



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

## COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

### February 10, 2023

#### Information Reports

There are no Information Reports

#### Early Release Reports

[2023-P-\\*\\*](#)

Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development – re: Public Meeting Report - Envision Durham – Release of the Draft New Regional Official Plan

Early release reports will be considered at the March 7, 2023, Planning and Economic Development meeting.

#### Staff Correspondence

1. [Correspondence from the Region's Envision Durham Team](#) - re: Response to submissions regarding the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP) and the suggestion that the MCR process be paused.

[Note: [Refer to Item 2 under Miscellaneous Correspondence](#)]

2. [Memorandum from Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health](#) -re: Health Information Update – February 5, 2023

#### Durham Municipalities Correspondence

1. [Town of Whitby](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 30, 2023, regarding the New Lakeridge Health Hospital
2. [Town of Whitby](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on January 30, 2023, regarding Investigating Alternate Revenue Sources and Mitigating the Financial Impact of Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022

### **Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions**

1. [County of Huron](#) – Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on February 1, 2023, regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

### **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

1. [Arts and Culture Advocacy Group](#) – re: Advocating for Regional support for a Regional Arts Council
2. [Submissions received from members of the public requesting that the Envision Durham](#) Official Plan Review process be paused to allow Regional and Municipal planning staff time to account for the new land that the Government of Ontario has added. To date, 236 submissions have been received on this matter.

[Note: [Refer to Item 1 Under Staff Correspondence](#)]

### **Advisory / Other Committee Minutes**

1. Durham Nuclear Health Committee (DNHC) minutes – [January 20, 2023](#)

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at [clerks@durham.ca](mailto: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.

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## EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2023-P-\*\*  
Date: March 7, 2023

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### **Subject:**

Public Meeting Report

Envision Durham – Release of the draft new Regional Official Plan, File: D12-01

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2023-P-\*\* be received for information; and
  - B) That all submissions received on the Draft Regional Official Plan be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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### **Report:**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee and Council members, the province, agencies, service providers, stakeholder groups, and members of the public that the draft new Regional Official Plan (ROP), in its entirety, is now available for review and comment (see Attachment #1). With the release of this draft, Regional planning staff are taking steps to enable Regional Council to be in a position to adopt the new ROP before the Council summer recess. The deadline for submitting comments on the draft new ROP is Monday April 3, 2023.

- 1.2 On March 6, 2023, the Region will host an in-person Public Open House in the Main Atrium on first floor of Regional Headquarters, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In addition, on March 7, 2023, a Public Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM during the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting (in hybrid format).
- 1.3 A “Notice of Public Open House” and “Notice of Public Meeting” regarding the release of the draft new ROP was advertised in newspapers across the region the week of February 6, 2023 as well as through the Region’s website, social media channels, and via a public service announcement. Additionally, every person who has registered to be on the Envision Durham Interested Parties List, (over 750 individuals), will also receive notice.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The draft new ROP is the culmination of work completed through Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of Durham’s existing ROP. The draft new ROP provides policies and strategic directions that guide future growth, infrastructure and service delivery, land use planning, and development related matters. Envision Durham is the Region’s response to ensure that the new ROP conforms with Provincial Plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of Provincial interest; and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. Consistent with the provincial Growth Plan, the draft new ROP has a planning horizon of 2051. The new ROP will replace the existing ROP. Upon approval of the new ROP by the Minister, the existing ROP would be repealed.
- 2.2 The Envision Durham MCR process has been the subject of numerous opportunities for public input and engagement. Regional staff, with the assistance of consultants, prepared and consulted on a series of discussion papers, proposed policy directions reports, technical studies, and draft mapping at various intervals throughout the exercise.
- 2.3 The completion of the MCR will enable the initiation of service and infrastructure planning to support mandated levels of growth while supporting Durham’s eight area municipalities as they initiate their own MCRs and conformity exercises.
- 2.4 Further, upon proclamation of certain components of the More Homes Built Faster Act (i.e. Bill 23), the Regional Official Plan will become the official plan of the area municipalities. A proclamation date is not known at this time. Future updated or new area municipal official plans will require Ministerial approval. Ministerial decisions on planning matters cannot be appealed by the Region.

### 3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Since 2019, over 35 reports on various aspects of the Envision Durham process have been prepared by Regional planning staff. The process has been highly collaborative and transparent. A list of previous reports and decisions related to the Envision Durham MCR is available on the project web page within the [Document library](#).

### 4. Overview of the Draft New ROP

- 4.1 The draft new ROP is intended to guide decisions on long-term growth, infrastructure investment and development – providing strategic policy direction to ensure an improved quality of life – to secure the health, safety, convenience and well-being of present and future residents of Durham. The draft new ROP provides a blueprint for supporting a long-term regional vision where, in 2051, Durham’s reputation as a complete, healthy, sustainable, diverse and welcoming community of communities will be known worldwide as the place to live, learn and thrive.
- 4.2 To help guide Durham along its course towards becoming “the place to live, learn and thrive,” high-level strategic directions are included that were informed by community outreach and engagement activities conducted during the MCR, and form the following chapters in the draft ROP:
- a. A Prosperous Region;
  - b. Healthy Communities;
  - c. Supportive Infrastructure & Services;
  - d. A Vibrant Urban System;
  - e. A Thriving Rural System;
  - f. A Protected Greenlands System; and
  - g. A Connected Transportation System.
- 4.3 The draft new ROP incorporates the work undertaken throughout the Envision Durham process, including:
- a. Proposed Policy Directions across all disciplines;
  - b. Growth Management Study including:
    - Employment Area conversions - In 2021, there was an extensive process to consider employment area conversion requests which culminated in a decision on each request by Council in December of 2021. Council’s decision on these requests is reflected in this draft new ROP without further change;

- identification of Strategic Growth Areas, including all Centres, Corridors and Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs) - This component of Envision Durham culminated in the adoption of Regional Official Plan Amendment #186 which establishes a policy framework for the Region's PMTSAs. ROPA 186 was forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval in January of 2022. As of this date the Amendment has not yet been approved by the Minister;
  - allocation of regional population, household and employment forecasts to each area municipality;
  - identification of 2051 Urban Expansion Areas, and
  - allocation of required intensification within the Built Boundary.
- c. Regional Natural Heritage System; and
- d. Implementation of the provincial Agricultural System.
- 4.4 The draft new ROP also incorporates the extent and location of proposed Settlement Area Boundary Expansions (SABEs) that are required to accommodate the Region's population and employment forecasts to 2051 as detailed in Report [#2022-INFO-91](#) released on November 10, 2022. The 2051 Expansion Area Employment Areas have been distributed along 400-series highways, and clustered at future interchanges.
- 4.5 Mapping for the draft New ROP has been organized to address:
- a. Regional Structure – Urban & Rural Systems;
  - b. Greenlands System – Regional Natural Heritage System; Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan Land Use Designations; Water Resources System, including Key Hydrologic Features, Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas, and Significant Surface Water Contribution Areas and Ecologically Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas; Source Water Protection; Highly Vulnerable Aquifers and Areas of High Aquifer Vulnerability; and Landform Conservation Areas on the Oak Ridges Moraine;
  - c. Transportation System – Transit Priority Network; Road Network; Strategic Goods Movement Network; Active Transportation Network; and Regional Road Right-of-Way Requirements; and
  - d. Aggregate Resources.

4.6 The Greenbelt Plan Areas removed by the province within Pickering, Ajax and Clarington have been identified as Special Study Areas in the draft new ROP. This approach is necessary given the province's stated intention to return removed lands back to the Greenbelt if certain milestones are not achieved, (e.g. progress on planning approvals by 2023, and homes under construction by 2025). The proposed policies in the draft new ROP mirror the province's requirements for development within these areas. As the province is both the approval authority for the new ROP and the authority to be satisfied as to the progress of development in the Greenbelt Removal Areas, any modifications to the ROP due to Greenbelt removals will form part of a future provincial decision.

## **5. Consultation on Proposed Settlement Area Boundary Expansions and Area Municipal Growth Allocations**

5.1 Initial results of Phase 2 of the Growth Management Study, consisting of proposed locations for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABEs) and Area Municipal Growth Allocations, were released for public review and comment on November 10, 2022. The consultation period closed on January 18, 2023. The proposed locations for SABEs and growth allocations have been incorporated into the draft new ROP, with no changes made to what was released in November 2022. During the commenting window, at the time of preparing this report, the Region had received:

- a. 60 written letters addressed to Envision Durham commenting on proposed SABEs and/or growth allocations;
- b. 46 comments on proposed SABEs received through an online public mapping viewer; and
- c. 55 similarly worded emails stating that it is premature to seek feedback on the proposed SABEs given changes to the Greenbelt Plan, requesting a detailed accounting of the value of Durham's natural assets, timeline and servicing plan for SABEs, and requesting compliance with the Region's Climate Emergency Declaration by prioritizing intensification.

5.2 The nature of the submissions vary, (excluding the 55 similarly worded emails). There are numerous submissions that both support and oppose the proposed SABEs. While staff continue to review and consider these submissions, there are a number that warrant being brought to Committee and Council's attention at this time:

- a. Comments from the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation opposing the implementation of Scenario 2a (the Council Endorsed Scenario), opposing the SABE in northeast Pickering, suggesting if a SABE were to occur that consideration be given to shifting the expansion to the lands in Clarington, and requesting additional studies, including:
  - an opportunity cost assessment of the impact of losing ecosystem services provided within the Carruthers Creek Headwaters;
  - a cumulative effects assessment on the impact to Williams Treaties First Nations harvesting rights;
- b. Comments from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority requesting that the impact from ongoing flood modelling be determined before the Region makes a decision on proposed SABEs;
- c. Comments from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority requesting additional lands been protected/removed from the developable land supply in northeast Pickering and added to the Region's Natural Heritage System or Water Resource System in accordance with various noted data sources;
- d. Comments from the Northeast Pickering Landowners Group (NEPLOG) which dispute the total allocation of developable land contained in northeast Pickering, requesting the Natural Heritage System developed by the NEPLOG environmental consultant be used/implemented, and requesting the reduction and reorientation of proposed Employment Areas to be weighted on the south side of Highway 407;
- e. A number of requests seeking alternative Whitebelt lands be included in the proposed SABEs, including lands near the federal Pickering Airport lands and lands within the Urban Separators in Clarington;
- f. Several requests seeking additional lands that are currently within the Greenbelt, to be added as potential SABEs, (Note, these requests cannot be entertained as the Region does not have the jurisdiction to amend the Greenbelt Plan);
- g. Comments requesting a Community Area designation instead of the currently proposed Employment Area designation, (i.e. new employment conversion requests). Several letters have been received for lands on the north side of the 407 in Whitby in the vicinity of Cochrane Street and Country Lane and for lands on the south side of the 407 in proximity to the Harmony Road interchange;



- h. Comments seeking the reconsideration of Employment Area conversion requests, including lands in Beaverton (CNR-23 [Beaverton Commons/Mazzotta]) and in Scugog (CNR-17 [Wannop]);
- i. Comments from the Township of Scugog requesting the Region assess the impact of increased employment land absorption as a result of servicing initiatives, and if this would result in a lesser Employment Area surplus over the long term; and
- j. Comments from the Municipality of Clarington asking the Region to attend a Clarington Council meeting and host a Public Information Centre in Clarington, reassess the land needs and SABEs required to accommodate the Clarington-endorsed Scenario 2a to account for Greenbelt Plan removals, and to extend the commenting period on SABEs and the Draft Working Copy of the ROP (circulated to the province, Area Municipal and Conservation Authority Working Groups and to internal Regional departments on December 22, 2022) to at least March 31, 2023.

## **6. Public Consultation on the Draft New ROP**

### **Notification**

- 6.1 A copy of this report and notification of the forthcoming Public Open House and Public Meeting will be forwarded upon publication (February 10) to all Envision Durham Interested Parties, Durham's area municipalities, Indigenous communities, conservation authorities, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee, the Durham Active Transportation Committee, the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) – Durham Chapter, Durham Region Home Builders' 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 the planning of long-term growth in the region (e.g. school boards, hospitals, utility providers, etc.).

### **How to Provide Input**

- 6.2 The draft new ROP is now available for public review and comment. Mapping of the proposed Regional Structure, which includes the Urban and Rural Systems of the draft new ROP (Map 1), can also be reviewed by accessing an online map viewer available on the [Envision Durham website](#). Additional proposed mapping, including for the Greenlands System (Map 2), Transportation System (Map 3) and Aggregate Resources (Map 4) are available as PDFs within the draft new ROP online at [www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham](http://www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham) (also see Attachment #1).

- 6.3 Those wishing to provide comments may do so by inputting a comment in the online map viewer or by submitting written correspondence by mail or by email to [EnvisionDurham@durham.ca](mailto:EnvisionDurham@durham.ca). The deadline for comments is end of day Monday April 3, 2023. Previous submissions received have been catalogued and will form part of the Clerk's Record that will be provided to the Minister following Council's adoption of the new ROP.

#### **Public Open House (March 6)**

- 6.4 The Region will host an in-person Public Open House on March 6, 2023, in the Main Atrium on first floor of Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will not be a formal staff presentation; however, the Public Open House will provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the draft new ROP and to provide comments and information to staff.
- 6.5 Any person may attend the March 6<sup>th</sup> Public Open House; however, you are encouraged to register in advance by visiting the [Envision Durham web page](#).

#### **Public Meeting (March 7)**

- 6.6 A hybrid Public Meeting will be held on March 7, 2023 as part of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting. The Committee meeting will start at 9:30 am for consideration of other scheduled agenda items; however, **the Public Meeting portion of the Committee meeting specific to the draft new Regional Official Plan is scheduled to commence at 11:00 AM**, or as soon as the other agenda items have been completed. At the start of the Public Meeting, Regional planning staff will deliver a 30-to-40-minute presentation followed by questions from members of Committee and visiting Councillors. It is not expected that delegations from the public will commence until after a lunch break. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to provide interested parties with the opportunity to provide the Planning and Economic Development Committee comments and provide additional information relative to the draft new ROP.
- 6.7 Any person may make submissions concerning the draft new ROP and are invited to attend the Public Meeting in-person at Durham Regional Council Chambers, or virtually.

- 6.8 Members of the public who wish to delegate at the Public Meeting in-person shall be permitted to speak without prior registration, but nevertheless are encouraged to register in advance by emailing [EnvisionDurham@durham.ca](mailto:EnvisionDurham@durham.ca) advising of their name, address, email and who they represent. Members of the public who wish to delegate electronically must register in advance of the Public Meeting by submitting their request to delegate in writing to [delegations@durham.ca](mailto:delegations@durham.ca) by 12:00 PM, on Monday, March 6, 2023.
- 6.9 The maximum time for delegations is five minutes. If your delegation involves presentation slides, the slides must be provided to [delegations@durham.ca](mailto:delegations@durham.ca) by 12 noon on Monday March 6, 2023 otherwise they cannot be displayed.
- 6.10 Members of the public are invited to view the Public Meeting remotely via live streaming at [www.durham.ca/live](http://www.durham.ca/live) as an alternative to attending the meeting in-person.
- 6.11 For those unable to attend the Public Meeting but wish to make a written submission on or before March 7<sup>th</sup>, or for those who want to provide supplemental written information related to their oral delegation, it should be submitted to [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) by 12:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2023, to allow correspondence to be included on an addendum to the March 7, 2023 Planning and Economic Development Committee agenda.

### **Future Involvement**

- 6.12 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the new Regional Official Plan is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Regional Official Plan, if the Minister refers all or part of the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
  - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 6.13 Following Council's consideration and adoption of the New Regional Official Plan, the document will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act.

6.14 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the new Regional Official Plan may submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Planning and Economic Development Department  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Durham Regional Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON, L1N 6A3  
[EnvisionDurham@durham.ca](mailto:EnvisionDurham@durham.ca)

## **7. Future Regional Council Decision**

7.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee or Committee of the Whole will consider a final draft of the new ROP at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council.

7.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, or who have registered as an Interested Party through the Envision Durham website, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, or Committee of the Whole and Regional Council at which the final draft Regional Official Plan will be considered.

## **8. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

8.1 This report aligns with/addresses all the strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan.

## **9. Conclusion**

9.1 The draft new ROP is now available for public review and comment at [www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham](http://www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham) (also see Attachment #1). Those wishing to provide comments may do so by inputting comments in the online Regional Structure map viewer or by submitting written correspondence by mail or by email to [EnvisionDurham@durham.ca](mailto:EnvisionDurham@durham.ca). Comments are requested by end of day April 3, 2023. Note: The draft new ROP mapping reflects the proposed SABE locations released on November 10, 2022.

- 9.2 Notification of the early release of the draft New ROP, as well as upcoming Public Open House (March 6) and Public Meeting (March 7) has been advertised via local newspapers, social media channels, and via public service announcement. In addition, a copy of this report and notification of how to provide input, as well as how to participate in the Public Open House and Public meeting will be forwarded upon publication (February 10) to a broad range of public and private interested parties.
- 9.3 Following these consultation activities, staff anticipate bringing forward a final draft ROP for Council's consideration before the Council summer recess. The final draft ROP will be available to the public two weeks prior to the Committee meeting at which it will be considered. Once the new ROP has been adopted by Regional Council, it will be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.

## 10. Attachments

Attachment #1: [www.durham.ca/draftnewROP](http://www.durham.ca/draftnewROP)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your submission and interest in Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP). We are responding to your suggestion that the MCR process be paused.

It is important that the Region continue its progress on the draft new ROP. The completion of the MCR by mid-year will enable the initiation of extensive service and infrastructure planning to support the Region's forecasted levels of growth while supporting Durham's eight area municipalities as they initiate their own MCRs, conformity exercises and housing pledge commitments. The ROP is the culmination of extensive research, mapping, best practices, updated policies and consultation which will benefit all of Durham's municipalities as they commence their detailed planning work to 2051.

With respect to the Greenbelt Plan Areas removed by the Government of Ontario within Pickering, Ajax and Clarington, these areas are proposed to be identified as Special Study Areas in the draft new ROP. This approach responds to the province's stated intention that it will return removed lands back to the Greenbelt if certain milestones are not achieved (e.g. progress on planning approvals by 2023, and homes under construction by 2025). The proposed policies in the draft new ROP will mirror the province's requirements for these areas. As the province is both the approval authority for the new ROP and the authority to be satisfied regarding the Greenbelt Removal Areas, any modifications to the ROP that may be made due to Greenbelt removals will form part of a future provincial decision on the ROP.

Durham Region's Planning and Economic Development Committee will be hosting a public meeting on the draft new ROP at its meeting on March 7, 2023. A copy of the draft document and details on how to participate at the public meeting will be released this Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

To ensure you receive the most up-to-date project information including notification of future reports, please subscribe to Envision Durham if you have not already done so. Go to [www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham](http://www.durham.ca/EnvisionDurham) and click on "receive email updates" at the bottom of the page. We cannot manually add contacts to the email notification list, but it is easy to subscribe through the website.

Envision Durham Team



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** February 10, 2023

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – February 5, 2023

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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

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2023**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/4d429tdn](https://tinyurl.com/4d429tdn)**

- For Your health, less alcohol is better: Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health released (Jan 25)

**[tinyurl.com/ysncfwcn](https://tinyurl.com/ysncfwcn)**

- Canada's New Guidance on Alcohol and Health (Jan 26)

**[tinyurl.com/bdf3fwnw](https://tinyurl.com/bdf3fwnw)**

- "What's Up Doc?" Vol 15 No 4 (Jan 30)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/46h8jek5](https://tinyurl.com/46h8jek5)**

- Government of Canada invests in Canadian innovators developing solutions to improve food safety and plant health (Jan 26)

**Department of Justice Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3fa9fr5e](https://tinyurl.com/3fa9fr5e)**

- Delay of eligibility for medical assistance in dying for persons suffering solely from mental illness proposed by Ministers of Justice and Health (Feb 2)

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/25hnsvs4](https://tinyurl.com/25hnsvs4)**

- Government of Canada announces the Social Innovation Advisory Council members (Feb 1)

**[tinyurl.com/86fsbetw](https://tinyurl.com/86fsbetw)**

- House of Commons adopts legislation for a Canada Disability Benefit (Feb 3)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yp9sh35w](https://tinyurl.com/yp9sh35w)**

- Statement – Minister Guilbeault welcomes the 2022 Annual Report from the Net-Zero Advisory Body (Jan 27)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/sfntv4ks](https://tinyurl.com/sfntv4ks)**

- Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health (Jan 25)

**[tinyurl.com/2pfv8ppv](https://tinyurl.com/2pfv8ppv)**

- Statement from the Minister of Health and Minister of Public Services and Procurement on the progress of the Canada-wide dental care program (Jan 30)



**[tinyurl.com/4xy4ak67](https://tinyurl.com/4xy4ak67)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Implementation of the subsection 56(1) Exemption from Controlled Drugs and Substances Act: Personal possession of small amounts of certain illegal substances in British Columbia (January 31, 2023 to January 31, 2026) (Jan 30)

**[tinyurl.com/4szspe7p](https://tinyurl.com/4szspe7p)**

- Statement by Ministers Duclos and Khera on Long-Term Care Standards (Jan 31)

**[tinyurl.com/58s77bjm](https://tinyurl.com/58s77bjm)**

- Message from the Minister of Health – Heart Month, February 2023 (Feb 2)

**[tinyurl.com/muhckm93](https://tinyurl.com/muhckm93)**

- Message from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Canada Day (Feb 4)

### **Natural Resources Canada**

**<https://tinyurl.com/4xr75hs2>**

- Government of Canada Launches New Intake Model for Zero-Emission Vehicles Infrastructure Funding (Jan 26)

### **Parks Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yc3c48nb](https://tinyurl.com/yc3c48nb)**

- Government of Canada to protect nature in Canada (Jan 26)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yp8vvk44](https://tinyurl.com/yp8vvk44)**

- The Public Health Agency of Canada encourages Canadians to start a conversation about healthier living habits and behaviours #OneHabit (Jan 24)

**[tinyurl.com/yjvzpm6c](https://tinyurl.com/yjvzpm6c)**

- Statement – Update on the COVID-19 situation in Canada (Jan 27)

**<https://tinyurl.com/y69t6xwr>**

- Statement from the Minister of Health on Update to COVID-19 border measures for travellers arriving from the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong or Macao (Feb 2)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/mr36btfc](https://tinyurl.com/mr36btfc)**

- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Every Corner of the Province (Jan 25)

**[tinyurl.com/6rwmkxzf](https://tinyurl.com/6rwmkxzf)**

- Statement from the Chief Medical Officer of Health (Jan 26)

[tinyurl.com/4wmt95rk](https://tinyurl.com/4wmt95rk)

- Your Plan: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care (Feb 2)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

[tinyurl.com/58235tzj](https://tinyurl.com/58235tzj)

- Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Home Residents to More Diagnostic Services (Jan 31)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/2p9xcwzx](https://tinyurl.com/2p9xcwzx)

- Ontario Providing Better Service (Feb 1)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/3su343s3](https://tinyurl.com/3su343s3)

- Ontario Preparing People and Communities for Future Emergencies (Feb 3)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Bell Canada**

[tinyurl.com/57efvp7p](https://tinyurl.com/57efvp7p)

- Today is Bell Let's Talk Day! Learn about Canadian mental health organizations and take action to create change for mental health (Jan 25)

[tinyurl.com/cu2byt9a](https://tinyurl.com/cu2byt9a)

- Bell Let's Talk thanks Canadians, governments and organizations around the country for creating positive change for mental health (Jan 26)

### **Canada Health Infoway**

[tinyurl.com/498kjca2](https://tinyurl.com/498kjca2)

- Metro Ontario to Launch PrescribeIT in its Pharmacies (Jan 25)

### **Canada's Premiers**

[tinyurl.com/bdcvdast](https://tinyurl.com/bdcvdast)

- Premiers Welcome Beginning of First Ministers' Discussions on Health Care Funding (Jan 30)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/2p83eu2e](https://tinyurl.com/2p83eu2e)

- Canadian Cancer Society survey reveals access to cancer care remains inconsistent 3 years into pandemic (Feb 4)

### **Canadian Federation of Independent Business**

[tinyurl.com/3e8497kx](https://tinyurl.com/3e8497kx)

- Canadian doctors spend over 18 million hours a year on unnecessary administrative work (Jan 30)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/mvvdxrje](https://tinyurl.com/mvvdxrje)

- 95% of physicians, medical learners support pan-Canadian licensure to improve access to care: CMA poll (Jan 30)

[tinyurl.com/3wcy6b](https://tinyurl.com/3wcy6b)

- CMA to politicians: time to invest and rebuild Canada's health systems (Feb 3)

### **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer**

[tinyurl.com/y8c735v7](https://tinyurl.com/y8c735v7)

- Canadian Partnership Against Cancer supports Canada's update Guidance on Alcohol and Health (Jan 17)

### **Canadian Pharmacists Association**

[tinyurl.com/2s48e4bw](https://tinyurl.com/2s48e4bw)

- Canada's pharmacists calling for more investment in community-based care ahead of first ministers' meeting (Feb 3)

### **Colleges Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/mry4xvjd](https://tinyurl.com/mry4xvjd)

- Colleges' new online courses help more internationally educated nurses pursue careers in Ontario (Jan 27)

### **Council of Canadian Academies**

<https://tinyurl.com/unfbz9tr>

- Expert Panel lays out costly consequences of misinformation (Jan 26)

### **Empire Life**

[tinyurl.com/3sebnsj7](https://tinyurl.com/3sebnsj7)

- Continued mental health support and increased need for virtual services key trends for group benefits in 2023 (Feb 2)

### **Health Standards Organization**

[tinyurl.com/4s9maytt](https://tinyurl.com/4s9maytt)

- HSO and CSA Group Publish National Long-Term Care Standards (Jan 31)

[tinyurl.com/yc4v89ty](https://tinyurl.com/yc4v89ty)

- HSO releases Cannabis Use for Medical Purposes: Inpatient Care Settings Standards (Jan 31)

### **Heart and Stroke Foundation**

[tinyurl.com/2p8ek7bx](https://tinyurl.com/2p8ek7bx)

- System failure: Women's heart and brain health are at risk (Feb 1)

### **IC/ES**

[tinyurl.com/2t53bw3u](https://tinyurl.com/2t53bw3u)

- Pandemic spike in healthcare visits due to alcohol equal for individuals with or without history of alcohol (Jan 31)

### **Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/mvty6udr](https://tinyurl.com/mvty6udr)

- Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario reveals insights from examination of fax privacy breaches at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (Jan 17)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/38ave4h2](https://tinyurl.com/38ave4h2)

- Ontario Hospitals Recognized for Excellence in Health Research (Jan 31)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/yphhe7fp](https://tinyurl.com/yphhe7fp)

- Use of virtual care not associated with driving patients to EDs, study finds (Jan 23)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

[tinyurl.com/yyvpzyer](https://tinyurl.com/yyvpzyer)

- Increased use of higher-cost medicines continues to put pressure on Canadian public drug plans (Jan 31)

### **Public Health Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/bdzddn2s](https://tinyurl.com/bdzddn2s)

- PHO Connections (Jan 30)

### **Public Policy Forum**

[tinyurl.com/572we6ud](https://tinyurl.com/572we6ud)

- Health-care leaders publish new report and urgent open letter to Canadians (Jan 24)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/v8pb6v4e](https://tinyurl.com/v8pb6v4e)

- National long-term standards fall short of addressing staffing issues, says RNAO (Jan 31)

### **Sun Life**

[tinyurl.com/76xj2uh7](https://tinyurl.com/76xj2uh7)

- Mental health drug claims skyrocket among young Canadians (Jan 30)



**Elizabeth Roy**  
**Mayor**  
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February 2, 2023

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford  
 Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: New Lakeridge Health Hospital**

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on January 30, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 44-23:

Whereas Whitby Council wishes to reiterate its support following the 2022 Municipal Election for placement of the new Durham hospital by Lakeridge Health at the northeast corner of Lake Ridge Road and Winchester Road in Whitby (the preferred site);

Whereas the preferred site was selected by an independent expert panel following a phased process that included a comprehensive public consultation on the criteria used to score site proposals, a public Call for Proposals to interested landowners, and a rigorous evaluation and scoring process;

Whereas the preferred site is located in the heart of Durham Region and is well connected to major roads and numerous highways, so when seconds and minutes count, those who need critical care can get it fast;

Whereas the new hospital is necessary to meet the health care needs of the growing community to access high-quality advanced care close to home and address the increasing demand for acute care services;

Whereas Whitby is the technology and innovation hub of Durham Region, which presents an opportunity to support a leading edge technology and innovation hospital;

Whereas Staff were provided the necessary direction to proceed with the required land acquisition for the preferred site at a Special Council meeting held on December 1, 2021 and Council wish to reaffirm its commitment to acquiring this property for the purposes of a hospital;

Whereas Lakeridge Health has requested a Provincial Planning Grant to advance the planning for the new hospital; and,

Whereas Whitby's Hospital Task Force is continuing to work to secure the land and support this important community initiative.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby confirms the support and direction provided by the previous Council regarding the placement of the new Durham hospital by Lakeridge Health at the northeast corner of Lake Ridge Road and Winchester Road in Whitby;
2. That Council is supportive of Lakeridge Health's request for a capital Planning Grant in the amount of \$3 million of the Province, to advance the planning for the new hospital and urges the Province to move forward with approving the Planning grant such that the planning process for a new hospital can commence;
3. That Council reiterates its support for the established Hospital Task Force, their continued leadership on this initiative, and efforts to secure the land for the future Durham hospital; and,
4. That the Mayor be requested to send correspondence advising of this resolution to the Premier, Minister of Health, Minister of Transportation, Durham MPPs, Region of Durham, Lakeridge Health, and all lower tier Durham municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.430.4300 x2203 or Sarah Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives, at 905.706.3188.

**Elizabeth Roy**

Mayor

**Town of Whitby**

**Office of the Mayor**

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February 3, 2023

Via Email:

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
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Re: Investigating Alternate Revenue Sources and Mitigating the Financial Impact of Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022

Please be advised that at its meeting held on January 30, 2023, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 43-23:

Whereas Provincial Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022, reduces development-related fees paid by the development community to Ontario municipalities for the construction of infrastructure to support growth;

Whereas the Region of Durham ("Region") has passed a motion directing Regional Staff to report back on the feasibility and implications of municipalities receiving a 10% share of annual HST revenue from either the Federal and/or Provincial governments and to investigate the feasibility and impact of the Province providing a full rebate on the Provincial share of the HST paid by Municipal governments;

Whereas the purpose of the Region's motion is to investigate alternate revenue sources to assist with municipal infrastructure investments to accommodate the infrastructure deficit as well as significant new growth related capital funding shortfalls; and,

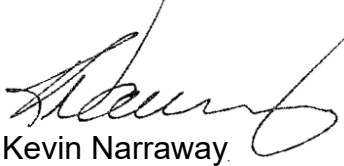
Whereas the options proposed in the Region's motion on alternate revenue sources may also mitigate Bill 23 impacts to the Town's revenues for growth-related infrastructure and assist in funding repairs and rehabilitation of existing aging infrastructure.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Town of Whitby support the Region of Durham's motion; and,
2. That the Clerk circulate a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Durham Region MPPs, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and Durham Region municipalities.



Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

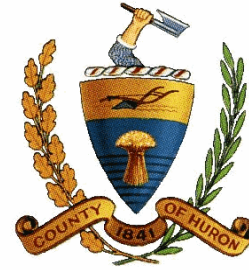


Kevin Narraway  
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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February 1, 2023

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**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson  
THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;  
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the


impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the beginning.

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

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February 2, 2023

John Henry  
Regional Chair and CEO  
The Regional Municipality of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3

Dear Regional Chair Henry,

In Durham you can have a multitude of arts experiences, engage with culture in urban and rural settings, and see performing, visual, and literary arts. Durham is home to many creative individuals, collectives, groups, and anchor organizations that provide residents and visitors with opportunities to participate in arts and culture.

Over the past four months, individuals and representatives from a broad spectrum of arts and culture organizations and disciplines across Durham Region have been meeting. Together we have been discussing how we can foster more collaboration, amplify our stories, develop mechanisms for cross-promotion, and have identified an opportunity for a Regional Arts Council. We are writing to advocate for regional support of this initiative.

With rising awareness around mental health and well-being, and emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, we can collectively develop new types of connection that open up space for meaningful relationships to be curated creatively. We developed a region-wide sector survey to get a snapshot of the sector as it currently exists. The results are not exhaustive, however, they indicate the breadth and depth of the arts in Durham.

There is momentum across the Region to develop a more fulsome, collaborative arts and culture sector. With the recently approved regional Public Art Program, Invest Durham's strategy which focuses on arts and culture as a pillar, and a renewed Council this is an opportune time to build upon these successes and synergies between the goals of our group and those of the Region.

Our cross-disciplinary working group has established a road map for success. Now, we are looking for support from the Region of Durham:

## **Phase 1**

Gain understanding of the arts and culture sector and how residents engage

- Create a more comprehensive survey of artists, organizations, and groups actively contributing to the arts and culture sector
- Lead a mapping exercise for the arts and culture sector to deepen understanding through the collection of a greater amount of data through the quantitative survey, qualitative focus groups and 1:1 interviews, and research
- Conduct a survey with residents in the Region of Durham on their level of arts and culture engagement and assess its importance and value within their lives

This phase would report on the full picture of arts and culture in the Region and provide the information and details necessary to progress to phase 2. The report and supporting information would be shared with Council and Staff.

We are requesting approximately \$20,000 from Durham Regional Council for Phase 1  
Timeline for completion 4 months, begin April 2023

## **Phase 2**

Upon completion of Phase 1, we are requesting further support to progress to the development of a community-populated open database for arts/culture individuals and organizations to foster connection and list events to include:

- Single content moderator recruited as a third-party/independent contractor with knowledge and skills in website and database programming and management
- Organizations/individuals self-populate profiles and to, for example, add events, programs, networking opportunities, partnership and collaboration opportunities
- Searchable by both arts and culture sector individuals and organizations, as well as Durham residents and tourists
- Include profiles of organizations and individuals; calls for artists for events or projects; and a forum for artists to connect with each other

This phase demonstrates the infrastructure for the regional arts council and builds upon the mapping conducted by the group. It begins to connect the sector to each other. Progress and final reports at intervals determined with the Region of Durham would be shared with Council and Staff.

We are requesting approximately \$100,000 from Durham Regional Council for Phase 2  
Timeline for development and launch, begin October 2023

### **Phase 3**

Support and develop a regional arts and culture council. This development would be informed by Phase 1 and Phase 2, the following are potential directions and objectives:

- Establish as arms-length from the Regional municipality to provide funding through an application and jury process to individuals and organizations across disciplines
- Coordinate arts and culture and facilitate collaboration, including an annual event like Culture Days
- Host and manage the open database
- Lead on research and advocacy
- Creation of regional recognition and awards
- Explore feasibility of privately funded philanthropic awards/endowed support
- Elevate Durham to compete with the other major regions around the GTA
- Establish a three-year strategic plan for the arts council and arts and culture across the Region

Without regional coordination or centralized resources, it is difficult to achieve our collective goals of developing a creative and connected cultural community.

We know there is enthusiasm and support for the arts at the Region of Durham with significant plans and reports from staff being approved. We can do more collectively for the benefit of Durham Region. Working together, we can develop arts and culture as a pillar within the Region and make it evident to all that inspiring, world-class arts programming is happening right here in Durham.

With thanks,

Lisa Anttila, Artist

Dani Crosby, Artist, Professor at Durham College

Greg Frankson, Author, CEO of Voice Share Inc.

Lauren Gould, CEO of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Megan Kammerer, Curator at Visual Arts Centre of Clarington

Marion Meyers, President of the Board, Scugog Council for the Arts

Carey Nicholson, Artistic Director and General Manager of Theatre on the Ridge

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Anne Labelle-Johnson, Oshawa Art Assoc. Director  
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Catherine Mills, Visual Artist and Art Instructor, Whitby  
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Kesha Christie, Performing Artist, member of Durham Storytellers  
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Chrissie & David Wysotski - Visual Artists & Educators, Wysotski Studios, Whitby  
Sue Reynolds & James Dewar, Inkslingers  
Ross Martins-Lomas, Retail Operations & Commercial Properties Manager - NNLP (MSIFN) Scugog Island  
Sandra Weeks, President, Durham Chamber Orchestra  
Anna Duffield Artist  
Alexandra Lembo, Director of Community Outreach at Oshawa Little Theatre  
Heather Riley, Project Coordinator Digital Collections, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Travis Johnson, Marketing Manager - Town Brewery, Whitby  
Brendan McGowan, Security and Facilities Manager, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Erin Szikora, Greenspace and Public Art Project Coordinator, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Jeanmarie and Chris Hulaj, Oshawa  
Dominique Faivre Artist. Oshawa.  
Anna McQuaid, Office Manager, Kobes Nurseries Inc  
Michelle Gewurtz, Supervisor of Arts & Culture, Peel Art Gallery, Museum & Archives (Region of Peel)  
Sandy MacKenzie , O.A.A. Annual Juried Show  
Sonya Jones, Curator of Collections, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Leila Timmins, Senior Curator, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Kade Bolger, President Durham Woodworking Club, Woodturner and Artist  
Brigitte Sampogna, Artist and Filmmaker, Whitby  
Nina Senkpiel - Ajax Creative Arts Inc, Executive Board Member Secretary  
Keith Williams - Williams And Follows - RE/MAX  
Heather Bell, Scugog resident  
Robert Aloe, Artist, Professor, Club Lettera / Royal LePage  
Mina Daya Artist,  
David Clubine, Artist  
Kirsty Naray, Ajax Artist  
Kyra Dietsch, Port Perry  
Lis Simpson, Artist/Instructor/Mentor, Former Chair Scugog & Wild at Heart mirjana Studios Tours, Former Secretary Scugog Council for Arts  
Kat Senyk, Designer/Artist and Lover of Arts, Port Perry Resident  
Saundra Reiner, Potter/painter, Uxbridge Studio Tour  
Georgia Fullerton, RMG Board Director, Artist, Expressive Arts Therapist, Ajax  
Mary Ellen McQuay Artist Whitby ON

Marcarie Riel, Oshawa  
Wendy Rhead, Beaverton  
Cass Goulding, Artist and Content Creator, Guelph, ON  
Matt Cerovich, Visual Artist, Oshawa ON  
Chris Wunderlich, Wunderlit Magazine, Whitby ON  
Judith Shaw Poet/Storyteller Durham Storytellers Oshawa ON  
Jessica Johnston, Artist, Oshawa ON  
Dan Walters, Community Partner  
Trystin Powell, 2D Rigging Artist  
Mirjana Simeunovich, oshawa, artist  
Virginia Ervin, Visual Artist and Singer in Clarington, ON  
Anthony Grani, Filmmaker, Oshawa ON  
Marc McRae, 3D and Graphic Artist, Founder of Angry Face Games  
Enid DeCoe Chair of Durham Storytellers Oshawa On  
Dan Reiff, Drummer, facilitator, and music teacher at Long & Mcquade Bowmanville  
Lisa Ferreira, Board of Directors, Whitby Courthouse Theatre  
Ann Robinson Artist Whitby  
Tristan Kellar, Web Designer and Artist, Oshawa ON  
Mary Krohnert, Actor, Artist, Founder & Executive Director, The LivingRoom Community Art Studio  
Ted Niles, President, Whitby Courthouse Theatre  
Kristine Dandavino, Musician, Director of Oshawa Piano and Vocal Academy

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**From:** DIANNE FORDHAM <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** February 6, 2023 9:43 AM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>  
**Subject:** Pause the Envision Durham Official Plan Review NOW!

Clerks Durham Region,

\*\*Request to Municipal Clerks: Please include this email as correspondence on your next committee or council agenda\*\*

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TO: Regional Chair Henry and Planning & Economic Development Committee Chair Chapman

CC: Durham Regional Councillors, Durham Ward/City Councillors, Durham Region Clerks, Envision Durham, and Chief Planner Bridgeman

RE: Pause the Envision Durham Official Plan Review

The Envision Durham Official Plan Review process must be paused to allow regional and municipal planning staff time to account for the new land that the Government of Ontario has added.

Including the new Greenbelt carve-outs, 14,000 acres of prime farmland and natural heritage areas are slated to be added to today's urban boundary. This is far more than needed and a total that will undermine the financial and environmental health of Durham residents.

Furthermore, newly elected councillors across Durham Region have not had an adequate opportunity to understand and consider the implications of so much new sprawl for their respective municipalities and the region as a whole.

A pause to the Envision Durham process is not only prudent, but several lower-tier municipal staff reports have also called for more time to review:

City of Pickering: "The Province recently removed the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve from the Greenbelt to enable imminent development of those lands. This is not reflected in the above-noted Envision Durham reports that have been circulated for comment. The Province's action creates tremendous uncertainty about growth allocations and settlement area boundary expansions for the City of Pickering. Accordingly, staff are of the opinion that it is premature to comment further on the Envision Durham reports at this time."

<https://corporate.pickering.ca/WebLink/0/edoc/247495/January%2023,%202023.pdf>

Municipality of Clarington: "A condensed commenting period for area municipalities for policy and mapping changes of this magnitude is challenging and does not provide sufficient time for staff to undertake the necessary review. This is particularly so in the current context of the recent Bill 23 amendments, the implications of which are drastic."

<https://weblink.clarington.net/weblink/0/edoc/402409/PDS-005-23.pdf>

I urge you to pause the Envision Durham Official Plan Review to allow time for a fulsome assessment and to truly understand the long-term consequences of designating this much new land for regional growth. A growing body of research and best practices inform sustainable development, demonstrating that compact development is in the best interest of residents, current and future. The proposed plan is flawed and will cost us all. I'm imploring you to not lock in a big mistake for Durham Region!

Thank you!

DIANNE FORDHAM

## **DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES**

### **Location**

Durham Regional Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road E, Whitby

### **Meeting**

In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this DNHC meeting was a virtual meeting so that presenters, members, and guests could present and participate without meeting together in the Regional Council Chambers.

### **Date & Time**

January 20, 2023 at 1:00 PM

### **Members that Participated**

Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Health Department (DRHD), (Chair)  
Lisa Fortuna, (DRHD)  
Phil Dunn, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)  
Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG)  
Loc Nguyen, OPG  
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member  
Veena Lalman, Public Member  
Susan Ebata, Public Member  
Dr. Barry Neil, Public Member  
Jane Snyder, Public Member  
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Alternate Public Member  
Hardev Bains, Public Member  
Deborah Kryhul, Public Member  
Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member

### **Presenters & Assistants**

Paulo Correia, DRHD (Secretary)  
Michael Munro, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) (Presenter)  
Lee Casterton, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) (Presenter)  
James Kilgour, Durham Emergency Management (DEM) (Presenter)  
Scott Preston (OPG) (Presenter)  
Carrie-Anne Atkins (OPG) (Presenter)  
Anjali Pandya, DRHD  
Regional Chair John Henry  
Sara Irvine, OPG  
David Keene, MECP  
Kathy Bleyer  
Helen Tanevski, DRHD  
Roger Inacio, Durham Region Information Technology Division

## **Regrets**

Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, DRHD  
Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Ontario Tech University (OTU)  
Janice Dusek, Public Member

Dr. Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone.

Land Acknowledgement by Dr. Kyle.

Dr. Kyle mentioned that observers who have questions concerning presentations today, should email or discuss their requests with Paulo Correia, DNHC secretary, at [dnhc@durham.ca](mailto:dnhc@durham.ca).

Paulo Correia will follow-up with each of the presenters after the meeting with the observers' questions off-line to prevent any duplication of emails and responses. Paulo will report back to Dr. Kyle the outcomes of the questions received.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The Revised Agenda was adopted.

4.4 Potassium Iodide Pill Working Group presentation by CNSC moved up to 4.2.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the November 18th, 2022 meeting were adopted as written.

### **1. Correspondence**

**3.1** Dr. Robert Kyle received a resignation email from DNHC member Dr. David Gorman, effective November 18, 2022. Dr. Gorman enjoyed serving on the DNHC for the past 11 years. Dr. Kyle emailed Dr. Gorman on November 18, 2022 thanking him for his years of service to the Committee.

- Dr. Kyle thanked and acknowledged Dr. David Gorman's service during the meeting.

**3.2** Dr. Robert Kyle's office received the Minutes of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) Community Advisory Council virtual meeting held on September 20, 2022, and the Joint Pickering NGS and Darlington NGS Community Advisory Council virtual meetings held on November 15, 2022.

**3.3** Dr. Robert Kyle received a report from Paulo Correia. One email was received on November 18<sup>th</sup> from C. Drimmie. The email was referred to the appropriate presenter and organization. She has received a response.

**3.4** Dr. Robert Kyle received a letter from Mark Hughey, General Manager, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), Historic Waste Program Management

Office, thanking Dr. Robert Kyle and the DNHC for the intervention letter of support received for the CNSC Public Hearing on the Consolidated Port Granby Project and Port Hope Area Initiative licence renewal, held on November 22 and 23, 2022. Mark's letter was dated December 5, 2022.

- 3.5** Dr. Robert Kyle's office received a news release from the CNSC on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The CNSC renewed the waste nuclear substance licence for [CNL's Port Hope Area Initiative](#), which includes the Port Granby Project, until December 31, 2032.

#### **4. Presentations**

A copy of the streamed DNHC meeting that includes the presentations, can be found in [committee archived streamed meetings](#). Please scroll to the bottom of the page for the DNHC streams.

##### **4.1 Updates by Emergency Management Office (EMO), concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2022 and its Plans for 2023 in Durham Region (Michael Munro, Deputy Chief, Nuclear, Radiological & Scientific Response Programs, EMO)**

Michael Munro reviewed EMO's nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2022 and 2023 Plans.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- EMO Emergency Preparedness Activities and Plans are based on the 5 Pillars of Emergency Management:
  - To ensure Building Resilient Communities Across the Province and Keeping Ontarians Safe
- EMO in Action
- Emergency Management Ontario
- Nuclear, Radiological and Scientific Response Programs (NRSRP)
- NRSRP Branch Mandate
- Ontario's Nuclear Emergency Management Program (NEMP) Roadmap
- Review of the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP) Master Plan
- EMO's Potassium Iodide (KI) Pill Discussion Paper –Path Forward
- Emergency Preparedness Review (EPREV) Follow-up mission-June 2023
- EMO Exercise Program Elements
- Huron Endeavour 2022-Emergency Response Exercise

M. Munro highlighted EMO's Nuclear, Radiological and Scientific Response Programs (NRSRP) Mandate:

- Develop and maintain a provincial nuclear emergency management program.
- Coordinate provincial scientific activities, emergency plans, programs, exercises, procedures and policies to support Ontario's off-site responsibilities



in the preparedness for, response to, and recovery from a nuclear or radiological incidents.

- Provide advice and assistance to a broad range of public sector partners (provincial, federal, municipal, Indigenous) and private sector stakeholders particularly with respect to their nuclear accountabilities under the PNERP.

M. Munro shared that the 2017 PNERP Master Plan is undergoing a detailed review. As part of the review, national and regional indigenous communities and organizations will be consulted. A separate public consultation will be undertaken concurrently with indigenous consultations.

M. Munro stated EMO has assumed the Phase II work of the CNSC KI Working Group and has developed a Discussion Paper examining three issues:

1. The need to supplement the current preparedness measures to facilitate access to KI pills beyond the current KI pill pre-distribution 10 km Detailed Planning Zone (DPZ) area.
2. The need to extend the pre distribution stocks of KI pills from all schools in the 10 km DPZ to all schools in the 50 km Ingestion Planning Zone (IPZ).
3. A provincial strategy for emergency distribution of KI pills at the time of a nuclear emergency.

M. Munro reviewed many EMO exercises occurring in 2023. In 2025, a large-scale nuclear emergency will be conducted with local, provincial, federal and US partners.

M. Munro ended by stating that the goals of these exercises and plans is to test our capabilities and to learn where we are now and where we need to be.

Two questions were posed:

- 1) Will there be outreach to informed civil society such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) as well in beginning work on updating the PNERP Master Plan?
  - Michael Munro responded that opportunities will be provided through public consultation.
- 2) Can you please provide contact information or links for the public to review and provide comments on the PNERP?
  - Information regarding the public consultation on the 2023 Draft PNERP Master Plan will be available this spring at the following link: [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).
  - M. Munro shared that the Nuclear Emergency Management Coordinating Committee (NEMCC) is meeting on February 2nd. More details and public communication will follow the meeting and during the review of the PNERP.

Michael Munro or associates will continue to update the DNHC on EMO's Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities for Durham Region and the province. More information is available on the [EMO website](#) or email [askEMO@ontario.ca](mailto:askEMO@ontario.ca).

#### **4.2 Progress Report by Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) concerning its 'Potassium Iodide Pill Working Group' (Lee Casterton, Senior Regulatory Program Officer, Pickering Regulatory Program Division, CNSC)**

Lee Casterton provided an update on the KI Pill Working Group.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Ingestion Planning Zone (IPZ)
- Working Group Membership
- Mandate.
- CNSC Website
- Phase 1 Report
- Approach for Phase 2-EMO/MOH Proposal
- Next Steps

L. Casterton stated, at the CNSC Public Hearing on the Pickering licence renewal in June 2018, intervenors raised concerns on KI pill pre-distribution and distribution in an emergency in the IPZ. KI Working group established.

L. Casterton stated that the working group membership included the CNSC, Ontario Ministry of Health, EMO, OPG, Durham Region, various other municipalities within 50km of nuclear facilities, and Peterborough a designated Host Community under the PNERP.

L. Casterton stated that Phase 1 of the plan was completed on January 26, 2022.

L. Casterton reviewed that in June 2022, EMO and MOH proposed that Phase 2 objectives be completed by the province through the update to the PNERP. In August 2022, the proposal was shared with the CNSC.

L. Casterton reviewed that in October 2022, the CNSC concurred with the new approach and proposal. The working group received the EMO discussion paper in December 2022.

L. Casterton shared that the next steps include posting the completed Phase 1 report on the KI Working Group webpage. The webpage will also include new terms of reference to address EMO's involvement and alignment with the PNERP review and update.

Question:

A question was asked for Lee Casterton to clarify role of the CNSC KI Advisory group to date and in the proposed phase II approach?

- The CNSC Senior Advisory Committee was setup to provide advice to the CNSC on the KI Pill Working Group. The advisory group will continue to be

engaged on both KI and other areas of public interest. The advisory group will be engaged for the PNERP review and other CNSC regulatory activities. The CNSC website is being updated and will have additional information posted concerning the advisory committee.

Lee Casterton or associates will keep the DNHC updated on the progress of the Potassium Iodide Pill Working Group transition and CNSC involvement.

For more information, the CNSC website is [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca) and the Working Group website is: <https://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/emergency-management-and-safety/potassium-iodide-pill-working-group.cfm>. Inquiries can also be made to [cnsccinfo@nuclearsafety.gc.ca](mailto:cnsccinfo@nuclearsafety.gc.ca).

#### **4.3 Progress Report by Durham Emergency Management (DEM) concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2022 and its Plans for 2023 (James Kilgour, Director, Durham Emergency Management (DEM))**

James Kilgour provided an update on Durham's Emergency Preparedness Activities.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Nuclear Program Activities
- Nuclear Planning
- Training
- Exercise and Drills
- Committees, Working Groups, and Meetings
- Public Education and Awareness
- Public Alerting Campaign
- Public Alerting Indoor and Outdoor
- Plans for 2023

J. Kilgour stated that a nuclear training package was developed and distributed to Regional Control Group members and alternates prior to the Exercise Unified Command (EXUComm) exercise in February 2022. DEM staff are developing an Intro to Nuclear course. Additional courses to be developed in 2023 include Radiation Basics and Emergency Worker's Centre training.

J. Kilgour shared details about EXUComm in a virtual Regional Emergency Operations Centre and in person at the Emergency Workers Centre. Debrief sessions allow for captures successes, challenges, and items for improvement. Participation in additional drills and established notification procedure also tested and confirmed.

J. Kilgour highlighted all the committees, working groups, and meetings that DEM represents the interests of Durham Region. DEM is involved at the local level and with partners such as EMO, CNSC, and OPG.

J. Kilgour reviewed several public education and awareness initiatives. A nuclear preparedness survey was run in 2021. The information from that survey was used in 2022 to focus initiatives on improving the public's knowledge of emergency preparedness and taking protective action in an emergency. Survey respondents were used as a pilot group for new emergency preparedness material.

J. Kilgour revealed details of a Public Alerting Campaign. New tactics to improve awareness were implemented. Social media impressions used as a new way to measure public awareness. Latest campaign had improved public engagement and pageviews.

Details of the Indoor and Outdoor Public Alerting test was shared by J. Kilgour. The number of calls to the Region have dropped off after the test over the past few years as a result of better awareness of the test.

J. Kilgour reviewed 2023 plans and priorities.

Question:

Dr. Kyle asked J. Kilgour what are the top one or two priorities for DEM.

- J. Kilgour responded that the PNERP review is a big item for the DEM team. DEM has already started working with regional stakeholders on proposed changes to the PNERP. Additionally developing and providing training for nuclear awareness (Intro to Nuclear), radiation training (Radiation Basics), Nuclear Emergency Response Training, and the Emergency Worker Centre training is another priority.

James Kilgour or associates will continue to update the DNHC on nuclear emergency preparedness plans and activities in Durham Region. More information is available on the [DEM website](https://www.dem.durham.ca/dem) at [durham.ca/dem](https://www.durham.ca/dem).

#### **4.4 Progress Report by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) concerning its Significant Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities in 2022 and its Plans for 2023 in Durham Region (Scott Preston, Senior Manager Enterprise Emergency Management, OPG)**

Scott Preston provided an overview of OPG's Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Enterprise Emergency Management – Mandate
- Enterprise Emergency Management Pillars
- 2022 Highlights

- 2023 Priorities

S. Preston reviewed OPG's mandate to ensure that they are prepared and have the response capability to mitigate the effects of a nuclear emergency and protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and the environment.

S. Preston shared that there are CNSC requirements and provincial requirements (PNERP) that layout the requirement for nuclear emergency preparedness, emergency management, and responding effectively to an emergency.

S. Preston reviewed OPG's 3 pillars of emergency management program. The pillars challenge the organization to constantly improve their programs.

S. Preston shared 2022 highlights. The highlights include:

- OPG has increased training and emergency event simulations to improve proficiency of the Emergency Response Organization (ERO),
- Drill and exercises,
- Distribution of KI pills and member of KI Working Group,
- Successful "Emergency Management Review Visit (EMRV). This review is completed by the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO).

S. Preston reviewed 2023 priorities that include drills and exercises. OPG will continue to benchmark other industry peers and follow mandated requirements for emergency preparedness.

Scott Preston or associates will continue to update the DNHC with OPG's Nuclear Emergency Preparedness Activities. More information is available at [www.opg.com/nuclearsafety](http://www.opg.com/nuclearsafety).

## 5. Communications

### 5.1 Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear and Darlington Nuclear

Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Corporate Relations, OPG, provided an update on Community Issues at Pickering and Darlington and the highlights were:

Pickering Nuclear Operational Performance Update:

- Pickering Units 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, are operating at or near full power, with Unit 6 in a scheduled maintenance outage.

Darlington Nuclear Operational Performance Update:

- Darlington Units 2 & 4 are operating at or close to full power. Units 1 & 3 are currently in refurbishment.

Project Updates:

Pickering Operations to 2026 and Pickering Refurbishment Feasibility study:

- OPG submitted a letter of intent on December 12th, 2022, to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). The purpose of this letter is to inform the CNSC of OPG's intent to pursue CNSC approval to operate Pickering Units 5-8 to September 30, 2026

#### Darlington New Nuclear Project (DNNP) - Licence to Construct Application:

- On December 13, the OPG and DNNP project leaders participated in a virtual Public Information Session. Licence to Construct application was submitted to the CNSC. The remaining supporting information packages will be submitted to the CNSC in sequence over the course of six months.
- On January 19, 2023, a second virtual Public Information Session was held.
- Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Announcement: the DNNP team is planning for a Friday, January 27 event to announce details around the DNNP IPD model. DNNP team members, stakeholders, the Ontario Minister of Energy and our IPD partners to be in attendance.

#### Nuclear Sustainability Services – Darlington Re-Licensing:

- The Nuclear Sustainability Services – The ten-year waste facility operating licence ends on April 30, 2023.
- In December 2021, OPG submitted its licence renewal application to the CNSC, indicating the intent to renew this licence for another 10-year period.
- The licence renewal application will be open for a CNSC public hearing on January 26, 2023.

#### Darlington Refurbishment Project Update:

- The Darlington Refurbishment Project (DRP) continues meet project targets while executing both Units 3 and 1 at the same time.
- Unit 3 was 92% complete as of December 31, 2022.
- Unit 3 reactor assembly and Restart Control Hold Point (RCHP) 2 was successfully completed on November 28. RCHP2 allowed for the loading of new fuel into the reactor which was completed on December 27. RCHP 4 for Primary Heat Transport fill is forecast to complete January 17, 2023.
- Unit 1 achieved 32% completion on December 31, 2022.
- Unit 1 is progressing well through the reactor disassembly phase, with Feeder Tube removal complete and Endfitting removal underway.

#### Other Community Updates:

- Neighbours Newsletter: the latest newsletter went out over the Winter holiday - next newsletter Spring 2023.
- New Council and Staff Station Tours being planned for all new elected councils.
- Bring Back the Salmon (BBS) Hatchery Launch - Jan. 30: Kickoff BBS Hatchery Launch at Durham Nuclear Info Centre for the launch of the salmon hatchery. Over the next four months; as the Atlantic salmon eggs mature into fry; OPG in partnership with Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Toronto Recreational Conservation Authority and Central Lake Ontario

Conservation will deliver a 4-tier program to two classes (4/5 & 5/6). The program will educate students on the lifecycle of Atlantic salmon through environmental stewardship activities. The final tier includes the release of the salmon fry into a local stream.

- March Break Free Family Skates: From March 13<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>. Free public skating will be offered across Durham Region. Every morning in Pickering/Ajax and afternoon in Oshawa/Clarington.

For more information, Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager, Corporate Relation, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, can be reached at 416-528-7766 or by e-mail at [carrie-anne.atkins@opg.com](mailto:carrie-anne.atkins@opg.com).

For more information, Lindsay Hamilton, Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Projects, Corporate Affairs, OPG, can be reached at 905-914-2457 or by e-mail at [lindsay.hamilton@opg.com](mailto:lindsay.hamilton@opg.com).

## **6. Other Business**

### **6.1 Future Topics for the DNHC to Consider**

Dr. Kyle mentioned the next DNHC meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2023. Theme: The Safe Management of Nuclear Waste.

The Draft Agenda will include:

- Progress Report by the NWMO concerning the Implementation of Adaptive Phased Management and its Site Selection Process for the Long-Term Management of Used Nuclear Fuel in Canada (Derek Wilson, Chief Operating Officer)
- Progress Report by OPG's Nuclear Sustainability Services Division concerning its stewardship of nuclear materials and by-products of nuclear energy (Nuala Zietsma, Director, Stakeholder Relations)
- Progress Report by OPG's Nuclear Regulatory Affairs concerning the Pickering Nuclear Station Units 5-8 Operations to 2026 (Sara Irvine, Director Nuclear Regulatory Affairs)
- Progress report by the Office of the Regional Chair and Chief Administrative Officer concerning the development of the Durham Nuclear Sector Strategy (TBC)
- Progress Report by Ontario Tech University (OTU) concerning, a Potential Class 1 Subcritical Facility at OTU (Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Director, Centre for Small Modular Reactors, Associate Professor & Industrial Research Chair, Department of Energy & Nuclear Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science)

### **6.2 Scheduled DNHC Meetings in 2023**

- April 21
- June 16

- September 22
- November 17

## **7. Next Meeting**

### **Location**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

Durham Region Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

### **Date & Time**

April 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM

## **8. Adjournment**

2:41 PM