



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: [#2023-INFO-25](#)
Date: April 6, 2023

Subject:

2022 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Annual Performance Reports provide staff, stakeholders and customers an overview of the performance of the WPCP's in 2022. Further, these reports fulfill the annual reporting requirements of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and demonstrates the commitment of ensuring the WPCP continues to deliver wastewater services to our customers in an environmentally responsible manner.
- 1.2 The reports are complete and are available to the public on the Region's website at www.durham.ca by March 31 of each year.

2. Annual Report

- 2.1 The MECP provides operating terms and conditions to be followed and met for each WPCP through the issuance of an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA). The reporting section of the ECA provides a list of the information to be contained in the annual performance report.
- 2.2 A description is provided in each individual report which includes but is not limited to the treatment process overview, raw influent and final effluent parameters, population served by each WPCP, and the specific processes used to treat the wastewater.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 The reports align with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- (a) Goal 1 Environmental Sustainability - To protect the environment for the future by demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change.
 - Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails and farmland
- (b) Goal 2 Community Vitality - To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
 - Enhance community safety and well-being
- (c) Goal 5 Service Excellence - To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.
 - Demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement and communicating results

4. Conclusion

4.1 The 2022 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Reports (Attachment #1) provide an overview of the annual performance for the Regional Municipality of Durham's Water Pollution Control Plants.

4.2 For additional information, please contact Tavis Nimmo, Acting Manager of Technical Support at (905) 668-7711 ext. 3737.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: [Link to access the Regional Municipality of Durham's 2022 Water Pollution Control Plant Annual Performance Report](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

John Presta, P.Eng., MPA
Commissioner of Works

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2023-INFO-26](#)
Date: April 6, 2023

Subject:

Update on Benzodiazepines and Xylazine

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide information on the appearance of benzodiazepines and xylazine in the unregulated drug supply.

2. Background

2.1 Benzodiazepines are classified as depressants. They slow down breathing, giving a calming or sleep-inducing effect. They are used medically to treat anxiety, sleep disorders, muscle spasms, and seizure disorders.

a. Non-medical benzodiazepines are not made in regulated pharmaceutical labs.

2.2 Bromazolam is a synthetic benzodiazepine that is made in an unregulated lab and has recently been detected in the street drug supply within Canada. Bromazolam is not approved for medical use in any country.

2.3 Xylazine (i.e., tranq) is classified as a depressant. It is a tranquilizer used in veterinary medicine and has analgesic and muscle relaxant properties. It can lower heart rate, blood pressure and slow breathing.

a. Xylazine requires a veterinary licence for purchase and use. It is not approved for human use by any authorizing association in Canada or the United States.

- 2.4 Both xylazine and non-medical benzodiazepines have been identified in opioids in the unregulated market.
- a. Substance use risks are higher for people who obtain drugs on the unregulated market as there is no quality control and drug contents are unpredictable.
 - b. Lack of predictability has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic as supply chains have been disrupted by border closures and safety measures.
 - c. Benzodiazepine and xylazine involvement in opioid-related deaths increased during the pandemic, as was reported in two recently released reports: [Changing Circumstances Surrounding Opioid-Related Deaths in Ontario during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), released in May 2021 and [Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Opioid-Related Poisoning among First Nations in Ontario](#), released in December 2021.

3. Health Concerns

- 3.1 The combination of benzodiazepines and opioids and/or xylazine and opioids increases the risk of drug poisoning and death.
- a. The combination of these substances can intensify side effects as they each slow vital functions such as breathing and heart rate.
- 3.2 Drug poisonings involving combinations of non-medical benzodiazepines and opioids can be difficult to reverse.
- a. Naloxone can reverse the opioid effects by restoring breathing but cannot reverse sedation caused by benzodiazepines. This means a person could start breathing again, however they may not regain consciousness.
 - b. Some benzodiazepines last longer in the body, thus drug poisoning events can last longer. People may appear fine shortly after use of the drug but may lose consciousness later.
- 3.3 Regular use of benzodiazepines can produce tolerance. Abruptly stopping the use of benzodiazepines can cause withdrawal symptoms that need medical management.
- a. People who use drugs may unknowingly consume a combination of benzodiazepines and opioids, which can result in withdrawal symptoms.
- 3.4 Drug poisonings involving combinations of xylazine and opioids can be difficult to reverse.
- a. Naloxone can reverse the opioid effects but has no effect on xylazine.
 - b. There is no pharmaceutical antidote specifically for xylazine.

- 3.5 Frequent xylazine use is reportedly associated with a higher prevalence of skin problems, including abscesses, ulcers and infections (compared with those who do not use xylazine).

4. Recent Trends

- 4.1 On February 28, 2023, DRHD received a memo from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario regarding the presence of xylazine and benzodiazepines in the current drug supply and risks of drug toxicity.
- a. Preliminary data from the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario show that xylazine was detected in 2 to 4 per cent of opioid toxicity deaths between 2021 Q1 and 2022 Q3. Additionally, benzodiazepines were detected in 63 per cent of opioid toxicity deaths in 2021 and 41 per cent in 2022.
- 4.2 Peterborough Public Health (PPH) issued a warning on March 10, 2023, following unconfirmed reports of a benzodiazepine-like substance that may be associated with recent deaths in their community.
- 4.3 The [Toronto Drug Checking Service](#) reports that 56 per cent of fentanyl samples tested from February 11 to 24, 2023, contained Bromazolam. The samples include illegal drugs, as well as legal drugs diverted from regulated markets for sale through criminal channels.
- 4.4 KFL&A Public Health released an alert on March 9, 2023, regarding increased presence of xylazine and benzodiazepines in Ontario's unregulated drug supply.
- 4.5 A recent Public Health Ontario report entitled [Benzodiazepine Harms Snapshot](#) indicates that between 2018 and 2021, there was a gradual increase in the rate of deaths related to benzodiazepines across Ontario and within Durham Region. In 2021, the rate in Durham Region was 3.3 per 100,000 people, which is not significantly different from the provincial rate.
- 4.6 [The Benzodiazepine Overdose Emergency Department Visits at a Glance](#) report released by Durham Region Health Department (DRHD), available on durham.ca, examines trends in emergency department (ED) visits for benzodiazepine overdose in Durham Region residents by age and sex, with comparisons to Ontario.
- a. Between 2012 and 2021, the rate of ED visits related to benzodiazepine overdose decreased by 35 per cent for Durham Region females and increased by 19 per cent in males. In comparison, the rates decreased in Ontario by 26 per cent in females and 24 per cent in males.
- b. Durham Region females were involved in almost three out of five ED visits for benzodiazepine overdose in 2021 (59 per cent; 114 of 194).

- c. Durham Region youth ages 15 to 19 had the highest ED visit rate for benzodiazepine overdose in 2021 compared to other age groups. Since 2012, the rate of ED visits among youth ages 15 to 19 has increased in Durham Region and reached a peak of 124.3 visits per 100,000 in 2017. Since 2017, the rate decreased by 50 per cent to 61.8 visits per 100,000 in 2021.
 - d. Since 2013, the ED visit rate for adults aged 20 to 34 decreased by 6 per cent in Durham Region like the Ontario rate which experienced a 5 per cent decrease.
 - e. The ED visit rate for adults aged 35 to 64 decreased by 35 per cent between 2012 and 2021 and the rate for adults 65 and older decreased by 79 per cent in Durham Region.
- 4.7 The report [Spotlight: The Emergence of Xylazine in Canada](#), released by the Health Canada Drug Analysis Service and Public Health Agency of Canada in March 2023 shows that since 2019, there has been an increase in the number of xylazine identifications in samples submitted to the Drug Analysis Service by Canadian law enforcement agencies.
- a. Xylazine identifications from suspected illegal drugs seized by Canadian law enforcement agencies were predominantly in British Columbia and Alberta from 2019 to 2020, however in 2021, a sharp increase of xylazine identifications from samples in Ontario was observed, with a total of 414 identifications in 2021 and 1,011 in 2022 compared to 9 in 2020.
 - b. As of 2021, xylazine was also found in combination with sedatives/hypnotics, although this trend appears to have peaked in early 2022.

5. Current Actions

- 5.1 DRHD provides the following services and programs for prevention and early intervention of substance use:
- a. Public health nurses work to help bring awareness to students and the school community about the harms associated with substance use through school-based programs. Nurses focus on risk and protective factors and employ varied strategies to help to foster student resiliency and refusal skills, to prevent substance use.
 - b. Parenting support services that focus on early growth and development. Home visiting and community programs help parents develop and build healthy relationships with their children through the developmental life stages.
 - c. Programs and services consider and address social determinants of health to improve the health of all children and their families.

- 5.2 DRHD continues to work with frontline organizations that work with people who use drugs regarding actions that can be taken to lower the risk of drug poisoning.
- 5.3 The [Durham Region Opioid Information System](#) continues to monitor current opioid poisoning-related statistics, including Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) calls, emergency department visits and opioid-related deaths.
- 5.4 Individuals and community organizations can use the [Report Drugs Durham Tool](#) to anonymously report a bad or unexpected reaction to drugs.
- 5.5 DRHD regularly communicates with PPH, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and Toronto Public Health regarding drug trends and initiatives.
- 5.6 DRHD shared PPH alerts with community organizations that provide direct services to people who use drugs. Frontline community organizations use this information to reorient their services and amplify messages to their clients to help prevent drug poisonings.
- 5.7 DRHD is monitoring the situation and will send alerts to the public and frontline agencies based on ongoing qualitative and quantitative data analysis. These decisions are made based on DRHD's Opioid Early Warning System framework:
 - a. Data are collected from RDPS, ED visits, law enforcement, fire services, internal DRHD departments, community stakeholders, people who use substances, neighbouring public health units, and pharmacies.
 - b. When unexpected change is detected in the data, DRHD's overdose response team completes an investigation, determines a risk score, and actions are carried out based on the assessment.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 DRHD continues to monitor the situation through quantitative and qualitative surveillance strategies.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Sent by Email

March 30, 2023

Oleksandr Shevchenko
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Taras Bahriy
President
Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Ontario
Provincial Council
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Subject: Re: Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto Requesting Support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure
Corr. 10-23
File: A-1400

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	April 04, 2023 11:34 am
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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 27, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 10-23, from Mary Medeiros, Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk, City of Oshawa, dated March 7, 2023, regarding Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto Requesting Support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure, be received and endorsed;
2. That pre-budget approval be granted for this one-time funding of \$10,000.00; and,
3. That Staff be directed to provide similar financial support on behalf of the City of Pickering.

A copy of Corr. 10-23 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

Encl.

Copy: Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, Director of Legislative Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
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
Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog
Chief Administrative Officer



Corporate Services Department
Legislative Services

File: 3-5

March 7, 2023

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL
(ukrconstoronto@gmail.com)

Oleksandr Shevchenko
Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto
Taras Bahriy, President
Ukrainian Canadian Congress Ontario Provincial Council

Re: Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto Requesting Support for Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure

This is in response to your correspondence of January 10, 2023 to Oshawa City Council concerning the above-referenced matter.

At its meeting of February 27, 2023, City Council adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the City of Oshawa has provided support of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people during this difficult time of defending their homeland against the Russian invasion; and,

Whereas the Consulate General of Ukraine and Ukrainian Canadian Congress Ontario Provincial Council has requested support through the provision of generators to ease the pressure on Ukraine's electric grid;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Oshawa donate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of generators and that the funds be taken from the Inter Government Relations Account; and,

That the Mayor, Members of Council and the Economic Development staff reach out to our businesses and other partners to make them aware of this need and request; and,

That this resolution and related correspondence be sent to the councils of the Region of Durham, Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby to ask them to consider similar support”.

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If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact me at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk

/jl

- c: Members of Council at:
The Regional Municipality of Durham
The Town of Ajax
The Township of Brock
The Municipality of Clarington
The City of Pickering
The Township of Scugog
The Town of Uxbridge
The Town of Whitby



Judy Smith
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

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Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

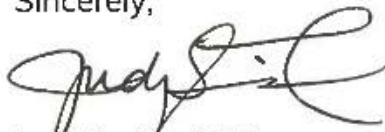
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Stacey Blair
Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
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March 31st 2023

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Re: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

Dear Ms. Blair,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Carleton Place regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic.

Motion 15

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support item 'J' of correspondence from the Town of Carleton Place regarding Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women and Epidemic.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



Please be advised that at their meeting of March 7, 2023, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place passed the following motion:

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support

Motion No. 04-134-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the rural Renfrew County inquest as important to all rural communities; and

THAT based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Stacey Blair, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

Clerk, Town of Carleton Place

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The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
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The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
minister.fin@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

March 31st 2023

Re: Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support item 'N' of correspondence from the Town of Essex regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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Honourable Steve Clark

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Brown".

Shelley Brown

Acting Clerk

sbrown@essex.ca



CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX

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c.c. Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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Mary Birch, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
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Anthony Leardi, MPP
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All other municipalities in Ontario



The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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March 31st 2023

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Re: Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding *Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Stephen Blais – MPP, Orléans; Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

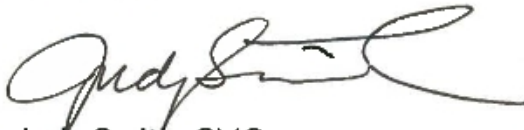
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local MPPs
Ontario Municipalities

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach, Oshawa, attended the meeting at 1:02 PM
A. Blum, Scugog
D. Campbell, Whitby, Vice-Chair, left the meeting at 2:56 PM
H. Hall, TeachAbility
W. Henshall, Whitby, attended the meeting at 1:08 PM
L. Houston, Community Care Durham
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS, left the meeting at 1:55 PM
Councillor McDougall
J. McEwen, Clarington, attended the meeting at 1:04 PM
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Chair
S. Sones, Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
D. Pineda, Policy Advisor, Local Immigration Partnership
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

R. Purnwasie advised that H. Hall no longer represents Participation House and requested that the minutes be updated to reflect that she represents TeachAbility. H. Hall confirmed that she represents TeachAbility.

Moved by S. Sones, Seconded by D. Hume-McKenna,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Dr. Matthew Stein, Ontario Tech University, and Danielle Pineda, Policy Advisor, re: Durham Community Evaluation Research Program – Case Study on Newcomers with Disabilities

Dr. Matthew Stein, Ontario Tech University, and Danielle Pineda, Policy Advisor, participating electronically, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham Community Evaluation Research Program – Case Study on Newcomers with Disabilities.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background on Case Studies
- Approach
- Demographics
- Barriers to Access
 - Transportation
 - Reliance on Caregivers and Limitations
 - Language Comprehension
 - Difficulties in Navigating Systems and Processes
 - Technology
 - Stigma
- Recommendations for Improved Service Access and Delivery

M. Stein responded to questions with regards to how the case study is being shared with other organizations; whether CNIB was consulted on the case study; types of information being provided to the newcomers; whether Durham Region is working with the Province on this initiative; how the presentation can be shared with other organizations; whether there is assistance available to persons with disabilities; the definition of newcomer; and the length of time people are considered a newcomer.

B) Wayne Henshall, Head, Partnerships and Entrepreneurship, re: Come to Work Program and Impact Evaluation at CNIB

Wayne Henshall, Partnerships and Entrepreneurship, participating electronically, provided a presentation with regards to the Come to Work Program and Impact Evaluation at CNIB.

W. Henshall stated that the CNIB, Ontario Tech University and OCAD University hosted a Co-Design Festival on February 23 and 24, 2023. Members of the sight loss community were invited to share what they are experiencing post COVID-19 with a focus on sight loss and collaboration work.

W. Henshall stated that the event had sessions focusing on virtual distractions and accessibility challenges, navigating transportation, virtual presence in meetings, and understanding artificial intelligence. He also stated that it is important to have lived experiences from different demographics when conducting research to ensure that as you are designing solutions and ensuring validating its usability. He advised that the Chief Accessibility Officer at CNIB would like to have these sessions twice per year.

W. Henshall provided a brief overview of the five stages of the Come to Work Program available through CNIB.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:10 PM and reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of D. Hume-McKenna.

5. Discussion Items

A) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Business Compliance Deadline

K. Wall advised that businesses and non-profits with 20 or more employees and public sector organizations must complete an accessibility compliance report by the end of 2023 and submit it to the Ontario Government to confirm ongoing compliance. She also advised that it is the intent for all businesses in Ontario to be fully accessible by 2025.

J. McEwen provided the following update:

- There has been a funding model provided to Premier Ford and the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.
- On May 1, 2023, local stroke survivors will be meeting with Minister Cho to discuss how Ontario can become accessible by the deadlines. K. Wall will be invited to the meeting.

Discussion ensued with regards to the recommendations being presented to Minister Cho and who will be meeting with Minister Cho on May 1, 2023.

J. McEwen advised he would provide committee members with an update following the meeting with Minister Cho.

B) Nomination for Appointment of Two Members to the Transit Advisory Committee

K. Wall advised that the Transit Advisory Committee requires 2 members nominated for appointment by the Accessibility Advisory Committee. She also advised that the Transit Advisory Committee meets quarterly and the meeting schedule for 2023 is May 16, September 19, and November 21.

W. Henshall indicated he wished to stand. J. McEwen indicated he wished to stand.

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by Councillor McDougall,
That Wayne Henshall and Jim McEwen be nominated for appointment as the Accessibility Advisory Committee representatives to the Transit Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

K. Wall advised that the education sub-committee is open for anyone interested in joining. K. Wall provided the following update:

- Planning for National Accessibility Awareness Week, which takes place from May 28 to June 3, 2023, has begun.
- Durham Region will be hosting its second annual Accessibility Conference on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 9:30 AM.
- The deadline to apply for the Inclusive Community Grant being provided by the Province of Ontario is April 20, 2023, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
- A policy and advocacy advisor from the Whitby Chambers of Commerce reached out to K. Wall and D. Campbell to collaborate an event to host subject matter experts on Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities education and the deadline for compliance in 2025.

Discussion ensued with regards to engaging with colleagues at Ontario Tech University regarding education for businesses to become AODA compliant by 2025.

B) Accessibility Coordinator Update

K. Wall provided the following update:

- There will be a Non-Police Led Mental Health Response Focus Group at the Abilities Centre taking place on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 1:30 PM and information about the session will be forwarded to committee members.
- Durham Region is working with Turner Consulting Group to put together an internal equity audit for staff.
- Welcome to new members Jim McEwen and Adam Blum.
- The Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan was approved by Regional Council on March 1, 2023 and will be provided to committee members.
- The 2021 Accessibility Report final version is being presented to the Finance and Administration Committee on April 11, 2023 and will be shared with committee members.
- Durham Region Transit will be hosting public information centres at various locations in each municipality of the Region and dates and will be shared with committee members when they become available.
- A Microsoft Teams Channel has been created for committee members and offered assistance for those obtaining access to the channel.
- Durham Region has an ongoing commitment to meet the guidelines of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR).

Discussion ensued with regards to the internal equity audit being conducted with Turner Consulting Group; hearing from individuals in the community that have had interactions with Durham Region as part of the recruitment process; the information received from the employee census conducted by Turner Consulting Group; and whether the census was shared with local municipalities.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by H. Hall, Seconded by J. McEwen,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R. Purnwasie, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk