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There are no Early Release Reports.

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There is no Staff Correspondence

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There are no Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions

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1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) minutes – September 15, 2020

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #<u>2020-INFO-85</u>
Date: September 25, 2020

Subject:

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2020 Virtual Farm Tour, File: A01-38-02

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the 18th annual Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) farm tour event which was held virtually on September 17, 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since its inaugural tour in 2003, DAAC has showcased more than 40 farms and other agricultural facilities across Durham Region to more than 1,300 participants.
- 2.2 Due to COVID-19, DAAC was not able to offer the same in-person experience this year. However, this year's event presented a unique opportunity to virtually tour two facilities not available to the public due to bio-security protocols.

3. Event Overview

3.1 Over 150 participants representing municipal and provincial governments; public agencies including conservation authorities, school boards, post-secondary institutions; municipal advisory and economic development committees; the

financial and insurance industry; the agricultural community; and media attended the annual event. The tour highlighted the importance of Durham's diverse agricultural sector, as well as some of the issues and challenges faced by the industry.

- 3.2 The theme for this year's tour was "Virtual Spotlight on Agriculture in Durham Region". A variety of topics were covered including: growing/producing custom animal feed, technology and equipment used, information about bio-security, and animal husbandry at an egg laying operation and a hog operation.
- 3.3 Regional Chair and CEO, John Henry welcomed attendees to the virtual event, while a photo montage from previous tours was displayed. Chair Henry spoke about:
 - The important contributions of the agriculture industry in Durham;
 - How agriculture is one of the top goods producing sectors in Durham Region and a major economic driver;
 - The diverse range of agricultural commodities in Durham, from grain and cattle, to poultry and hogs, to apples and nursery trees;
 - How many family farms have been operational for over 150 years while others are just entering the business; and
 - How Durham's more than 1,300 farms continue to enrich our communities and lead our agriculture and food sector to success.
- 3.4 DAAC Chair, Zac Cahoon presented history on the Committee and introduced the farms being toured for this event. Chair Cahoon spoke about:
 - Farmers resiliency to change and adversity;
 - How DAAC had to adapt and transitioned this year's farm tour to a virtual video format;
 - How the farms featured this year are not normally accessible for inperson tours due to bio-security reasons;
 - Bio-security at the farm level is defined as management practices that allow producers to prevent disease-causing agents to enter the farm property;
 - Livestock health because of strict adherence to rigid bio-security measures results in safe and high-quality food, that starts right on the farm.

- 3.5 The virtual farm tour portion included an inside look into the following operations:
 - a. **Hubert Schillings White Feather Farms Inc.** Mr. Schillings gave participants a tour of his egg laying facility and provided information on high quality homemade feed, importance of bio-security on the farm, salmonella testing for food safety and the role of technology. A video included footage of a modern barn, housing enrichment (i.e. perches and scratch pads), and the egg sorting/packing machinery.
 - b. **Tom Watpool Watpool Farms Ltd.** Mr. Watpool gave participants a tour of his hog operation and provided information on the breeding process, piglet welfare (i.e. heat lamps and mats), the nursery environment, different phases of feed depending on the age of the pig, the importance of social hierarchy, the use of environmental controls (i.e. sprinklers, fans, feed and water) and the importance of bio-security to be able to raise pigs free of antibiotics. A video included footage of the barn, pigs of different ages, the feed milling process, the use of technology and the importance of bio-security.

4. Event Feedback

- 4.1 Each year, participants are asked to complete a survey that is used by DAAC to evaluate the success of the tour and to help plan for future events. This year, an electronic survey was distributed following the virtual farm tour. From the 65 responses received, almost all agreed that the tour met or exceeded their expectations. Some general comments were:
 - It exceeded my expectations.
 - It was great to access farm operations that would normally be off-limits on an in-person tour.
 - Important information for us to know about our community farmers.
 - This information is very informative in terms of understanding the different farming operations in Durham.
 - It's important to educate the public that farming utilizes science to be stewards of the land, incorporating new technologies.
 - Supporting our farmers and creating environments for education is vital.
 - Modern farms are complex environments that ensure a safe and healthy environment.
- 4.2 Participants were asked what the "Take Home" message was for them. Responses included:

- Durham Region farms are a top economic contributor to the region and the province.
- Durham Region farms operate sustainably and can be vertically integrated.
- Animals are well-cared for, and there is a high level of concern for the safety of the animals and for the consumer.
- The importance of a clean and sanitary environment.
- Thank you for the hard work and dedication to the community and agriculture and food industry!
- Lots of good work taking place in Durham! Being in the city, we tend to forget there's an entire agricultural sector in Durham.
- How fortunate we are to live within a region with such diversity of production and quality farming practices.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 DAAC is to be commended for its continued efforts in advancing the knowledge of the agricultural industry in Durham, especially during COVID-19. The annual farm tour continues to be an important part of the Council approved work plan for the Committee.
- 5.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, and DAAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance

Report: #<u>2020-INFO-86</u>
Date: September 25, 2020

Subject:

The Consolidated Budget Status Report to July 31, 2020 and Full Year Forecast

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The following summary on the status of the 2020 Consolidated Budget and Full Year Forecast for the General Tax Operations, Water Supply, and Sanitary Sewer Systems is based upon information supplied by the Regional Departments, a review of the financial statements to July 31, 2020 and preliminary information forecast to the end of the year.

2. Budget Status Summary - General Tax Operations

2.1 A deficit is forecast for the General Tax Operations 2020, as indicated in the following table. This deficit position is prior to the application of the general Safe Restart Funding that is being provided by senior levels of government.

General Tax Operations	Surplus/(Deficit)
Department / Division	<u>\$</u>
Social Services Department:	
Long-Term Care & Services for Seniors	(4,000,000)
Income and Employment Support	250,000
Emergency Management and Program Support	(100,000)
Children's Services Program	(6,800,000)
Dedicated COVID funding	6,800,000
Housing Services	<u>100,000</u>
Total Social Services Department	(3,750,000)

Health Department:	
Public Health Programs	(3,500,000)
Region of Durham Paramedic Services	700,000
Total Health Department	(2,800,000)
Works Department:	
General Tax	1,200,000
Solid Waste Management	<u>1,130,000</u>
Total Works Department	2.330,000
Planning and Economic Development Department	450,000
Corporate Services Department	(3,500,000)
Chief Administrative Office	450,000
Finance Department	1,000,000
Community and Affordable Housing	(1,000,000)
Other Initiatives	(6,400,000)
Overall General Tax - Deficit	(<u>13,220,000)</u>

3. General Tax Operations

3.1 Social Services Department

- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division advises that a deficit
 position of approximately \$4.0 million is still expected for the year, attributable
 to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and the actions undertaken in keeping
 residents and staff healthy and safe. Factors contributing to this position are:
 - Increased staffing costs represent a significant component of the deficit for the Homes, specifically for temporary staff and overtime costs that are expected to exceed budget by approximately \$5.4 million. Approximately 300 additional temporary employees were hired to support increased screening measures and other tasks, and to ensure Ministry requirements for resident care and strict service levels were maintained when staff were absent due to staff vacancies, training, illness or injury.
 - Expenses for cleaning materials and supplies, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, and infection control costs are higher than budget, due to combatting the COVID-19 virus, by an estimated amount of \$1.4 million.
 - These costs are partially offset by lower building maintenance, utility and communication costs across all four homes estimated at \$700,000.
 - The Province has also changed its methodology of calculating per diem subsidies. The Province will now issue an overall funding adjustment rather

- than adjust the existing rates for the four per diem envelopes. The 2020 adjustment is anticipated to provide an additional \$620,000 in per diem revenue that was not known at the time of the budget approval.
- Preferred accommodation revenue from the Homes is trending to budgeted expectations; however, as discharges increase and beds remain unfilled, a decrease in the number of occupied beds for which the preferred rate applies may be expected. The magnitude of the vacancy impact on preferred accommodation revenue is unknown at this time.
- Payments to front line workers for the Province's Temporary Pandemic Pay (TPP) program are in progress and these payments will be offset by a dedicated Provincial subsidy.
- A deficit in client fees is anticipated in the Adult Day Program of \$80,000 due to the COVID-19 program curtailment.
- It is important to note that in mid-April 2020, the Province has implemented an Enhanced COVID-19 Action Plan for Long Term Care facilities which includes more testing, strengthened infection prevention control measures and training, a steady supply of personal protection equipment, and added staff. Additional provincial funding related to COVID prevention and containment in the amount of approximately \$1.5 million is anticipated.
- The Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Division continues to review all discretionary expenditures, as well as prioritization of capital expenditures, to mitigate the anticipated deficit position.
- The Family Services Division reports that client revenue in the Employee Assistance program is below budget due to the pandemic. However, the revenue shortfall is offset by savings in operational expenditures, resulting in an overall break-even position.
- The Income and Employment Support Division is projecting a surplus of \$250,000 for the year.
 - The Income Support caseload has decreased during the pandemic, with the average monthly caseload decreasing by over 10% since the beginning of the year. However, as the federal government's Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is wound down, it is expected caseload could increase soon thereafter.
 - The Province has indicated that the Emergency Benefit expenditures, a
 component of the discretionary benefits program, would be subject to a
 special funding cap; however, details related to the special cap and the
 related impact on spending have yet to be released and the impact on the
 discretionary program is not known.

- At this time, based on the expenditures to date, recent caseload trends, and the provincial cap uncertainty, a break-even position in the discretionary program is currently projected for the year. Caseloads and costs will continue to be monitored closely over the remainder of the year.
- The Ontario Works (OW) Program Delivery budget is projected to be in a surplus position for the year. Though client-related expenditures in the OW Employment Support accounts are still anticipated to be higher than planned, as a result of the impact of COVID-19, year to date spending has decreased significantly compared to the trend in prior years. However, targeted expense reductions in personnel costs and other expense categories in the Administration section of the program are expected to more than offset this over expenditure at year end. As a result, a surplus of \$250,000 is currently anticipated for the year.
- The operations of the Emergency Management and Program Support Services sections are expected to be in a deficit position of approximately \$100,000 at year end. This is due mainly to the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), supplies, and increased staff overtime in response to COVID-19, partially offset by staff vacancies and savings in Program Support Services.
- The Children's Services Division provided emergency 24/7 child care to eligible health care and front line workers, at no cost to the parents during the COVID-19 pandemic while experiencing significant cost pressures, such as loss of parent fees, overtime, purchase of PPE for staff, and enhanced cleaning and janitorial services. On August 14, 2020, the Ministry of Education Early Years and Child Care Division announced new Federal Safe Start Funding (SFR), which is aimed at providing funding relief for costs that are unique to a COVID-19 environment. The Region of Durham share of this funding is \$6.8 million, which will enable the Children's Services Division to report a break-even position for the year.
- The Housing Services Division reports that expenditures continue to track slightly below budgeted expectations due to the timing in filling staff vacancies, with a projected surplus of \$100,000.
 - Expenditures on the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative are currently proceeding as planned.
 - Provincial Social Service Relief Funding of \$6.4 million, (\$2.8 million Phase
 1 operational expenditures, and \$3.6 million Phase 2 for both operational
 and capital expenditures) has been allocated for COVID-19 response. At
 this time, it is anticipated that the funding will be utilized to offset related
 COVID-19 costs in supporting the community.

- Payments to front line workers via the Province's Temporary Pandemic Pay (TPP) program are in progress and these payments will be offset by a dedicated Provincial subsidy.
- Overall, a deficit position of \$3,750,000 is projected for the Social Services Department for the year, after the application of dedicated COVID relief funding.

3.2 Health Department

- Public Health is reporting a deficit of approximately \$3.5 million. The deficit is primarily related to the departmental response to COVID-19, with increased staffing and operational costs. A total of 364 staff members have been identified as responding the to the COVID-19 pandemic in areas such as case management, outbreak response in long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate living settings, response to general public COVID-19 inquiries, support to case and contact management activities and overall management support of these activities. Temporary pandemic pay costs incurred will be offset by a dedicated Provincial subsidy.
- The Region of Durham Paramedic Services division (RDPS) is reporting an estimated surplus of approximately \$700,000, as outlined below.
 - Payroll costs have exceeded budget by approximately \$700,000 primarily in overtime and staffing backfill due to COVID-19 and Workplace Safety Insurance costs.
 - Savings of \$700,000 are anticipated in training costs, conferences, part time benefits savings, and a deferral of 12 new hires approved in the 2020 budget.
 - Payments to front line workers via the Province's Temporary Pandemic Pay (TPP) program are in progress and these payments will be offset by a dedicated Provincial subsidy.
 - Expenditures related to the purchase of PPE and other equipment required to address COVID-19 is anticipated to add \$600,000 to budgeted costs.
 - Decreased community call volumes for the first wave of the pandemic and favourable fuel pricing, and funding received on trade in of retired vehicles are anticipated to provide savings of \$300,000.
 - The 2020 provincial subsidies for RDPS have been confirmed by the Province and will exceed budgeted estimates by \$1.0 million.
- The net result for the Health Department is a projected deficit of \$2.8 million for 2020.

3.3 Works Department

- The Works Department reports that as of the end of July overall revenue and expenditures for the Transportation and other General Tax programs are projected to be in a surplus position of approximately \$1,200,000 for the year. Factors contributing to this position are:
 - The Winter Maintenance program is anticipated to meet budgeted expectations primarily due to a milder winter season in 2020. While the final status of the winter maintenance budget will be dependent upon storm events in the last few weeks of the year, a break-even position is anticipated at this time.
 - The Roadside Maintenance program is projected to exceed budget by approximately \$200,000.
 - In an effort to offset the corporate impact of the pandemic, targeted savings
 of \$1 million are anticipated by actions such as the deferral of hiring vacant
 positions and forgoing technical training. In addition, a review of capital
 items had indicated savings of \$400,000 for 2020 can be obtained.
- The Solid Waste Management Division is projecting a \$1,130,000 surplus position for 2020 based on the following factors:
 - The Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority has indicated that funding provided for the 2020 blue box operations will increase by approximately \$980,000, whereas the budget had anticipated no increase.
 - The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a downward pressure on market prices for recycled materials, particularly aluminum, plastics and steel. As a result, a deficit from blue box revenues of approximately \$250,000 is being forecast at this time.
 - Waste tonnages have been higher in the early part of the year, as curbside garbage limits were lifted. As well, higher waste tonnages have been received at the Region's waste management facilities. The estimated additional collection and transfer costs of the increased tonnages is \$1.0 million. The increased tonnages will also impact the waste processing fees with an estimated net impact of \$800,000. Overall a cost increase of \$1.8 million is anticipated due to these increased waste tonnages.
 - A review of operational activities, including deferral of hiring, operational projects and deferral of capital items are anticipated to provide savings of \$2.2 million.

3.4 Planning and Economic Development Department

- The Planning division has realized savings of \$500,000 from vacancies in the department, the deferral of hiring due to COVID-19, and associated personnel related program savings.
- Planning revenues have been impacted by the pandemic-related slowdown in the economy and are trending below budget by an estimated \$100,000.
- The Economic Development and Tourism division has realized savings of \$200,000 in staff and related program costs from vacancies. The division has pivoted their programs to focus on assistance to businesses to recover from COVID-19 impacts and additional costs of \$150,000 are anticipated for the Digital Main Street program to assist businesses to expand their digital presence.
- At this time a surplus of approximately \$450,000 is projected for the Planning and Economic Development Department.

3.5 Corporate Services Department

- The Information Technology division is anticipating savings estimated at \$100,000 due to vacancies and hiring deferrals.
- Human Resources reports there are variances in their payroll costs due to timing of filling vacancies and deferral of hiring new positions, for an estimated savings of \$200,000 and an additional \$300,000 savings from the targeted deferral of related non-departmental programs as offset to the corporate impact of the pandemic.
- Legislative Services reports there will be savings of approximately \$100,000 due to the timing of filling vacant positions and deferral of hiring new 2020 budgeted positions, with an additional \$100,000 in savings due to the deferral of non-departmental programs.
- Legal Services is anticipating savings of approximately \$100,000 due to vacancies during the year.
- A deficit of \$4.4 million is forecast for Provincial Offences program. POA charges filed during the pandemic have dropped significantly and a fine revenue shortfall of \$5.0 million is expected. Savings in the Court Services and Collections programs are anticipated due to the closure of courts and the corresponding decrease in related Provincial fees, as well as staff savings. Overall savings are estimated to be approximately \$600,000 only partially offset the drop in fine revenue.
- Overall, a deficit of \$3,500,000 is expected for the Corporate Services Department.

3.6 Chief Administrative Officer

• The CAO department anticipates savings of approximately \$200,000 due to the timing of filling vacancies, in addition to targeted operational savings of \$250,000 as an effort to offset the corporate impact of the pandemic. Overall savings of \$450,000 are anticipated.

3.7 Finance Department

 The Finance Department is projecting a surplus of approximately \$1 million for the year primarily attributable to staff turnover and the time required to fill vacant positions, deferral of new 2020 budget positions, as well as targeted operational savings to offset the corporate impact of the pandemic.

3.8 Police Services Board

 As of July 31, 2020, the Police Service is forecasting year end results to be close to budgeted level. Savings from salary expenses due to position vacancies related to leaves and retirements will be fully offset by higher legal and hiring costs, COVID-19 related costs such as PPE and lost revenue from provision of pay duty services.

3.9 Community and Affordable Housing Programs

- Payments to external social housing providers, a portion of the Community
 Housing Program budget, are presently tracking approximately \$1,000,000
 under budget due to lower than anticipated Rent Geared to Income subsidies,
 benchmarked operating costs, and property taxes.
- The Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC), the Region's own housing provider, is projecting approximately \$2,000,000 in cost overages for the year, primarily from winter grounds maintenance and building maintenance and repair, including approximately \$33,000 related to additional cleaning and PPE for COVID-19 response. These year-to-date operating costs are trending higher than budget and are close to the prior year actuals, which also resulted in a deficit.
- Overall, it is anticipated that the surplus in payments to external social housing providers and projected deficit in the DRLHC budget will result in a \$1,000,000 deficit position in the Community and Affordable Housing Program for 2020.

3.10 Durham Region Transit

As of July 31, it is projected that Durham Region Transit will experience a \$6.0 million operating deficit position for 2020. During the course of the COVID pandemic, DRT has implemented a number of service modifications to adjust to ridership demands, postponed services changes, enhanced bus cleaning and maintenance, eliminated fare payment for a period of time and introduced

- a number of initiatives to bring riders back to transit. These changes have led to a financial impact highlighted below.
- A deficit in fare revenue of approximately \$15.75 million is anticipated for 2020. The reduced ridership and the suspension of fare collection in the second quarter and the suspension of the UPASS for summer and fall terms have resulted in a substantial revenue shortfall. While fare collection resumed in the third quarter, ridership recovery will take time. Assuming ridership returns to 50 per cent of budgeted levels for the remainder of the year, a \$15.75 million deficit is anticipated.
- Service adjustments and COVID response have produced savings and additional expenditures:

Expenditure Impacts	Savings/(Deficit) \$
Reduction in staffing costs	4,000,000
Fuel savings	2,700,000
Specialized/North services	1,200,000
Additional cleaning /protection measures – COVID response	(1,000,000)
Reduction in Go Local fare costs	200,000
Savings in commission	600,000
Targeted miscellaneous deficit reduction measures	<u>2,050,000</u>
	<u>9,750,000</u>

- The net position for DRT from the revenue deficit and expenditure impacts is an approximate \$6 million deficit.
- As part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, DRT will receive funding in the amount of \$8,405,396 as reimbursement for the financial pressures associated with the need to continue to operate with reduced revenue and the new expenses resulting from COVID-19. This includes reduced farebox revenue and new expenses, such as labour costs, additional cleaning costs, driver and passenger protection and other capital costs. This funding is in addition to the \$365,000 Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC) provincial funding for dedicated cleaning that has been factored into the \$6 million deficit noted above. The Safe Restart funding will allow DRT to reinstate some of the targeted deficit reduction spending and undertake projects to rebuild and attract ridership. Consequently, a breakeven position is forecast for DRT.

• The investment of \$83 million in senior government funding, in conjunction with municipal funding of \$43.2 million, for 11 capital projects that will modernize and improve public transit was recently announced. These projects include replacement of conventional buses with new hybrid electric vehicles and replacement of buses that have reached the end of their lifecycle, as well as continued construction of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes with active transportation corridors. Reports pertaining to the Investment in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) are forthcoming to Council in October.

3.11 Other Initiatives

The following initiatives have been approved in 2020 subsequent to the budget approval and will require funding from property tax sources (Others such as nursing support to provide mental health supports are pending approval):

Additional Funding for the Ontario Senior Dental Program Clinic Relocation – at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance

\$1,100,000

Additional costs related to the construction of the Seaton Paramedic Station and Paramedic Training Facility. Funding sources identified as Capital Impact Stabilization Fund, or at the Discretion of the Commissioner of Finance

\$5,300,000

Total \$6,400,000

4. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewer Systems

4.1 Water Supply

- The Works Department reports that while there are budget variances within various program expenditures and revenues, there are overall savings due to the deferral of hiring of vacant positions, savings in operational activities, such as training which are anticipated to provide a surplus of \$500,000.
- To the end of July, residential water consumption is trending higher than budgeted given the pandemic lockdown and the shift to work from home. However, consumption by the Institutional, Commercial and Industrial (ICI) sector has decreased significantly due to the impact of the COVID-19 shutdown. The decrease more than offsets the higher residential consumption. A deficit position of \$1,000,000 in user rate revenue could result should consumption in the ICI sector not bounce back in the second half of the year.
- Overall, a deficit position of \$500,000 in the water supply system is anticipated at this time.

4.2 Sanitary Sewer

- The Works Department projects that the current operational expenditures for Sanitary Sewer are anticipated to produce a surplus position of approximately \$500,000 by year end, based on deferral of hiring of staff, and savings in operational activities such as training.
- Similar to water supply user revenues, the residential revenues are running higher than budget but there are lower revenues from the ICI sector. However, as there are a number of ICI sector accounts that are "water only" or where only a portion of the water consumed returns to the sanitary sewer system, the surplus in user rate revenue from the residential sector is offset by the reduction from the ICI accounts.
- Overall a net surplus position of approximately \$500,000 is anticipated for the sanitary sewer system.

5. Federal Provincial Safe Restart Funding

- As noted above, the Region will receive Federal Provincial Safe Restart funding in the amount of \$6,811,867 for 2020 specifically for use by the child-care sector to adapt operations in order to continue to deliver programming in the COVID-19 environment. This has been applied above.
- Similarly, Federal Provincial Safe Restart Phase 1 funding in the amount of \$8,405,396 to address COVID-19 municipal transit pressures has been applied to the deficit expected for DRT as noted above.
- The Region has been advised that it will receive \$14,551,200 of general Federal Provincial Safe Restart Phase 1 funding to address operating pressures and local needs. This funding is available for the current year to fund COVID-19 operating costs and pressures and can be applied to both property tax and user rate supported operations. Reporting will be required in March 2021 on the use of these funds.
- Regional staff are currently working to identify how best to apply the general Safe Restart funding to the expected deficits or the lifting of a portion of the targeted reductions to best support the Regional Recovery Framework and Action Plans. If there are any remaining Safe Restart funds at the end of 2020, it may be applied to one-time COVID-19 costs up to March 2021 in accordance with Provincial guidelines.

6. Summary

6.1 Based on the available information to the end of July, a deficit position is forecast for General Tax Operations and the Water Supply Operation. The Sanitary Sewer Systems is expected to have a small surplus for the year. A significant number of mitigation measures were employed throughout regional departments to aid in offsetting the significant impact of COVID-19. Their efforts are appreciated. As it appears a second wave of COVID-19 has commenced, that may have additional detrimental impacts across service areas affecting the projections included in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By N. Taylor

N. Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA Commissioner of Finance



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September 22, 2020

Anita Longo, Executive Assistant Durham Regional Police Services Board 605 Rossland Road East Box 911 Whitby, ON L1N 0B8

Dear Ms. Longo:

Re: Reconvening the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Team

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on September 21, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #JC-098-20:

That the following resolution from the Region of Durham, regarding Reconvening the Body-Warn Camera (BWC) Team, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

Whereas Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) have been adopted by a growing number of police services across the country and the world; widely seen as a real benefit to public trust, transparency, accountability and accuracy, and have been useful in determining what exactly has taken place during confrontations between officers and civilians, aiding in building positive relations with the communities they serve;

Whereas recent hate-filled and brutal displays of anti-Black racism have resulted in preventable deaths and revived community outcry for more oversight and accountability for officers and police services;

Whereas on June 17, 2020 the Parliamentary Black Caucus urged all levels of government to act immediately to eliminate the barriers to access to justice and public security for Black Canadians and Indigenous people, including requiring all on-duty police officers in contact with the public to wear BWCs;

Whereas Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders has said he will fast track body cameras for all front-line officers within the Toronto Police Service (TPS) due to recent events;

Whereas Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) conducted a year-long BWC pilot from June 2018 to June of 2019, using officers from two units in West Division, Regional Traffic Enforcement and members from the Festive R.I.D.E team;

Whereas approximately 80 officers were outfitted with cameras during the pilot, resulting in 26,600 videos being collected - of which 52 per cent were categorized as evidence and about 30 per cent have been or will be used in criminal and provincial offences trials - and the project manager has said that "I don't think we've seen very much resistance at all - and the officers fairly quickly got comfortable with the technology", yet no formal recommendations or go-forward plans have been presented to DRPS Board; and

Whereas on April 21, 2020, DRPS informed their Board that the BWC study was on hold due to the pandemic, and all officers were sent back to their original deployments, further delaying a decision;

Now therefore be it resolved that to be responsive to the needs of our community, the Durham Regional Police Services Board ('Board') be requested to reconvene the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) team effective immediately;

That Regional Council request the DRPS Police Services Board, at the earliest possible opportunity, to consider BWC implementation, which shall include funding requirements to start phasing in the procurement and outfitting of front-line officers with cameras to eliminate subjectivity in civilian and police interactions;

That Regional Council requests the Board present a delegation to Regional Council by September 2020, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible, including a timeline and budget to address this need at the earliest opportunity;

That the presentation include an update by the Board regarding the DRPS officer training plan, addressing how officers are trained to handle mental health distress and de-escalation techniques, specifically within the Black and Indigenous community; and

That this motion be circulated to the DRPS Board, and all Durham municipalities.

Yours truly,

June Gallagher Deputy Clerk

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c. Cheryl Bandel, Deputy Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham – clerks@durham.ca



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September 22, 2020

Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Your Honour:

Re: Call to Action (Public Enquiry) - Second Request

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on September 21, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #JC-106-20:

That the following resolution from the City of Pickering, regarding Call to Action (Public Inquiry) - Second Request, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington:

That Corr. 28-20, dated May 29, 2020, from the Families of Orchard Villa, regarding a Call To Action (Public Inquiry) - Second Request – Urgent, be endorsed; and

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Lieutenant Governor, Durham MPPs, Opposition Leaders, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and Durham Region municipalities.

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Please find enclosed a copy of the original <u>correspondence</u> for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

June Gallagher Deputy Clerk

JG/cm

Encl.

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The Families of Orchard Villa - orchardvillaltchfamilies@gmail.com



Corporate Services Department Legislative Services

Sent by Email

July 7, 2020

The Families of Orchard Villa orchardvillaltchfamilies@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Call to Action (Public Inquiry) - Second Request - Urgent

Corr. 28-20

File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on June 29, 2020 and adopted the following resolution:

- 1. That Corr. 28-20, dated May 29, 2020, from the Families of Orchard Villa, regarding a Call To Action (Public Inquiry) Second Request Urgent, be endorsed; and,
- 2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Lieutenant Governor, Durham MPPs, Opposition Leaders, the Regional Municipality of Durham, and Durham Region municipalities.

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

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

Yours truly

Susan Cassel City Clerk

SC:rp Enclosure Copy: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

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Jennifer French, Member of Provincial Parliament, Oshawa

Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham

The Hon. Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ajax

The Hon. Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge

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Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Regional Municipality of

Durham

Chief Administrative Officer

From: Families Orchard Villa < orchardvillaltchfamilies@gmail.com>

Date: May 29, 2020 at 3:01:23 PM EDT

Subject: CALL TO ACTION (PUBLIC INQUIRY) - SECOND REQUEST - URGENT

May 29, 2020

Dear Mr. Ford and Ms. Fullerton,

This is our second attempt to contact you as the family members of Orchard Villa, and individuals within our group have been reaching out to you both since early to mid-April, but none of our group or individual attempts have been met with an appropriate response.

We have been watching your daily announcements as we wait at home for updates on our loved ones who still reside in Orchard Villa Long-Term Care Home and Retirement Home, and grieve the loss of our family members who have passed. We mourned the information that was written on the military report, made public on Tuesday May 26, 2020. Our grieving isn't just for the facts contained in the report, but also for the knowledge that these facts have been communicated to you and your offices both by us and in the media for several weeks now. We grieve because our words were not enough and while our pleas for help fell on deaf ears more of our loved ones died. Our one consolation is that the military's voice echoed our own and that their voice was loud enough for you to hear.

Today we write to you first to thank you for the nursing and military support that you have provided to Orchard Villa LTCH, we have seen a change in our family's basic care needs recently and we now are comforted to know that they are being fed and hydrated, however we are far from a full result of having regular updates on our loved ones, having COVID-19 tests being continued and from feeling that our families are safe. We want to know what plan is in place for beyond June 12, 2020 when the military and hospital support has left Orchard Villa. The military report clearly indicates that the current management cannot be left to their own devices.

Mr. Ford, we are one month shy of the two-year anniversary of your swearing in as Premier of Ontario. As we look back to June 29, 2018 we hear you speak the words "I, Doug Ford, swear that I will duly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the powers and trust reposed in me as Premier …of the Province Of Ontario, so help me God." On that day we took you at your word and

trusted that not only would you lead the people of Ontario, but that you would serve them as well.

Ms. Fullerton, we believe you echo Mr. Ford's position that the military report was shocking, however this only indicates that you have not been listening to our pleas.

Today we are asking you to begin an independent public inquiry as soon as possible. You will find that we are united in our need for this type of inquiry, that we do not want an independent commission where information is controlled and stones can be left unturned. With this request we enclose a link to our petition signed by 5,700+ individuals who have added their voices to our own. How many voices will it take until we are finally heard?

http://chng.it/RfPYgxJg

We ask that you please refrain from sending us a generic reply as many of us have received in the past. We ask that you remove the wall that has been built between yourself, your staff and the people that you serve.

A second e-mail will follow this with the contact information for two representatives of our group, and we trust that we will hear from you by no later than Wednesday June 3, 2020.

We have been waiting, writing, speaking and mourning for eight weeks. We have been kept in the dark. We ask that you now respond to us directly and we thank you for your time.

Respectfully, The Families of Orchard Villa

bcc: National and local media outlets



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September 22, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada Via E-Mail: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Mental Health for Police Services

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File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on September 21, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #JC-108-20:

That the Correspondence item 11.12 from Dan Carter, Mayor, City of Oshawa, regarding mental Health for Police Services, be endorsed by the Municipality of Clarington.

For your reference, please find attached a copy of the original correspondence from the City of Oshawa to the Prime Minister and the Durham Regional Chair.

Yours sincerely,

June Gallagher Deputy Clerk

JG/cm

Encl.

See attached list of interested parties

Interested Parties:

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His Worship John Henry Regional Chair of Durham – chair@durham.ca

His Worship Dan Carter Mayor of Oshawa – mayor@oshawa.ca

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Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) - c/o tmendler@regionofwaterloo.ca

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) - c/o mayor@guelph.ca

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MAYOR DAN CARTER

July 28, 2020

Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

The recent highly publicized interactions between members of police services and individuals in crisis in both the United States and Canada are calling for government and organizations to re-examine our systems and processes and take action.

I am writing today, on behalf of Oshawa City Council, to urge all levels of government in Canada to heed this call, and to commit to two significant actions. First, to commit to an investment of dedicated mental health units within police services and second, to establish an independent professional certification for all police personnel.

Police personnel are increasingly encountering individuals in our community dealing with complex mental health issues during their emergency calls. In fact, we are aware that police services across the country estimate that as many as a third of the calls to which police personnel respond are related in some way to a mental health issue.

Further, it is increasingly likely that police personnel are the first point of contact with individuals when arriving on scene of an incident.

Police services, such as the Durham Regional Police Service, have added dedicated personnel to respond to these types of calls, and this measure should be applauded. However, the current levels of mental health front line support to our community in our local, provincial and federal police service are woefully inadequate.

All levels of policing must commit to providing dedicated and fully funded mental health front line units who have specialized skills in mental health crisis intervention and de-escalation within their police service. This would include a team of a plain-clothes officer and mental health nurse. It is imperative that these units are available to respond to situations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year.

It's important to note, that this call for dedicated personnel does not replace the need for ongoing mental health awareness and de-escalation training for all personnel.

Secondly, we believe that the establishment of an independent professional certification for all police personnel, similar to certifications in other professions such as accounting and engineering, would be of benefit to police services across the country. This suggestion was brought forward through our local consultations.

This designation or accreditation could be received by individual police personnel. It is essential that the program be administered and overseen by an independent body, rather than through peers or police service organizations, to achieve greater accountability.

We believe that these two actions will have significant benefits for both our community and police personnel and will improve the accountability and effectiveness of police response in our communities.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Carter

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier

John Henry, Regional Chair

MP Erin O'Toole

MP Colin Carrie

MPP Jennifer French

MPP Lindsay Park

Oshawa City Council

Chief Paul Martin, Durham Region Police Services

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July 28, 2020

John Henry Regional Chair Regional Municipality of Durham 605 Rossland Rd E Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

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I am writing today, on behalf of Oshawa City Council, to urge all levels of government in Canada to heed this call, and commit to an investment of dedicated mental health units within police services who are available at all times to effectively and appropriately respond to individuals in crisis in our communities.

Police personnel are increasingly encountering individuals in our community dealing with complex mental health issues during their emergency calls. In fact, we are aware that police services across the country estimate that as many as a third of the calls to which police personnel respond are related in some way to a mental health issue.

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It's important to note, that this call for dedicated personnel does not replace the need for ongoing mental health awareness and de-escalation training for all personnel.

We believe that this action will have significant benefits for both our community and police personnel and will improve the effectiveness of police response in our communities.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Carter

cc: Chief Paul Martin, Durham Region Police Services

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Oshawa Community Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee

From: Clerks
To: Lydia Gerritsen
Cc: Cheryl Bandel

Subject: FW: Concerns with Supportive Housing Project

Date: September 21, 2020 9:48:39 AM

Hi Lydia,

CIP please.

Thank you,

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From: Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>

Sent: September 21, 2020 8:13 AM

To: Council <council@townshipofbrock.ca>; Brock Clerks <clerks@townshipofbrock.ca>; Clerks

<Clerks@durham.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Concerns with Supportive Housing Project

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From: Maureen Nicitopoulos

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020, 8:09 a.m.

To: Michael Jubb

Subject: Concerns with Supportive Housing Project

Hello,

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Hello,

My name is Maureen Nicitopoulos and I reside at 191 Nine Mile Road in Beaverton. My husband and I have two children and have been residents of Beaverton since 2013.

I have been in the social service field for more than fifteen years in a different Municipality. I support people in the community who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing wrap around supports and referrals to appropriate programs and services. I have extremely strong concerns about what your housing plan is for these at risk Individuals. Beaverton has no transportation (both transit or taxi), no grocery store that is within walking distance, no police presence, lack of employment opportunities, lack of drop in centres for mental health and addiction, and no social services office. Moving at risk individuals to a community that lacks all the mentioned resources and probably more will create isolation. As you may imagine with my employment I am one for inclusiveness and diversity in our community. I am passionate in my advocacy for individuals who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and/or experiencing issues

surrounding mental health and addiction. I am unable to be quiet when I see people being moved to what only feels like a "dumping ground". I would like to understand more what your thoughts are on why Beaverton would be the place of choice in Northern Durham to house 50 at risk individuals.

From: <u>Clerks</u>
To: <u>Lydia Gerritsen</u>

Cc: Cheryl Bandel; Ralph Walton

Subject: FW: Beaverton Modular Housing Project
Date: September 17, 2020 3:27:05 PM

Hi Lydia,

CIP please.

Thank you,

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From: Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>

Sent: September 17, 2020 3:16 PM

To: Brock Clerks <clerks@townshipofbrock.ca>; Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; Council

<council@townshipofbrock.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Beaverton Modular Housing Project

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From: Peter Frank

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 3:13:21 PM **To:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca> **Subject:** Beaverton Modular Housing Project

Hello Councillor Jubb,

I am writing this letter to you and council to advise everyone of my concerns with this housing project. I would appreciate if this letter could be added to the agenda.

It's my opinion that this housing project couldn't be placed in a worse place.

Beaverton doesn't have the support structure that will help someone that can't help themselves.

- Beaverton doesn't have a grocery store within walking distance.
- Beaverton doesn't have a local doctor.
- Beaverton doesn't have very good transportation system
- Beaverton doesn't have a very strong police presence.

Places like this have a track record that bring the crime rate up within the community.

Beaverton is not a place that can support a housing project like this, I urge every councillor to do the right thing and fight for all of Brock and tell Durham Region to rethink their decision to put a housing project in Beaverton or anywhere in Brock Township.

This decision by (Durham Region) well effect everyone in Brock Township.

Peter Frank 257 Lakeland Crescent

Sent from my iPad

Subject: EB-2020-0134 - Enbridge Gas Inc. - 2019 Earnings Sharing and Disposition of Deferral & Variance Account Balances - Notice of Application

To: The clerks of all municipalities in which Enbridge Gas supplies gas

On September 3, 2020, Enbridge Gas has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to dispose of amounts recorded in certain deferral and variance accounts and for approval of the amount of its 2019 earnings that it is required to share with customers.

On September 18, 2020, the Board issued the Notice of Application and the Letter of Direction for the proceeding. The Board has directed Enbridge Gas to serve a copy of the Notice of Application along with Enbridge Gas' Application and evidence to the clerks of all municipalities in which Enbridge Gas supplies gas.

Attached please find a copy of the Board's Notice of Application (English and French) along with Enbridge Gas' Application as filed with the Board for the 2019 Earnings Sharing and Disposition of Deferral & Variance Account Balances Application. A paper copy of the Evidence filed in this proceeding is available upon request or can be viewed by accessing the link below:

https://www.enbridgegas.com/EB-2020-0134_Application and Evidence.ashx

The deadline to become a registered intervenor is October 8, 2020.

Thank you,

Stephanie Allman

Regulatory Coordinator - Regulatory Affairs

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

TEL: 416 753-7805 | FAX: 416 495-6072 500 Consumers Road North York, Ontario M2J 1P8

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Enbridge Gas Inc. for an order or orders clearing certain commodity and non-commodity related deferral or variance accounts.

APPLICATION

- 1. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (referred to in the evidence as "EGD", "Enbridge" or the "Company") and Union Gas Limited (referred to in the evidence as "Union" or the "Company") (together the "Utilities") were Ontario corporations incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario carrying on the business of selling, distributing, transmitting and storing natural gas within the meaning assigned in the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act"). In the August 30, 2018 EB-2017-0306/0307 Decision and Order (the "MAADs Decision"), the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") approved the amalgamation of the Utilities, as well as a five-year deferred rebasing term during which a price cap ratesetting model would apply.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2019 the Utilities amalgamated to become Enbridge Gas Inc. ("Enbridge Gas"). Following amalgamation, Enbridge Gas has maintained the existing rates zones of EGD and Union (the EGD, Union North West, Union North East and Union South rate zones).¹ Enbridge Gas has also maintained most of the existing deferral and variance accounts for each rate zone.
- 3. Enbridge Gas, the Applicant, hereby applies to the Board, pursuant to Section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the "Act"), for an Order or Orders approving the

¹ Collectively the Union North West, Union North East and Union South rates zones are referred to as "Union rate zones". Union North West and Union North East are collectively referred to as "Union North".

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clearance or disposition of amounts recorded in certain deferral or variance accounts. The annual review and disposition of deferral and variance accounts is consistent with the process applied for each of the Utilities during their previous 2014-2018 Incentive Rate ("IR") terms.

Earnings Sharing

- 4. In the MAADs Decision, the Board approved, among other things, an asymmetrical earnings sharing mechanism ("ESM") during the deferred rebasing period, where each year any earnings in excess of 150 basis points over the Board-approved return on equity ("ROE") would be shared 50/50 between the Utilities and ratepayers.
- In 2019, Enbridge Gas's actual utility earnings did not exceed the Board-approved ROE by more than 150 basis points. Accordingly, no ESM amount is proposed to be shared with ratepayers.

EGD Rate Zone

- As approved in the MAADs Decision and the 2019 Rates Case (EB-2018-0305),
 Enbridge Gas has maintained substantially the same deferral and variance accounts for the EGD rate zone as during its 2014-2018 Custom IR term.
- 7. Enbridge Gas seeks approval to clear the final balances of certain EGD rate zone deferral and variance accounts for 2019 as set out at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1.

Union Rate Zones

As approved in the MAADs Decision and the 2019 Rates Case (EB-2018-0305),
 Enbridge Gas has maintained substantially the same deferral and variance accounts for the Union rate zones as during its 2014-2018 IR term.

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9. Enbridge Gas seeks approval to clear the final balances of certain Union rate zones deferral and variance accounts for 2019 as set out at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1.

Enbridge Gas Inc.

- 10. The Board has approved several deferral and variance accounts that relate to Enbridge Gas as a whole (and not to specific rate zone(s)). These accounts are listed at Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1.
- 11. Enbridge Gas seeks approval to clear part of the final balance of one 2019 Enbridge Gas deferral and variance account related to accounting policy changes required as a result of amalgamation. The balance in this account related to pension expense is not being requested for clearance in 2019.

Relief Requested

- 12. Enbridge Gas therefore applies to the Board for such final, interim or other orders as may be necessary or appropriate for the clearance or disposition of the 2019 deferral and variance accounts listed in Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 1. The proposed manner of disposition is described at Exhibit F. Enbridge Gas proposes to clear the balances in these accounts in conjunction with the January 1, 2021 QRAM application.
- 13. Enbridge Gas requests that this proceeding be heard in writing.
- 14. Enbridge Gas further applies to the Board pursuant to the provisions in the Act and the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* for such final, interim or other Orders and directions as may be appropriate in relation to the Application and the proper conduct of this proceeding.
- 15. This Application is supported by written evidence. This evidence may be amended from time to time as required by the Board, or as circumstances may require.

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- 16. The persons affected by this application are the customers resident or located in the municipalities, police villages and First Nations reserves served by Enbridge Gas, together with those to whom Enbridge Gas sells gas, or on whose behalf Enbridge Gas distributes, transmits or stores gas. It is impractical to set out in this application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.
- 17. Enbridge Gas requests that a copy of every document filed with the Board in this proceeding be served on the Applicant and Applicant's counsel, as follows.

The Applicant:

Mr. Anton Kacicnik Manager, Rates (EGD Rate Zone) Enbridge Gas Inc.

Address for personal service Enbridge Gas Inc.

500 Consumers Road Willowdale, Ontario

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 650

Scarborough, Ontario

M1K 5E3

Telephone: 416-495-6087 Fax: 416-495-6072

Email: anton.kacicnik@enbridge.com

The Applicant's counsel:

Mr. David Stevens Aird & Berlis LLP

Address for personal service

and mailing address:

Brookfield Place, P.O. Box 754 Suite 1800, 181 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T9

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Telephone: 416-863-1500 Fax: 416-863-1515

Email: <u>dstevens@airdberlis.com</u>

DATED: September 3, 2020, at Toronto, Ontario

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

[Original digitally signed by]

Anton Kacicnik Manager, Rates (EGD Rate Zone)

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of certain account balances and for approval of the amount of its earnings that it must share with customers.

Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to dispose of amounts recorded in certain deferral and variance accounts and for approval of the amount of its 2019 earnings that it is required to share with customers.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer in the EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. customers) would pay a one-time charge of \$0.74 in January 2021.

A typical residential customer in each of the Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited customers) would see the following impacts:

- Union South Rate Zone: a total charge of \$4.97 collected over three months, from January to March 2021
- Union North West Rate Zone: a total credit of \$61.53 received over three months, from January to March 2021
- Union North East Rate Zone: a total credit of \$5.94 received over three months, from January to March 2021

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, we will question Enbridge Gas on the case. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether the amounts and the charges or credits requested in the application will be approved.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Enbridge Gas' application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about Enbridge Gas' application and
 make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Enbridge Gas' request. Apply by October 8, 2020 or the
 hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and only in relation to the following:

1) The review of the following deferral and variance accounts:

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) Accounts

- Storage and Transportation Deferral Account
- Transactional Services Deferral Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Variance Account
- Average Use True-Up Variance Account
- Deferred Rebate Account
- Dawn Access Costs Deferral Account
- Gas Supply Plan Cost Consequences Deferral Account

Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited) Accounts

- Unabsorbed Demand Costs Variance Account
- Upstream Transportation Optimization Deferral Account
- Short-Term Storage and Other Balancing Services Deferral Account
- Normalized Average Consumption Deferral Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Volume Variance Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Price Variance Account
- Parkway West Project Costs Deferral Account
- Brantford-Kirkwall / Parkway D Project Costs Deferral Account
- Parkway Obligation Rate Variance Deferral Account
- Lobo C Compressor / Hamilton-Milton Pipeline Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo D / Bright C / Dawn H Compressor Project Costs Deferral Account
- Burlington-Oakville Project Costs Deferral Account
- Sudbury Replacement Project Variance Account

- Panhandle Reinforcement Project Costs Deferral Account
- Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits Variance Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account

Enbridge Gas Inc. Accounts

- Account Policy Changes Deferral Account
- Earning Sharing Deferral Account
- Tax Variance Deferral Account
- 2) The review of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2019 utility results and earnings sharing amounts.
- 3) The review of the methodology for disposing and allocating the deferral and variance account balances and the 2019 earnings sharing amount, if any.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2020-0134**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2020-0134** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 8**, **2020**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO AUX CLIENTS D'ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de liquider certains soldes de comptes et de faire approuver la part des bénéfices qu'elle doit partager avec ses clients.

Renseignez-vous. Donnez votre avis.

Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario en vue d'obtenir l'approbation de liquider des montants enregistrés dans certains comptes de report ou d'écart et l'approbation de la part des bénéfices pour l'année 2019 qu'elle est tenue de partager avec ses clients.

Si la demande est approuvée telle quelle, un client résidentiel type dans la zone de tarification d'EGD (ancien client d'Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) se verra facturer un montant unique de 0,74 \$ en janvier 2021.

Un client résidentiel type dans chacune des zones de tarification d'Union (anciens clients d'Union Gas Limited) verra les répercussions suivantes sur sa facture :

- Zone de tarification d'Union Sud : des frais totaux de 4,97 \$ perçus sur une période de trois mois, de janvier à mars 2021
- Zone de tarification d'Union Nord-Ouest : un crédit total de 61,53 \$ reçu sur une période de trois mois, de janvier à mars 2021
- Zone de tarification d'Union Nord-Est : un crédit total de 5,94 \$ reçu sur une période de trois mois, de janvier à mars 2021

Les autres clients, y compris les entreprises, pourraient également être concernés.

LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) tiendra une audience publique afin d'étudier la demande déposée par Enbridge Gas. Durant cette audience, qui peut être une audience orale ou écrite, nous demanderons à Enbridge Gas de justifier la nécessité de ce changement. Nous entendrons également les questions et arguments des personnes qui se sont inscrites pour participer (appelées « intervenants ») à l'audience de la CEO. À l'issue de cette audience, la CEO prendra sa décision quant à l'approbation des montants, des frais ou des crédits demandés.

La CEO est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable, afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

RENSEIGNEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez examiner la demande d'Enbridge Gas sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant
- Vous pouvez déposer une lettre de commentaires qui sera prise en compte au cours de l'audience.
- Vous pouvez participer à titre d'intervenant. En tant qu'intervenant, vous pouvez poser des questions sur la demande d'Enbridge Gas et présenter les raisons pour lesquelles la CEO devrait approuver la demande d'Enbridge Gas. Inscrivez-vous avant le 8 octobre 2020, faute de quoi l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente affaire.
- Vous pourrez consulter la décision rendue par la CEO à l'issue de la procédure ainsi que les motifs de sa décision sur notre site Web.

La CEO envisage d'accorder dans la présente affaire une attribution des dépens conformément aux *Directives de pratique d'attribution des dépens*, et seulement en ce qui concerne les éléments suivants :

1) L'examen des comptes de report et d'écart suivants :

Comptes de la zone de tarification d'EGD (autrefois Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.)

- Compte de report pour l'entreposage et le transport
- Compte de report des services transactionnels
- · Compte d'écart lié au gaz non comptabilisé
- Compte d'écart égalisé de l'utilisation moyenne
- Compte de remise différée
- Compte de report des coûts d'accès Dawn
- Compte de report des coûts découlant du plan d'approvisionnement en gaz

Comptes de zones de tarification d'Union (autrefois Union Gas Limited)

- Compte d'écart lié aux coûts de la demande non absorbée
- Compte de report pour l'optimisation du transport en amont
- Compte de report pour le stockage à court terme et d'autres services d'établissement de bilan
- Compte de report pour la consommation moyenne normalisée
- Compte d'écart lié au volume de gaz non comptabilisé
- Compte d'écart lié au prix du gaz non comptabilisé
- Compte de report des coûts du projet Parkway West
 Compte de report des coûts du projet Brantford-Kirkwall/Parkway D

- Compte de report et d'écart lié au taux d'obligation de Parkway
- Compte de report des coûts du compresseur Lobo C et du projet du pipeline Hamilton-Milton
- Compte de report des coûts du projet du compresseur de Lobo D, Bright C et Dawn H
- Compte de report des coûts du projet Burlington-Oakville
- Compte d'écart lié au projet de remplacement de Sudbury
- Compte de report des coûts du projet de renforcement Panhandle
- Compte d'écart lié aux retraites et autres avantages postérieurs à l'emploi
- Compte d'écart pour la compensation des reports

Comptes d'Enbridge Gas Inc.

- Compte de report pour la modification de la politique des comptes
- Compte de report pour le partage des bénéfices
- Compte de report et d'écart de taxe
- 2) L'examen des montants pour les résultats et le partage des bénéfices pour 2019 d'Enbridge Gas Inc.
- 3) L'examen de la méthodologie pour liquider et allouer les soldes des comptes de report et d'écart et le montant du partage des bénéfices de 2019.

EN SAVOIR PLUS

Le numéro de référence de ce dossier est **EB-2020-0134**. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur cette audience, sur les démarches à suivre pour déposer une lettre avec vos commentaires ou pour participer en tant qu'intervenant, ou encore pour consulter les documents relatifs à ce dossier, veuillez entrer le numéro de référence **EB-2020-0134** sur le site Web de la CEO : www.oeb.ca/participez. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1 877 632-2727.

AUDIENCES ORALES OU AUDIENCES ÉCRITES

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales et les audiences écrites. Enbridge Gas a demandé une audience écrite. La CEO examine cette demande à l'heure actuelle. Si vous pensez qu'une audience orale est nécessaire, vous pouvez fournir pour cela vos arguments par écrit à la CEO avant le **8 octobre 2020**.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse de domicile et votre adresse électronique ne seront pas rendus publics. Si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les renseignements de l'entreprise demeureront accessibles au public. Si vous participez à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements personnels seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu de l'article 36 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O. 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).



The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2020

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair

T. Barrie, Clarington

N. Guthrie, Member at Large B. Howsam, Member at Large

K. Kemp, Scugog

K. Kennedy, Member at Large

P. MacArthur, Oshawa

G. O'Connor, Member at Large

F. Puterbough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair

D. Risebrough, Member at Large

H. Schillings, Whitby B. Smith, Uxbridge G. Taylor, Pickering

T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

*members of the Committee participated electronically

Also

Present: G. Highet, Regional Councillor

Absent: D. Bath-Hadden, Regional Councillor

B. Winter, Ajax

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic

Development

A. Brown, Agriculture Economic Development Program Coordinator R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT

S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and

Economic Development

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. O'Connor, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on August 18, 2020 be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb

- S. Jibb advised of the following:
 - The Local Food Hub and Agri-Food Innovation Centre is currently in the conceptual stage and staff is exploring the idea of establishing the Centre in Durham Region.
 - The Local Food Business Retention and Expansion Project was approved in May 2019 and the actions are underway. An Information Report will be going to the October Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting.
 - Durham Farm Fresh will be hosting an upcoming webinar on Ontario by Bike.

A. Brown advised of the following:

- With regards to the abattoir investment opportunity, A. Brown advised that she has met with regional works staff to understand the servicing requirements and will be following up with the investor in mid-September.
- Staff has developed agriculture and local food focused messages for use with a social media calendar for the Township of Scugog.
- With regards to the Oshawa Port Grain Terminal, a discussion was had with Michael Pearce of Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, who expressed an interest in providing another delegation in early 2021 once they have more grain vessels go through the port and have a large sample size to get feedback from. One current challenge is the lack of on-site storage for grain.
- The Emily Project will be rolling out across the Region over the coming months and will be fully funded by the Region to assist local area municipalities with purchasing and installing green number signs. Staff is working with the development of a communications plan.

B) DAAC Farm Tour – D. Risebrough

Discussion ensued with regards to the final product of the Virtual DAAC Farm Tour.

K. Allore-Engel provided the following comments:

- Approximately 170 registrants have registered to view the Virtual Farm Tour;
- Registrants will be provided with an email link and password on the morning of the Tour;
- After the Tour, there will be a prompt to complete a survey; and
- The number of views will be tracked.

Further discussion ensued with regards to the possibility of sharing the video for educational purposes and the best way for committee members to respond to questions asked about the Virtual Farm Tour.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 starting at 7:30 PM.

7. Adjournment

Moved by G. O'Connor, Seconded by F. Puterbough, That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee	
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk	