



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2022-INFO-19
Date: March 11, 2022

Subject:

Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Release of Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report, File D12-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Growth Management Study (GMS) that is currently being undertaken by the Planning Division is an integral component of Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP). The first phase of the GMS is the preparation of a Land Needs Assessment (LNA) to quantify the amount of Settlement Area Boundary Expansion that will be required to accommodate the Region's population and employment growth forecasts to the year 2051.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Council, agencies, service providers, stakeholder groups and members of the public that the modelling and assessment of alternative land need scenarios is now available for review and comment until April 14th. At the May 3, 2022, Planning and Economic Development Committee, staff will recommend a preferred scenario, taking into account the input received. A Council decision on the preferred scenario will enable the second phase of the GMS to commence.

2. Background

- 2.1 During the summer and early fall of 2021, four Technical Reports in support of the Region's draft LNA were released for public review and comment. These reports were prepared in conformity with the Provincial Land Needs Assessment Methodology. The Growth Plan requires upper tier municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to use this methodology to assess the quantity of land required to accommodate forecasted growth.
- 2.2 The Technical Reports were fulsome and included: an overall recommended growth forecast; housing unit mix; intensification analysis; designated greenfield area density analysis; Employment Area density analysis; and the resulting Community Area and Employment Area land need.
- 2.3 In response to comments received from the development community and other stakeholders on the draft LNA, Regional Planning staff agreed at the October 5, 2021, Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting to assess a range of alternative land need scenarios by applying alternative housing unit mixes, intensification rates, and densities. In particular, a scenario that models the housing unit mix used in the Growth Plan 2051 Forecast Background Study, commonly referred to as the "Hemson scenario", has been prepared.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Commissioner's Report [#2022-INFO-9](#) released February 11, 2022 provided an update on the assessment framework and consultation timelines for the alternative land need scenarios.

4. The Consultant's Initial Community Area Land Need Scenario and Employment Area Land Need Have Been Updated

- 4.1 Since the release of the Technical Reports, additional work and updates to the underlying analysis have been undertaken to this initial scenario which had a unit mix of 22% low density units; 31% medium density units; and 47% high density units. The updated scenario (identified later in this report as Scenario 4), has been modelled and assessed along with the other of the other alternative scenarios. The key changes between the initial land need scenario and the Updated Scenario 4 are identified below:

Initial Land Need Assessment Scenario from Technical Reports	Updated Scenario 4: Balancing the Unit Mix
Unit Mix: Low density units: 22% Medium density units: 31% High density units: 47%	Unit Mix: Low density units: 28% Medium density units: 28% High density units: 41% Secondary units: 3%
Intensification Rate: 50%	Intensification Rate: 50%
Designated Greenfield Area Density Target: 64 people and jobs per hectare	Designated Greenfield Area Density Target: 60 people and jobs per hectare
Community Area Land Need: 737 hectares (1,821 acres)	Community Area Land Need: 950 hectares (2,348 acres)

- 4.2 The initial Employment Area Land Need was also updated, primarily to reflect additional Employment Area conversions recently endorsed by Regional Council. This review has resulted in an increase to the Employment Area Land Need reported in the Employment Strategy Technical Report, while other key metrics have remained the same, as follows:

Employment Strategy Technical Report Scenario	Updated Employment Scenario
Vacant Employment Area Density Target: 27 jobs per hectare	Vacant Employment Area Density Target: 27 jobs per hectare
Employment Intensification Rate: 20%	Employment Intensification Rate: 20%
Employment Area Land Need: 1,164 hectares (2,876 acres)	Employment Area Land Need: 1,351 hectares (3,338 acres)

5. Release of Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment and Planned Consultation

- 5.1 The alternative scenario modelling outcomes and assessment is documented in the [“Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report”](#) (see Attachment #1) which was released on March 10 on the [Envision Durham website](#) for public review. A summary of the alternative scenarios is provided below, with additional details including the scenario assessment found in the attached report. For ease of review, the five Community Area Land Need Scenarios are arranged in order from lowest density housing mix and highest land need, to highest density housing mix and lowest land need. It may be noted that Scenarios 1 and 2 do not conform to the

Growth Plan because they do not achieve the minimum Intensification Rate of 50% as required under the Growth Plan, but they have been prepared for comparison purposes. A lower intensification rate than 50% would require special approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing if sufficient justification could be provided that the 50% intensification rate cannot be achieved in Durham.

Community Area Land Need Scenarios				
Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5
Emphasis on low-density housing (“Hemson”)	Primarily low-density housing	Shifting the unit mix	Balancing the unit mix	Emphasis on higher densities
Housing Unit Mix of new units: Low: 56% Medium: 23% High: 19% Secondary units: 2%	Housing Unit Mix of new units: Low: 39% Medium: 26% High: 32% Secondary units: 3%	Housing Unit Mix of new units: Low: 34% Medium: 30% High: 33% Secondary units: 3%	Housing Unit Mix of new units: Low: 28% Medium: 28% High: 41% Secondary units: 3%	Housing Unit Mix of new units: Low: 20% Medium: 31% High: 47% Secondary units: 3%
Intensification Rate: 35%	Intensification Rate: 45%	Intensification Rate: 50%	Intensification Rate: 50%	Intensification Rate: 55%
Designated Greenfield Area Density: 50 people and jobs per hectare	Designated Greenfield Area Density: 55 people and jobs per hectare	Designated Greenfield Area Density: 57 people and jobs per hectare	Designated Greenfield Area Density: 60 people and jobs per hectare	Designated Greenfield Area Density: 64 people and jobs per hectare
New Community Area Land Need: 5,400 hectares (13,344 acres)	New Community Area Land Need: 2,600 hectares (6,425 acres)	New Community Area Land Need: 1,500 hectares (3,707 acres)	New Community Area Land Need: 950 hectares (2,348 acres)	New Community Area Land Need: 0

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

Employment Area Land Need Scenarios	
Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Vacant Employment Area Density Target: 27 Jobs per gross hectare	Vacant Employment Area Density Target: 27 Jobs per gross hectare
Employment Intensification Target: 15%	Employment Intensification Target: 20%
New Employment Area Land Need: 1,350 hectares (3,335 acres)	New Employment Area Land Need: 1,170 hectares (2,891 acres)

- 5.2 Also on March 10, a feedback [survey](#) was posted on the Envision Durham website, to provide opportunities for public feedback on the alternative land need scenarios. Survey responses are being accepted until **April 14, 2022**. A Virtual Public Information Centre is scheduled for **March 24, 2022, at 7pm**. Notification of the Public Information Centre will be advertised via local newspapers, emailed to the Envision Durham interested parties list, social media channels, and a public service announcement.
- 5.3 Barring any unforeseen events, it is expected that a preferred land need scenario for both Community Areas and Employment Areas will be recommended to Planning and Economic Development Committee on **May 3, 2022**.
- 5.4 Upon Council's endorsement of a preferred land need scenario, and the associated quantum of urban land need, the GMS will proceed to evaluate the most suitable locations for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (i.e. Phase 2 of the process).

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan. See Commissioner's Report [#2022-INFO-9](#) for additional details.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The release of this report will also be announced by way of:

- Public service announcements;
- Social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn; and
- Email notifications and report circulation.

7.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to all Envision Durham Interested Parties, Durham's area municipalities, Indigenous communities, conservation authorities, the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) – Durham Chapter, Durham Region Homebuilders Association, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Circulation will also be provided to agencies and service providers that may have an interest in where and how long-term growth in the Region is being planned for (school boards, hospitals, utility providers, etc. as specified in Appendix #1).

8. Attachments

Attachment #1: [Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report, prepared by Urban Strategies and Watson and Associates](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Appendix 1 – to Report #2022-INFO-19

Circulated Agencies and Service Providers

- Canada Post
- Bell Canada
- Rogers Communications
- Shaw Cable TV
- Compton Communications
- Persona Communications
- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Canadian National Railway
- Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
- Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.
- TransCanada Pipelines Inc.
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Ontario Power Generation Inc.
- Durham District School Board
- Durham Catholic District School Board
- Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
- MonAvenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Ministry of Transportation
- Greater Toronto Airports Authority

- Transport Canada
- Metrolinx
- Trent-Severn Waterway
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
- Durham Region Police Department
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Elexicon
- Hydro One Networks Inc. (Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge)
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Ontario Tech University
- Trent University Durham
- Durham College
- Durham Workforce Authority
- General Motors of Canada
- Lakeridge Health
- Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade
- Brock Board of Trade
- Clarington Board of Trade
- Newcastle & District Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce
- Scugog Chamber of Commerce

- Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce
- Whitby Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Ajax BIA
- Bowmanville BIA
- Brooklin BIA
- Pickering Village BIA
- Port Perry BIA
- Uxbridge BIA
- Downtown Whitby BIA
- Business Advisory Centre Durham
- Spark Centre



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2022-INFO-20
Date: March 11, 2022

Subject:

Confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of the confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global.

2. Background

2.1 In January of 2022, staff of the Region's Finance Department met virtually with representatives of Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and S&P Global (S&P), separately, to review the credit fundamentals of the Regional Municipality of Durham and their impact on the Region's Triple "A" credit rating.

2.2 Moody's affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook in a report released on January 25, 2022. According to Moody's, Durham's Triple "A" credit strengths continue to reflect Durham's low debt levels and liquidity among peers, strong population growth and economic diversity, a positive operating profile and conservative fiscal management. Durham Region is one of eight municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by Moody's.

2.3 S&P also affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook in a report released on February 17, 2022. According to S&P, the key pillars of the Triple "A" rating are Durham's very strong financial management, supportive liquidity position and well-balanced institutional framework. Durham Region is one of eight municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by S&P.

3. Highlights of Durham's Major Credit Strengths

- 3.1 The credit rating agencies continue to recognize that Durham's relatively low debt levels, exceptional liquidity profile and strong operating balances provide financial flexibility to address challenges of an expanding capital program and unanticipated expenditures:

"The region maintains financial flexibility from a substantial liquidity cushion given exceptional levels of cash and investments, including reserves."

"Durham also benefits from additional financial flexibility from very low levels of debt as a result of a multi-year effort to fund capital projects through pay-as-you-go financing instead of issuing public debt."

- Moody's Investors Service

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"The stable outlook reflects S&P Global Ratings' expectation that despite the anticipated increase in capital spending over the next two years, the Regional Municipality of Durham will continue to generate strong operating balances and positive after-capital balances."

- S&P Global

- 3.2 Credit rating agencies continue to recognize Durham's strong population and economic growth and diversified economy as major credit strength. Program challenges associated with population growth can be addressed by the Region through its adherence to multi-year financial planning:

"Durham's credit profile is supported by an affluent tax base and strong long-term growth from a diversified economy, which leads to high levels of wealth and high tax- and rate-supported revenues. The economy has diversified over the last two decades as a decline in manufacturing has been offset by growth of other sectors including retail and wholesale trade, finance and professional services, education, health and social services. Durham has historically outperformed Ontario on several economic and labor market indicators, with favourable employment statistics, strong GDP growth and high GDP per capita."

- Moody's Investors Service

"We believe Durham's economy recovered in 2021 in line with the national trajectory, and despite the continued uncertainties around the COVID-19 pandemic, we expect the region will continue recovering as social distancing measures ease and the local economy reopens. In our opinion, the region's well-diversified economy and increased exposure to sectors that have been less affected by the pandemic, such as health and education, provide stability during periods of increased uncertainty around growth."

- S&P Global

- 3.4 Moody's continues to rate the Regional Municipality of Durham at the high end of Canadian Municipalities. Durham's Triple "A" credit rating benefits from solid financial management and governance practices, including a commitment by Regional Council and the Finance and Administration Committee to long-term financial planning. Persistence with this approach allows key Regional Council priorities to move forward in consideration of an expanding capital program and current economic challenges and uncertainties:

"Durham displays strong governance and management characteristics, similar to other highly rated municipalities in Ontario. The region utilizes multi-year operating and capital planning, including annual budgets, a 10-year capital plan which is updated annually, and master plans for major program areas, including a transportation master plan. The region also incorporates ESG analysis, including carbon transition, green initiatives and climate adaptation into its long-term planning."

"Management adheres to conservative investment and debt policies, limiting the regional municipality's exposure to market-related risks and ensuring relatively smooth and predictable debt service costs. These financial management measures are also supported by comprehensive, transparent and timely financial reporting that is typical of governments in advanced industrial countries."

- Moody's Investors Service

"Durham has very strong financial management. The administration is experienced and works with the region's council to enact policies and undertakes long-term financial planning to achieve fiscal sustainability. Master plans for major programs and service areas underpin Durham's well-established long-term financial planning process to allow the region to meet fiscal challenges. The region has a long-established asset management program. Management has systems in place to monitor expenditures and has a demonstrated culture of controlling costs. We also view Durham's debt and liquidity policies as prudent. Examples include the region's "growth-pays-for-growth" development policy and its "pay-as-you-go" financing policy. In addition, we believe management has taken adequate measures to offset some of the revenue loss and increased expenditures as a result of the pandemic."

- S&P Global

- 3.4 Moody's provides caution with respect to Durham's credit profile, which is pressured by population growth, elevated infrastructure spending to accommodate that growth and provincial funding changes that may lead to higher expenditures:

“The region’s continued need to fund growth and maintenance infrastructure will retain pressure on capital spending and on securing funding. Continued population growth over the next decade will be a key driver of infrastructure spending.”

“A significant decline in liquidity levels that coincides with rising debt and interest burdens, or a sustained period of economic contraction leading to deficits would put downward pressure on the region’s rating.”

- Moody’s Investors Service

“Although unlikely in the next two years, we could take a negative rating action if, for instance, a major economic or other external shock caused revenue growth to persistently lag that of expenditures, resulting in sustained after-capital deficits of more than 5% of total revenues.”

- S&P Global

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Maintaining this Triple “A” credit rating is an important achievement for the Region. This accreditation reflects Regional Council’s position on upholding key ratings factors as determined by Moody’s and S&P Global, including conservative fiscal management, very strong budgetary performance and low and manageable debt burden.
- 4.2 The Region’s exemplary fiscal results are achieved and maintained through Regional Council’s long-standing commitment to long-term financial planning. The disciplined approach to long-term financial planning are guided by the principles of fiscal sustainability, financial flexibility and taxpayer affordability. These principles assist the Region in retaining financial flexibility to maintain adequate funding for risk mitigation, unforeseen expenditures and maintain manageable property tax and revenue-based rate increases.
- 4.3 The Region’s Business Planning and Budget process will reflect the continued support of the credit principles that are fundamental to the Region’s Triple “A” credit rating.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance



Sent by Email

March 4, 2022

Carolyn Morton
Chairperson
Durham District School Board
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Morgan Ste. Marie
Chairperson
Durham Catholic District School Board
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Subject: Re: Provincial Funding to Municipalities to Widen Dead-End Roads in
Durham Region for the Safe Operation of School Buses
Corr. 13-22
File: A-1400-001-22

Date & Time Received:	March 07, 2022 4:31 pm
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Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on February 28, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 13-22, from Carolyn Morton, Chairperson, Durham District School Board and Morgan Ste. Marie, Chairperson, Durham Catholic District School Board, dated February 3, 2022, regarding Provincial Funding to Municipalities to Widen Dead-End Roads in Durham Region for the Safe Operation of School Buses, be received and endorsed.

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

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

Yours truly

Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham
Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Christine Thatcher, Trustee, Town of Whitby, Durham District School Board
Patrice Barnes, Trustee, Town of Ajax, Durham District School Board
Michael Barrett, Trustee, City of Oshawa, Durham District School Board
Chris Braney, Trustee, City of Pickering, Durham District School Board
Paul Crawford, Trustee, City of Pickering, Durham District School Board
Donna Edwards, Trustee, Town of Ajax, Durham District School Board
Darlene Forbes, Trustee, City of Oshawa, Durham District School Board
Niki Lundquist, Trustee, Town of Whitby, Durham District School Board
Linda Stone, Trustee, City of Oshawa, Durham District School Board
Scott Templeton, Trustee, Town of Whitby, Durham District School Board
John Rinella, Trustee, Town of Whitby, Durham Catholic District School Board
Richard Damianopoulos, Trustee, Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock, Durham
Catholic District School Board
Robert De Souza Trustee, City of Oshawa, Durham Catholic District School Board
Monique Forster, Trustee, Town of Ajax, Durham Catholic District School Board
Jim McCafferty, Trustee, City of Pickering, Durham Catholic District School Board
Janice Oldman, Trustee, Town of Ajax, Durham Catholic District School Board
Mikhail Yurkoski, Trustee, Town of Whitby, Durham Catholic District School Board
Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa

Chief Administrative Officer

February 3, 2022

Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Re: Provincial funding to municipalities to widen dead-end roads in Durham Region for the safe operation of school buses

Dear Minister Mulroney,

We are writing to you on behalf of Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) as the Durham District School Board (DDSB) and Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) representatives to request that provincial infrastructure funding be provided to municipalities to ensure they can appropriately construct areas for school bus vehicles to safely turn around on dead-end roads. Many dead-end roads, particularly in rural areas of the municipalities of Durham Region, do not currently have the appropriate conditions and turning radius for school bus vehicles to turn around safely.

As you are no doubt aware, student transportation is complex, requiring careful attention to safety considerations, routing, vehicle size and student needs. It has been suggested that spotters be available on bus routes to facilitate safe turnarounds of school bus vehicles on dead-end roads, and that buses should make three-point turns utilizing private driveways. The significant shortage of school bus drivers, the cost prohibitive nature of adding a second driver on each bus route, the liability of using private property, and the increased risk of potential accident when attempting to turn around on existing dead-end roads where there is no certainty that private driveways will be maintained to an appropriate standard, mean this solution is simply not feasible. Unfortunately, there have been times in the past when buses have been stuck in ditches and on shoulders. Alternatively, the use of smaller school bus vehicles on routes where dead-end roads are present has been considered, but in many cases, the roads are still not wide enough to facilitate safe turnaround and the driver shortage and cost increase of running additional buses on single routes confirm this solution is also not feasible.

In seeking ways to mitigate additional stress to school bus drivers who are already managing the significant responsibility of transporting students, we have worked with municipalities through their Public Works and Transportation departments to explore and determine feasibility of all available solutions. Unfortunately, municipalities have not been willing to make upgrades to their roadways and this issue has been a cause for many conflicts between DSTS and municipalities over the past few years.


We do understand that municipalities may not have sufficient funding from the property tax base to do this and are unlikely to increase taxes to fund such an endeavour. Ultimately, dead-end roads need to be widened to accommodate an appropriate turning radius for school buses. Alternatively, student transportation providers are left with no choice but to find safe places for school buses to stop to pick-up passengers. As municipalities are responsible for the provision and maintenance of roadways that are safe for bus and all other vehicle travel, funding to complete these projects is essential and that is why

we are reaching out directly to you to seek your support in providing funding for these types of turnarounds.

In addition to seeking infrastructure funding, we are also advocating for proactive change. Going forward all municipalities should be required to construct subdivisions and roads where the design of any dead-end roads includes a wide enough radius for school bus vehicles to safely turn around.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Morton
Chairperson
Durham District School Board



Morgan Ste. Marie
Chairperson
Durham Catholic District School Board

Cc:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

M.P.P Lindsey Park, Durham

M.P.P Laurie Scott, Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

Trustees, Durham District School Board

Trustees, Durham Catholic District School Board


Durham Regional Council

Municipal Councils, Cities of Pickering and Oshawa, Towns of Ajax and Whitby, Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge

Sent by Email

March 4, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Subject: Re: iGaming Model
Corr. 12-22
File: A-1400-001-22

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on February 28, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr.12-22, from Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog, dated February 3, 2022, regarding iGaming Model, be endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Lindsey Park, MPP, the Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, and all Durham Municipalities.

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

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Enclosure

Copy: Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham
Alcohol and Gaming Corporation of Ontario (AGCO)
Great Canadian Gaming Corporation
Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog
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June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
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Chief Administrative Officer



February 3, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: iGaming Model

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held January 31, 2022, the following resolution was passed:

“THAT the Township of Scugog calls on the Provincial government to provide some certainty that the introduction of the iGaming model not have a negative impact on stakeholders in the land-based industry, like host communities and casino workers;

THAT the Township of Scugog calls on the provincial government to demonstrate to stakeholders that the provincial government has considered risks to the land-based sector; and

THAT the Township of Scugog stands with the MSIFN and Great Canadian Gaming in questioning the current rollout plan for iGaming. iGaming should be introduced without jeopardizing 2,500 jobs, \$191 million less in municipal contributions, and \$3 billion of provincial tax revenue over the next 5 years.”

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Jamieson'.

Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk


cc: Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
Great Canadian Gaming Corporation
Lindsey Park, Conservative MPP
N. Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax
F. Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
M. Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
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C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby

Sent by Email

March 4, 2022

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Subject: Re: OBCM Motion in Support of Ukraine's Sovereignty
File: A-1400-001-22

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Notes/Comments:	

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on February 28, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

1. The City of Pickering supports the Ukrainian people in its right to a peaceful and independent nation of Ukraine and the cessation of military action and withdrawn of Russian forces and therefore endorses the Resolution of the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) which was passed on February 25, 2022; and,
2. That the City Clerk be directed to formally communicate this motion, with a copy of the OBCM motion, to The Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, all Durham Members of Parliament, all Durham Municipalities and the Regional Municipality of Durham.

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

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

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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Enclosure

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Motions

OBCM Motion in Support of Ukraine's Sovereignty

Moved: Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga

Seconded: Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of Burlington

WHEREAS Ukraine is facing an unprecedented and unjustified attack on their people, their sovereignty, and their territory.

WHEREAS We are deeply troubled by the situation on the ground, including images of hardship, violence and families seeking refuge in bomb shelters and in subway stations.

WHEREAS OBCM Mayors stand with the people of Ukraine, Ukrainian communities across Ontario and those around the world in strongly condemning this brazen and unprovoked attack.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Our thoughts go out to our respective Ukrainian communities and their loved ones during this deeply troubling time;

That OBCM Mayors stand for peace and are in full support of the strict sanctions the federal government has imposed on Russia;

THAT OBCM Mayors call for the immediate cessation of all military activity and instead pursue a diplomatic resolution;

AND THAT OBCM Mayors call on the Federal government to welcome those fleeing the conflict with Ukraine into our country with open arms.



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March 8, 2022

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Honorable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Mental Health Supports

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich endorsed the following resolution at their meeting held on March 7, 2022:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Woolwich (the "Township") has been an annual funding partner of Woolwich Counselling Centre to support local mental health counselling; and

WHEREAS Woolwich Counselling Centre is part of the broader Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, a community-based partnership between six community counselling service providers within Waterloo Region; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals and families, both globally and locally, including immediate and ongoing mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS the Township is aware that there has been an average 39% increase in total client referrals, which includes a 71% increase in child and youth referrals, for government funded programs in 2021 across member organizations of the Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, which has led to difficulty for the member organizations to keep up with the demand in terms of bringing on new qualified staff to support the substantial increase in local client needs; and

WHEREAS the Township believes local needs for mental health supports and difficulties in responding to this increased need is indicative of a broader issue across Ontario and is expected to continue in the future; and

WHEREAS the current provincial funding model for mental health support is fragmented across several ministries and programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests that the Government of Canada ensure appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget; and

THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests the Government of Ontario to provide stable, reliable and predictable funding for mental health organizations in their 2022 budget; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Finance, the local Member of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and other municipalities in Ontario.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Smyth, by email at asmith@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

- cc. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
Tim Louis, MP Kitchener-Conestogo
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair
W. Basztyk, Brock
R. Fleming, Pickering
P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair
K. Meydam, Clarington
G. Rocoski, Oshawa
J. Vinson, Clarington

Absent: S. Elhajjeh, Clarington

Non-Voting Members

Present: A. Burke, Senior Planner, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington
Councillor Jones, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
L. Kwan, Environmental Specialist, Covanta
W. Marsden, Facility Manager, Covanta

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
A. Porteous, Supervisor of Waste Services
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services –
Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by W. Baszytk, Seconded by G. Rocoski,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,
November 23, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations

- A) Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Operations, and Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding 'Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 Consultation, Final Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040 and first Five-Year Action Plan'

Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Operations, and Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 Consultation, Final Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040 and first Five-Year Action Plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Long-Term Waste Management Plan Development
- Development of Draft Waste Plan, Targets and Short, Mid and Long-Term Actions
- Waste Plan Consultation (2020-2021)
- What We Heard
- Long-Term Waste Management Plan: Development and Update Framework
- Waste Plan Targets and Actions
- Next Steps

G. Anello provided an overview of the consultation that was undertaken to develop the Plan and advised of the comments received through the consultation process. He also provided an overview of the development and update framework which consists of the following pillars: Guiding Principles; Vision; Objectives; Targets; Actions; the Long-Term Waste Management Plan; and the Five-Year Action Plan.

With regards to the Waste Plan Targets and Actions, A. Porteous stated that targets have been developed to meet the objectives; there are measurements to assess the progress on meeting targets; and actions have been developed for the Region and the community to contribute to meeting the targets. She advised that the timelines for the actions have been broken down into short-term; mid-term; and long-term action plans. She also advised that the targets and actions will be reviewed during the timelines and that the Action Plan will be reviewed and updated every five years.

A. Porteous provided a detailed overview of the Targets, Measures and Actions being proposed for the following five objectives of the Five-Year Action Plan:

- Objective 1 – Engage with residents to build an understanding and awareness of the 5Rs and the Region’s waste management programs and services;
- Objective 2 – Reduce the quantity of waste we create;
- Objective 3 – Increase diversion of waste from disposal and support the circular economy;
- Objective 4 – Support the Region’s greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and climate change mitigation efforts; and
- Objective 5 – Protect or improve water, land and air quality in Durham Region.

A. Porteous stated that with regards to the Five-Year Action Plan, actions are aligned with the 2022 budget and capital forecast being presented in February 2022; implementation and work on the 2022 actions can begin after budget approval; the progress on targets will be reported annually; and after five years, the Action Plan will be reviewed.

G. Anello provided an update on the following suggestions from the committee:

- Staff is looking into a separate collection bin basket for batteries;
- Staff is unable to review garburators as a potential solution for waste organics due to the capacity at wastewater plants;
- Staff is unable to look at moving from bins to carts due to the costs involved and upcoming Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) transition; and

- With regards to greenhouse gases and the use of sand filters to grow bacteria to create a biofilter, he advised that a bio-cover has the potential to decrease methane by 90% and staff is currently looking at renewing contracts for collection and placing a requirement to use compressed natural gas trucks in the contracts.

With regards to promotion and education, A. Porteous provided an update on options for the annual waste management calendar. She advised that staff is looking at how to get the information out to the community or whether they should continue printing the calendars. She also advised that staff is looking at alternative options such as the waste app, downloadable calendars, and materials to be available in different languages.

With regards to the Extended Producer Responsibility, G. Anello advised that staff is working on the material recovery facility and a Request for Proposal so the facility can be leased once it is no longer needed in 2024.

Staff responded to questions with regards to the pipeline between the anaerobic digester and the Courtice wastewater plant.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

8. Administrative Matters

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan – Next Steps

G. Gordon inquired whether there were any committee members interested in working with the Durham Region Works Department to help with initiatives such as the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); bio-gas cover; waste streams; outreach programs etc. He requested that any interested members advise him by email.

G. Anello advised that they are planning special waste events for each municipality and a schedule will be provided once finalized.

Staff responded to questions with regards to textile conversion; bio-covers on landfill sites for methane conversion and whether there is a plan to provide carbon dioxide sequestration through trees or other green horticultural materials to prevent carbon dioxide from getting into the atmosphere.

9. Other Business

A) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project

G. Anello provided an update regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project. He advised that staff is currently in the procurement process and has recently finished commercially confidential meetings with the proponents. Staff is now working on finalizing the project agreement and is looking for a time frame for submissions with proposals to be submitted by April 15th. He advised that once council approval is given, staff will begin the development of the environmental compliance approval application.

Staff responded to questions with regards to the effluent management aspect of the selected organics vendor and their design; whether there will be opportunities for public or committee input with regards to the projects going forward; whether information will be provided regarding what is expected of the proponent and the specifications of requests of the proponent.

Staff also responded to questions with regards to the anaerobic digester and whether the green bins would have to be replaced. With regards to committee involvement, it was requested that staff provide a list of the specific areas in the Works Department where help is needed.

B) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Extended Producer Responsibility

G. Anello provided an update regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). He stated that Extended Producer Responsibility will transition the Blue Box program for Durham Region in 2024. He advised that the Ministry is working through some issues with producers regarding the structure of regulations but has confirmed that the transition dates will not change.

G. Anello advised there is interest in leasing the material recovery facility and staff is working on a Request for Proposal to lease the facility for a five year period after which the value of the equipment should be depleted. He also advised that the blue box program as legislated by the Ministry will no longer provide services to small commercial and institutional businesses after the transition and staff will be seeking Council's support to continue to service those business areas on a cost recovery basis.

C) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the Durham York Energy Centre

G. Anello provided an update regarding the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC). He advised that staff has received the draft results of the fall source tests, which were well below compliance limits.

G. Anello advised that Durham Region processed approximately 140,500 tonnes of waste last year and that about 17,000 tonnes were sent to landfill as bypass. He advised that staff is in the process of looking at the replacement of some larger pieces of equipment during the March/April 2022 time frame.

Staff responded to questions with regards to the notice of completion for the Environmental Assessment screening and the committee not being able to provide comments due to the report not being sent out in time. Staff was requested to bring such reports to the committee's attention before the close of the commenting period.

10. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by K. Meydam, Seconded by R. Fleming,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste –
Waste Management Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council