that no calls were lost, and they made any required call backs. He added that repairs were made, and they were switched back without incident the same night.

J. Wichman responded to questions with respect to the status of Next Generation 9-1-1; and the licensing issue experienced by the P.P.S.A.P.

7. 9-1-1 Management Board 2022 Budget

A copy of the proposed 2022 9-1-1 Emergency Service System Business Plans and Budget was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

M. Simpson advised that the proposed budget reflects the submission of the Durham Regional Police Service and has been approved by the Regional Treasurer for presentation. She also advised that the proposed budget increase is 10.4% and includes the appropriate use of the capital reserve to fund the Komutel upgrade.

J. Wichman provided an overview of the proposed 2022 budget. He advised that the 2022 budget includes upgrades for the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) and a staffing increase.

J. Wichman and M. Simpson responded to questions with respect to the proposed staffing increase.

Moved by M. Simpson, Seconded by T. Cheseboro,
(2) That we recommend to the Finance & Administration Committee for
subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2022 Business Plans and Budget for the 9-1-1 Emergency Service
System be approved including the financing of the following capital works from
the Region's Capital Project Reserve:

- \$303,384 for the implementation of the Komutel Software NG911.
CARRIED

8. Other Departments - Comments/Concerns

a) Comments/Concerns – Regional Council

Councillor Drew inquired about recent media coverage reporting no
ambulances were available and she asked if this was related to COVID
absences or delays at the hospital.

T. Cheseboro advised that this is primarily related to hospital offload delays.
He also advised that he has worked with the Regional Chair and Chief
Administrative Officer to facilitate meetings with the Lakeridge Health Chief
Executive Officer to determine what can be done to mitigate the issue.

b) Comments/Concerns – Durham Police

P. Hallett inquired about the status of the new 9-1-1 System Agreement.

M. Simpson advised that the draft agreements have been reviewed by
Durham Regional Police Service and next steps include reviewing with the
Region of Durham Chief Administrative Officer and M. Berney. She agreed to
provide an update at the April 26, 2022, 9-1-1 Management Board meeting.

P. Hallett advised that the Durham Regional Police Service will be looking for
a replacement for their Radio System Technician contract position. He noted
that they are in the last year of the current contract.

c) Comments/Concerns – Fire Departments

M. Berney advised that he will schedule a meeting with P. Hallett and J.
Wichman to discuss Next Generation 9-1-1 and its extension to Fire Dispatch.
J. Wichman advised that they do communicate with both fire dispatches on a
regular basis.

d) Comments/Concerns – Oshawa Central Ambulance Communications Centre

L. Kellett advised that the Central Ambulance Communications Centre has implemented their new CAD system. She also advised that that the Central Ambulance Communications Centre has experienced some staffing challenges due to COVID-19 and are also experiencing challenges due to hospital off-load delays. She further advised that they updated their COVID-19 screening questions on Friday, January 21, 2022.

L. Kellett agreed to share the Central Ambulance Communications Centre COVID-19 screening questions with P. Hallett and M. Berney following the meeting.

Discussion ensued with respect to recent staffing challenges experienced related to COVID-19.

e) Comments/Concerns – Durham Finance

M. Simpson advised that Regional Business Plans and Budgets will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee on February 8, 2022.

f) Comments/Concerns – Region of Durham Paramedic Services

T. Cheseboro advised that the paramedic union filed a complaint with the Ministry of Labour related to the radio equipment. He explained that Region of Durham Paramedic Services has done what has been requested to mitigate the issue. He noted that the union is requesting individually issued cell phones and that the Ministry of Labour did not issue a ruling in favour of the union. He added that the Ministry is in the process of upgrading to a new radio system.

T. Cheseboro also advised that they are experiencing challenges with increasing call volume and it is anticipated to grow based on their 10-year Master Plan.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the 9-1-1 Management Board will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, in Council Chambers.

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. Wichman, Seconded by M. Simpson,
(3) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM

P. Hallett, Chair

T. Fraser, Committee Clerk

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, January 27, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Lee, Regional Council, Chair
F. Ahmed, Community Member, Vice-Chair
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Bookal, Community Member
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
S. Dave, Community Member
L. Francis, Community Member
T. Hancock, Community Member
J. Munawa, Community Member
C. Oyeniran, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
K. Vieneer, Community Member
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member

Also

Present: Councillor Anderson, Regional Council Alternate

Absent: S. Caibaiosai, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
K. Garside, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
Z. Pickering, Community Member

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services
A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
S. Hickman, Policy Advisor, Economic Development
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

G. Wilson-Beier requested confirmation on whether a chair and vice-chair are elected at the beginning of each term of Council. K. Smith indicated that to be correct and that it can be found in the DRART Terms of Reference.

Moved by L. Francis, Seconded by K. Viener,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

5. **Presentations**

A) Kiersten Allore-Engel, Manager – Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning re: Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Presentation – Experiences of Racism as a Risk Factor

Kiersten Allore-Engel, Manager – Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Experiences of Racism as a Risk Factor.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- Four Levels of Risk Mitigation
- Durham's Approach to Plan Development
- Community Partner List
- Major Engagement Milestones
- Engagement
- Multi-Media Project Promotion
- Priority Risk Factors
- Actions Identified as Priorities: Experiences of Racism
- Implementation Framework
- Online Information Hub
- Discussion & Questions

K. Allore-Engel advised that in 2019, Durham Region received legislative amendments to the Police Services Act which required communities across the Province to develop Community Safety and Well-being Plans (CSWPs). She indicated that the key goal for the CSWPs is about getting the right services to the right people at the right time in the most efficient way possible.

K. Allore-Engel advised that the Region of Durham worked with Durham Regional Police Services to review data and existing programs and services in order to identify risk factors; and, conducted an Indigenous engagement in order to refine and readjust the priorities. She added that two community surveys and three virtual open houses were conducted.

K. Allore-Engel identified the ways in which the Durham Region working group reached out to the community partner list to learn more about the perspectives of racialized groups. She advised that the materials were communicated through television interviews, a project website, social media campaigns, and reports to Council.

K. Allore-Engel indicated that the work, community engagement and data analysis lead to the following priority risk factors: mental health, substance use, homelessness and basic needs, criminal involvement, victimization, social isolation, and experiences of racism. She also indicated that the plan directs attention, investment, and collaboration around these pillars as the community has identified these to be important factors that need to be addressed.

K. Allore-Engel reviewed the proposed community safety and well-being plan implementation structure. She also advised that the plan is a living document which can adjust, flex, and change alongside with the community.

K. Allore-Engel also reviewed the online information hub and advised it was developed in direct response to what was heard from the community, far above the legislative requirements. She advised that the community indicated that there was a low level of awareness in terms of programs and services that are available to people in the community.

K. Allore-Engel asked committee members for their input into implementing the CSWP in a way that is valuable to them and the communities they serve. She also asked whether the DRART would be interested in informing or contributing to the work for the plan, specifically the risk factor experiences of racism.

K. Allore-Engel responded to questions with regards to the survey about economic well-being and economic livelihood enhancement of racialized and/or immigrant populations; how the data was broken down after collecting the information and whether that information was available to the public; expanding on the searchable program and strategy catalogue; and, the operational flexibility of the plan to adjust with future changes.

B) Sarah Hickman, Policy Advisor – Durham Local Immigration Partnership re: Anti-Discrimination Awareness Campaign – Local Immigration Partnership

Sarah Hickman, Policy Advisor – Durham Local Immigration Partnership, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Durham Anti-Discrimination Awareness Campaign.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Background
- Why is immigration important?
- Durham Immigration Study – Highlights
- The 2020-2024 Community Plan
- Purpose of the Awareness Campaign
- Existing Campaigns
- Outline
- Key Considerations

S. Hickman advised that the Durham Local Immigration Partnership (Durham LIP) is a federally funded program through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, and that there are approximately 30 LIPs across Ontario and over 70 LIPs across Canada. She indicated that LIPs work with community partners across sectors and systems to enhance the settlement of newcomers and immigrants in our communities and that LIPs do not provide direct services to residents and newcomers.

S. Hickman advised that the program conducted a study to learn more about immigrants in Durham Region by looking at landing records, tax filing data for principal applicants and their family members. She added that the findings will be shared once the analysis is complete. She also noted that Durham Region has one of the fastest growing populations in Canada at nearly 700,000 today and expected to grow by 85% to 1.3 million over the next 30 years, and that much of this growth will come from immigration.

S. Hickman advised that in 2020, the Diversity and Immigration Program in partnership with the members of Durham LIP produced the 2020 to 2024 Durham Immigration and Inclusion Community Plan. She reviewed the three pillars within the plan being economic prosperity, service co-ordination, and community belonging.

S. Hickman advised that Durham Region is currently recruiting volunteer participants to be ambassadors and reviewed the key considerations for the campaign. S. Hickman asked committee members for their input on what can make the campaign a success from their perspective.

S. Hickman responded to questions with regards to connections to other programs in the community; how LIPs assist residents with refugee status gain permanent residency; and, outreach to the university and college populations in Durham Region.

Discussion also ensued with respect to international students being targeted in sex trafficking and any outreach and education on this issue for international students, as well as partnering with Durham Regional Police Services regarding sex trafficking in Durham Region.

E. Baxter-Trahair advised that training and education is done through Social Services and Victim Services for primary and secondary schools in Durham Region and indicated it would be proactive to reach out to colleges and universities to offer the same training and education. S. Hickman indicated that Social Services has provided presentations to the DLIP.

S. Hickman responded to further questions with regards to resources available to newcomers to Durham Region; measuring the effectiveness of the campaign and ensuring the message will continue; and, work being done to promote and empower immigrants to be business owners.

The following ideas were put forward by members of the committee with respect to the campaign and other activities of the DLIP:

- Ensure inclusive language is used in campaign materials
- Myth buster pieces (for example, housing prices are being driven up by immigrants, which is not true)
- Including posters and flyers at community centres and libraries where community groups congregate
- Hosting a virtual career fair and having actionable items in place to ensure employers are being connected to the right people

6. Information Items

There were no information items.

7. Discussion Items

A) Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Identified Priorities

Anu Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Identified Priorities for 2022.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Discussion topics from the December 2, 2021 meeting
- Philosophical and Planning Considerations
- Priority Communities
- 2022 Projects/Initiatives

A. Sharma discussed the philosophical and planning considerations that were identified at the December 2, 2021 meeting; the priority communities such as the Black Francophone community, business owners, racialized people who identify as 2SLGBTQI+, Regional employees and students; and, the four project/initiatives that were identified.

A. Sharma asked the committee for their thoughts on initiatives for 2022. The following ideas were put forward by members of the committee:

- Partnering with the eight local municipalities for anti-racism education for Regional employees
- Consideration of how information will be disseminated and how to infiltrate conversations
- Leveraging existing materials/tools/plans (ex. Racial Equity Playbook)
- Improving Regional communications
- Embedding DEI considerations into hiring practices
- Increasing the use of equity lens/analysis in our work
- Mental health initiatives for racialized residents and seniors
- Developing a document that advises different sectors on how to work in an anti-racist way and correct existing problems
- Developing a Durham Region Anti-Racist Hub with resources and may work well with CSWB
- Collapsing ideas being generated and identifying overlap
- Identifying existing gaps and issues with school partners
- Consider the micro, meso and macro lenses and not assume that schools are out of scope

E. Baxter-Trahair stated it would be beneficial to hear from committee members regarding the type of training to offer to Regional employees. A. Hector-Alexander advised that the municipal DEI group meets monthly and one of the goals is to collaborate on opportunities for learning.

A. Sharma also advised that she will be engaging with committee members between meetings to obtain feedback. She asked committee members to contact her if they have more ideas to add to the projects and initiatives for consideration this year.

B) External Website – Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce

Hanna Mohammed advised that Durham Region is currently undertaking an update to the external facing Durham Region website, specifically the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion page, which includes a link to the DRART materials. She advised that the page currently has the Durham Region Council endorsement document, a page introducing DRART members, and a page containing the Terms of Reference.

H. Mohammed advised that Durham Region would like to include a revised banner which includes all DRART committee members and they are working with the communications team to develop some visually appealing graphics to highlight team members. H. Mohammed asked the committee for their thoughts on what they would like featured on the webpage. The following ideas were put forward by members of the committee:

- Indicating milestones
- Developing communication tools through social media
- Offering relevant links through the racialized community that could be useful or relevant to them

- Publishing the minutes of the meetings
- Focusing on non-racialized people to have an understanding on when to use certain language, acting in a certain manner, occupying spaces and how it affects people from the racialized community
- Posting live-stream video recordings on the webpage
- Community members to be involved and volunteer – amplify the voice of the community

A. Hector-Alexander suggested developing resources around definition, glossary, and anti-Black racism resources, and how to educate the public. She stated she would meet with the municipal DEI group to discuss steps to sharing information from DRART meetings with the eight lower tier municipalities.

Chair Lee also suggested that the committee prepare a statement letter to set a standard of what should or should not be acceptable.

D. Beaton advised the committee that video recordings of the DRART meetings could be posted on the Durham Region archive page to be available to the public and area municipalities to view.

Moved by K. Viener, Seconded by T. Hancock,
That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meetings be
livestreamed and archived to the Region's website.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Chair Lee indicated it would be important for the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce to begin the meetings by acknowledging the traditional territory and for this to be included as a standing item on the agenda.

Moved by S. Bookal, Seconded by S. Dave,
That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce begin their meetings with
a traditional territory acknowledgement.

CARRIED

B) Black History Month

F. Ahmed asked staff what events will be taking place during Black History Month. A. Hector-Alexander advised that there are two events scheduled for February 1, 2022. An internal event is being hosted with the Honourable Jean Augustine as guest speaker; and, an evening event is being hosted in partnership with DRPS, Durham One, the Congress of Black Women, Canadian Jamaican Club of Oshawa and the Power To Be, to celebrate Black healthcare frontline workers. She also advised that there will be performances and the event will be aired for the month of February by Rogers Television.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by P.G. Case, Seconded by K. Vieneer,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lee, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk