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Early release reports will be considered at the December 6, 2022, Planning and Economic Development meeting.

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Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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- 3. Town of Whitby re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on September 26, 2022, regarding Highway 412 Installation of Ramps and Signalization Lights

Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Municipality of Thames Centre – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on October 3, 2022, supporting the resolutions from the Councils of the Township of Lucan Biddulph, Town of Kingsville and Town of Wasaga Beach regarding Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Miscellaneous Correspondence

There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

- 4. Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) minutes September 15, 2022
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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer

Report: 2022-INFO-82 Date: October 7, 2022

Subject:

Durham Region to test the nuclear public alert system on November 7 and 8, 2022. The Province to test the Alert Ready system on November 16, 2022.

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise Council of the upcoming test to Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system and the Provincial test of the Alert Ready system.

2. Background

- 2.1 As a designated municipality under the Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan (PNERP, 2017), Durham Region is required to test the nuclear public alerting system as part of its regular maintenance program and to raise public awareness.
- 2.2 Durham Region's nuclear public alerting system is usually tested twice per year, in the spring and fall.
- 2.3 Durham Region's fall test will take place over two days:
 - a. On Monday, November 7, landline phones in Durham Region within ten kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will receive an automated phone message. The message will advise that it is a test and will provide notice that the sirens will be tested the following day within three kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generation Stations. The message will advise on how to find more information about the tests and emergency preparedness.

- On Tuesday, November 8, thirty-four sirens located within three kilometers of the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations will be sounded for approximately one minute.
- 2.4 To increase public awareness, Durham Region will implement a communications campaign including social media, mobile signs, and advertisements for radio, print and online newspapers.
- 2.5 Messages will be posted to the Region's social media accounts confirming when the tests have commenced and when they have been completed.
- 2.6 The Province of Ontario is planning to test the Alert Ready system on Wednesday, November 16 at 12:55 p.m. Alert Ready consists of alerts broadcast through radio and television, as well as alerts to compatible LTE enabled cell phones. Alert Ready is used to notify the public of any emergency deemed a threat to life.

3. Previous Reports

- 3.1 In 2022, Council was provided with the following information related to the spring nuclear public alerting system test:
 - Letter to Council dated April 4, 2022.

4. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 4.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - Enhance community safety and well-being.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The next test of the nuclear public alert system is scheduled for the spring of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Baxter-Trahair Chief Administrative Officer If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2564



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #2022-INFO-83
Date: October 7, 2022

Subject:

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee 2022 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 20th annual Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) farm tour event which was held at Sargent Family Dairy and Creamery in Clarington on September 15, 2022.

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 1,500 participants. Due to COVID-19 related restrictions, the last two Farm Tours had been held as a virtual event. This year's event was the first in-person tour since 2019.

3. Event Overview

3.1 Over 100 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 event. The tour highlighted the importance of Durham's agricultural sector, Durham's

- agricultural heritage, as well as some of the issues and challenges faced by the industry.
- 3.2 The theme for this year's tour was "multi-generational family farming in Durham Region". A variety of topics were covered including:
 - Raising jersey cows;
 - Producing milk;
 - Animal nutrition;
 - Crop production;
 - Soil quality and nutrition;
 - On farm dairy processing; and
 - Marketing and selling products.
- 3.3 At the event, there were several displays for attendees to gain information, staffed by a number of organizations, including:
 - Durham Farm Fresh;
 - Invest Durham;
 - Clarington Board of Trade;
 - Durham Workforce Authority;
 - Durham Farm Connections;
 - Durham Milk Committee;
 - Durham Region Federation of Agriculture;
 - Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority;
 - Durham College Centre for Food; and
 - Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs.
- 3.4 DAAC Chair, Zac Cahoon welcomed attendees to the event, presented history on the Committee and introduced the host farm family. Mr. Cahoon spoke about:
 - The importance of the agricultural industry;
 - How diverse a farm-based agricultural operation needs to be; and
 - The opportunities and challenges facing agriculture in Durham Region
- 3.5 Regional Chair and CEO, John Henry, then spoke about:
 - The important contributions of the family farm in Durham;
 - Progressive and forward-thinking farms in the Region who contribute to their local communities, and economy; and

- Regional involvement in the Oshawa Port Grain Terminal.
- 3.6 Allison DeVos, Agriculture Economic Development Specialist with the Economic Development and Tourism Branch then introduced the Invest Durham Agriculture Career Profile video series. Four videos from the series were played that highlighted local farmers, technical innovation in agriculture, animal nutrition and agricultural equipment.
- 3.7 Following the lunch and keynote address, participants rotated through three presentation stations at the farm organized by Sargent Family Dairy and Creamery, highlighting the following topics:
 - a. On-Farm Processing: Bruce Sargent took participants through the history of the family farm and the on-farm processing facility and described the following topics:
 - The production management system in Ontario;
 - Why the family decided to introduce on-farm processing;
 - Financial opportunities and challenges related to on-farm processing;
 - The benefits of being vertically integrated;
 - What products the farm produces;
 - Production processes from ordering the milk, putting the milk into production and bottle preparation;
 - Mixing, separating, pasteurizing and homogenizing milk;
 - Equipment and automation involved in production;
 - Water and air systems in the production facility;
 - How flavored milk and cheese are produced;
 - Product storage and distribution; and
 - Food safety systems.
 - b. **Crops**: Ben Sargent took participants to the fields on the west side of the farm and described the following topics:
 - An overview of the crops that are grown on the farm, including corn and alfalfa:
 - Life cycle of the crops and the importance of timing the cut of the alfalfa to ensure maximum nutritional value and yield of crops;
 - The importance of good forage material to milk production;
 - The impact of protein in feed;
 - How fertilizer is applied;

- The importance of organic material in the soil for nutrients and water retention;
- The role of crop rotation for soil and plant health;
- Tile draining and water control in the fields; and
- The role of agronomists in helping with soil health and plant nutrition.
- c. **Barn Tour and Animal Nutrition:** Tim Sargent and Angie Fairfield of Floradale Feed Mill, took participants on a tour of the barn on site, showed participants their 55 jersey cows, and described the following topics:
 - How cows are milked, where the milk is stored and the technological innovations that help this process;
 - Record keeping in relation to animal health;
 - Costs and usage of equipment;
 - Details of caring for calves;
 - Science of milk production;
 - The impact of feed on the quality of milk;
 - The process and importance of taking cows to the Royal Winter Fair.
 - The types of food grown on the farm;
 - How food is cut and packed either dry or fermented;
 - The process of testing nutrition from this food and how the farm will balance the nutritional value through supplemental grain;
 - How each cow is tested for fat, protein and amount of milk they provide during the milking cycle, and the adjustments that are made as the feed source changes.

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 farm tour, along with paper surveys available at the tour. From the responses received, almost all agreed that the tour met or exceeded their expectations. Some general comments were:
 - These tours are always so educational. I always learn something new about a farm in Durham Region that I didn't know of before;
 - It was very insightful and well run. I really liked hearing directly from the host farmers about their operation and visiting their running facilities;
 - Exceeded expectations in all respects;

- It was fantastic. Love hearing about local stories and how important agriculture is to our region and province; and
- It was a great event. Very informative, really interesting to learn about dairy farming, and a delicious lunch.
- 4.2 Participants were asked what the "Take Home" message was for them. Responses included:
 - Our small businesses are an important part of our community and we should strive to determine how we can increase our support to ensure we sustain them;
 - Agriculture is way more than most think, it is not just the farmers, but a whole network of jobs that rely on the farm;
 - Durham Region is full of amazing people who are doing some pretty innovative stuff. This farm is another example of this;
 - Agriculture is a vital component of the Durham Region economy and it must be nurtured and supported; and
 - It was an insight to see how a dairy is run and how much help is needed on the farm to make it a success.

5. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 5.1 In February 2022 Council considered DAAC's 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan through Commissioner's Report #2022-P-2. The Farm Tour is a component of the DAAC Workplan.
- 5.2 In October 2021 #2021-INFO-109 was released, detailing the 2021 DAAC Farm Tour.

6. Relationship to the Strategic Plan

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
 - a. Environmental Sustainability Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails, and farmlands.
 - b. Economic Prosperity Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 DAAC is once again commended for its continued efforts in advancing the knowledge of the agricultural industry in Durham. The annual farm tour continues to be a valuable element of the Council approved work plan for the Committee.
- 7.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, Durham Farm Fresh, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, and DAAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2564



EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Report: #2022-P-**

Date: December 6, 2022

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Clark Consulting Services, on behalf of Wechsel Farms, to permit the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm properties, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-004.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2022-P-** be received for information, and
- B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 On August 18, 2022, Clark Consulting Services on behalf of Wechsel Farms submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of nonabutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock. Report #2022-P-** Page 2 of 6

1.2 A "Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting" regarding the application has been advertised in the appropriate newspaper. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres of the subject site. This report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

2. Background

- 2.1 The subject site is located on the north side of Regional Road 15, west of Thorah Sideroad and is approximately 2.4 kilometres east of the Beaverton Urban Area, in the Township of Brock (refer to Attachment 1). The property is municipally known as B1845 Regional Road 15, and is described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 5, in the Former Township of Thorah.
- 2.2 The subject site is roughly square in shape and is approximately 40 hectares (100 acres) in size. The southern portion of the site contains an existing house, barn, and other outbuildings to be removed. The White's Creek watercourse is located along the site's southeast property line. A woodlot is located in the northwest corner of the site. The house is rented to a tenant who is not involved with the farming operation.
- 2.3 Wechsel Farms is a private farm business and produces cash crops. As shown on Attachment 2, the applicant owns a total of five agricultural properties in the Township of Brock with present land holdings of 234 hectares (578 acres), of which 206 hectares (509 acres) are workable. In 2010, Garth Wechsel purchased the subject site, and the lands are used for cultivating crops. Two of the agricultural properties contain a house. The applicant's family lives in the homestead located at B2005 Concession Road 6. The house located on the subject site is not utilized by a farm employee and is surplus to the farm operation.
- 2.4 The applicant has concurrently filed a Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Application 13-2022-RA) with the Township of Brock to rezone the proposed retained farm parcel to prohibit any further severances and the construction of any new dwellings.
- 2.5 The surrounding land uses to the subject site includes:
 - a. North agricultural lands and rural residences
 - East Thorah Sideroad, rural residences, agricultural lands, and White's Creek
 - c. South rural residences, Regional Rd. 15, a woodlot, White's Creek, and agricultural lands
 - d. West wooded areas, agricultural lands, and rural residences

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3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

3.1 A Planning Justification Report/Agricultural Assessment prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. dated August 8, 2022, has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan, the Regional Official Plan, and the Provincial Minimum Distance of Separation requirements.

3.2 An Environmental Site-Screening Questionnaire (SSQ) completed by GHD Ltd. indicated that there is a low level of environmental concern at the subject site.

4. Policy Context

Provincial Policy Statement and Greenbelt Plan

4.1 The subject site is located within the Protected Countryside designation of the Greenbelt Plan. Both the Provincial Policy Statement and the Greenbelt Plan permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance and will be limited to the minimum size needed to accommodate the use.

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- 4.2 The subject site is located within the "Prime Agricultural Areas" designation in the ROP. The site is also located within the Provincial Agricultural System. The northwest and southeast corner of the site contains Key Natural Heritage and/or Hydrologic Features. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of the Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 4.3 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
 - a. the dwelling is not needed by a farm employee;
 - b. the farm parcel is of a size which is viable for farming operations;
 - c. within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan Area, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004; and
 - d. the farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances and the establishment of any residential dwelling.

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5. Proposed Official Plan Amendment

5.1 The proposed amendment to the ROP would facilitate the severance of a 0.49 ha (1.21 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling, retaining a 39.76 ha (98 acre) farm parcel. The subject dwelling was in existence prior to December 16, 2004.

6. Consultation

6.1 A copy of the proposed ROP Amendment has been circulated to the Ministry of the Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock; the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; the Regional Health Department; the Regional Works Department; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

7. Public Consultation

- 7.1 A "Notice of Complete Application" and "Notice of Public Meeting" regarding this application was advertised in the Brock Citizen and a notice was posted on the Region's website. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed out to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was also made available to the public prior to the meeting.
- 7.2 Anyone who attends or participates in a public meeting may present an oral submission and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 7.3 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
 - a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT); and
 - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 7.4 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department
Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

8. Future Regional Council Decision

- 8.1 The Planning and Economic Development Department Committee will consider the proposed ROP Amendment at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.
- 8.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

9. Previous Reports and Decisions

9.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

10.1 In the processing of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications, the objective is to ensure responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

11. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Wechsel Farms Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

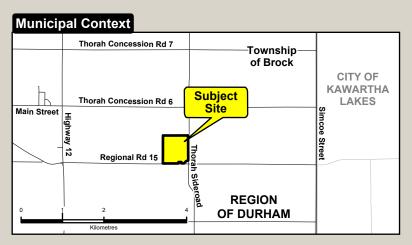
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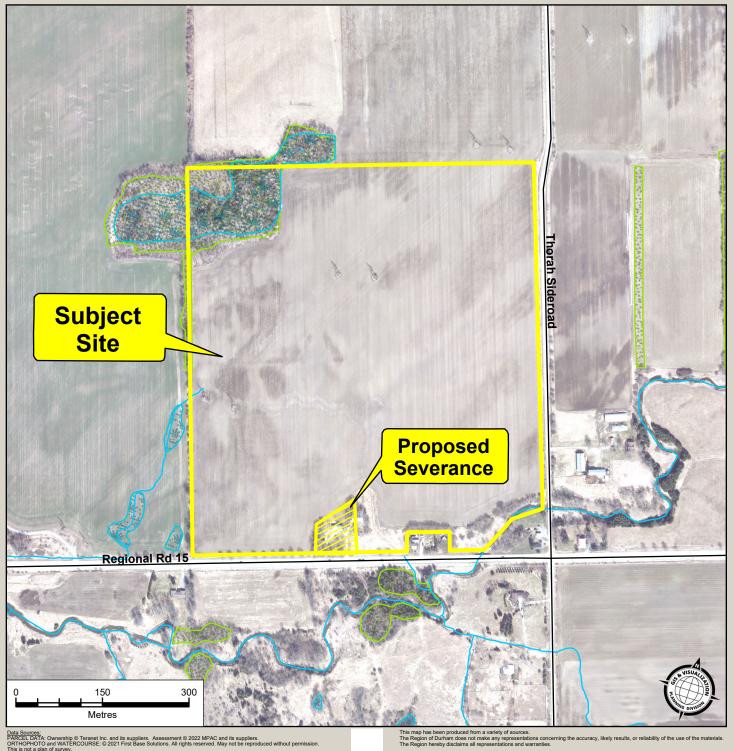
Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair Chief Administrative Officer



Attachment #1
Commissioner's Report: 2022-P-**
File: ROPA 2022-004
Municipality: Township of Brock



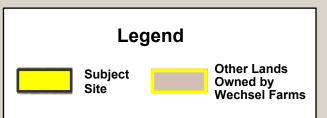


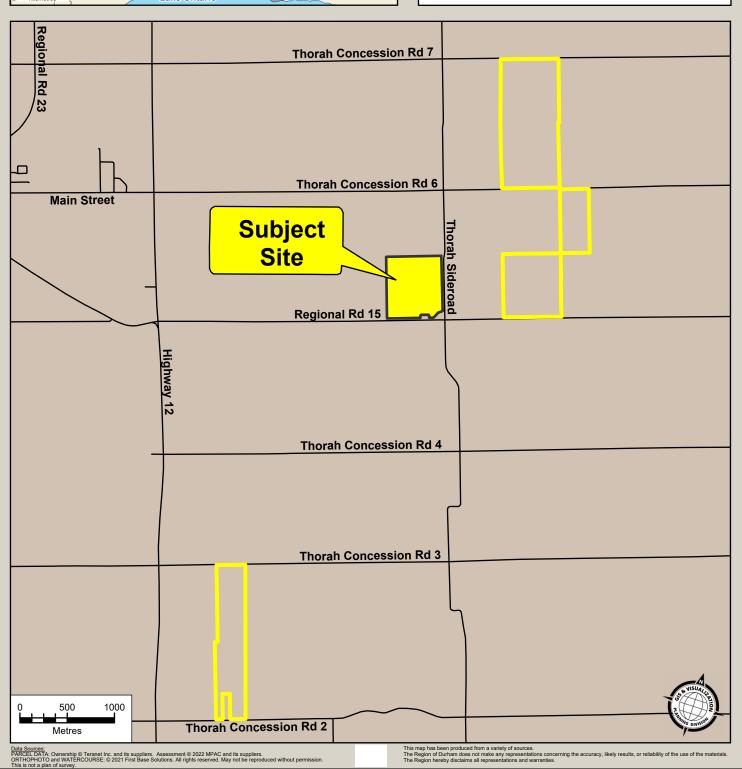


Attachment #2 Commissioner's Report: 2022-P-**

File: ROPA 2022-004

Municipality: Township of Brock







Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 7, 2022

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Health Department

Subject: Health Information Update - October 2, 2022

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE October 2, 2022

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/5chs6yp7

 KI tablets available for all area residents living near nuclear generating stations (Sep 20)

tinyurl.com/26k5azaa

Enterovirus D68 (Sep 21)

tinyurl.com/3y57xfr5

 Health Department campaign stresses the importance of reducing stigma in our community (Sep 21)

tinyurl.com/59xux72b

Potassium iodide tablets in Durham Region (Sep 22)

tinyurl.com/2xwf9tme

Port Perry Office Reopening for Vaccine Order Pick Up (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/mpceatmr

2021 Health Check-Up! (Sep 27)

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Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/ya7jhtcv

Canada releases Faster and Further: Canada's Methane Strategy (Sep 23)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/5xtbaj7p

 Government of Canada Launches Legislative Review of the Cannabis Act (Sep 22)

tinyurl.com/2w7pk6me

 Government of Canada to remove COVID-19 border and travel measures effective October 1 (Sep 26)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

tinyurl.com/y7mjrj8u

• Easier access to permanent residence for physicians in Canada to help address doctor shortages (Sep 23)

Infrastructure Canada

tinyurl.com/yc8m882h

 Government of Canada announces over 400 projects to help Canadian communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Sep 23)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/mr43jtsb

Prime Minister delivers action at the United Nations General Assembly (Sep 21)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/2ftu2bws

 Government of Canada helps to address health and social inequities in Ontario (Sep 20)

tinyurl.com/ysz58k9k

 Joint Statement by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, Dr. Theresa Tam, and Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine, MD, on Substance Use and Harms During COVID-19 (Sep 27)

tinyurl.com/32fyu94r

• Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Sep 28)

tinyurl.com/52czvt5b

• Government of Canada reinforces health partnerships in the Americas (Sep 29)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/bden44hk

 Minister of Transport highlights the launch of Rail Safety Week 2022 and underlines recent efforts taken to improve rail safety in Canada (Sep 20)

tinyurl.com/35jsx2fn

 Minister Alghabra announces the release of Canada's Aviation Climate Action Plan (Sep 27)

tinyurl.com/27u47s2y

• Statement – The Government of Canada and air industry continue collaboration to reduce wait times at airports across Canada (Sep 29)

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

tinyurl.com/yc5mxvd9

Canada launches 2022-24 National Action Plan on Open Government (Sep 22)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Colleges and Universities

tinyurl.com/2raddnsf

Province Investing in Ontario-made Research and Innovation (Sep 29)

Ministry of Energy

tinyurl.com/3n563ce2

 Ontario Supports Plan to Safely Continue Operating with Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (Sep 29)

Ministry of Health

tinyurl.com/3ptdja7w

Ontarians 18+ Eligible for Bivalent Booster Starting Tomorrow (Sep 25)

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

tinyurl.com/mpm2bbdb

Ontario Recognizes Fifth Annual Rowan's Law Day (Sep 30)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canada's Premiers

tinyurl.com/5ye8na5p

 Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson to Chair the Council of the Federation (Sep 27)

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

tinyurl.com/5p5pz6t3

 The New Abnormal: New Study Finds Post-secondary Students Struggling to Manage Mental Health (Sep 26)

Canadian Climate Institute

tinyurl.com/evawfuwa

 Canada's economy already hurt by climate change, households hardest hit (Sep 28)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/4sztdb2e

 In-depth analysis of health budgets finds common ground; CMA calls for governments to come together to rebuild health care (Sep 21)

tinyurl.com/3h8y3me5

 Review of pandemic response welcomed, but immediate focus must be on current system failures: CMA (Sep 23)

tinyurl.com/kex7rt4s

Statement – CMA reflects on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sep 29)

Canadian Partnership Against Cancer

tinyurl.com/2p9cczsk

 HPV Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9: Canadian Partnership Against Cancer's expert available to speak about Action Plan to Eliminate Cervical Cancer (Sep 28)

College of Nurses of Ontario

tinyurl.com/nrytz39h

Proposed reg changes will get more nurses registered (Sep 29)

CSL Segirus

tinyurl.com/47r76kpz

 New Canadian Surveys Highlight Influenza Education, Discussions with Healthcare Professionals, and Ease of Access as Critical to Supporting Vaccination Uptake (Sep 29)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

tinyurl.com/ya8mvd2u

 Climate change hazards to add \$14 billion to Ontario's transportation infrastructure costs by 2030, and significantly more by 2100 (Sep 22)

tinyurl.com/4zv39zj4

• Inflation, Bill 124 court challenge and staffing shortages pose significant risks to provincial spending on employee compensation (Sep 28)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

tinyurl.com/3v8ya48p

• Situation critical: Distressed health-care workers in need of psychological support (Sep 27)

Office of the Fairness Commissioner

tinyurl.com/26v33ps8

Annual Report of the Office of the Fairness Commissioner 2021-2022 (Sep 28)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario tinyurl.com/mr34u84e

 Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario Joins National Call to Retire Fax Machines and Secure Communications in Health Care Delivery (Sep 21)

tinyurl.com/5645wbjd

 Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner calls on public institutions to join the Transparency Challenge (Sep 28)

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada

tinyurl.com/mrysbr65

• Statement from the Information Commissioner of Canada on Right to Know Week (Sep 26)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/2hzvkfx9

 Protect yourself and the health system this fall – get the COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot (Sep 28)

Public Health Ontario

tinyurl.com/yx4me9ph

PHO Connections (Sep 28)

World Heart Foundation

tinyurl.com/3yukjvnn

 Climate Change and Health Equity a Deadly Mix for the Most Vulnerable: World Heart Foundation (Sep 28)

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services

Sent by Email

September 28, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 pm@pm.gc.ca

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Re: Support for Autism

File: A-1400-001-22

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division		
Date &	October 03, 2022	
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Take Appropriate Action File		
Notes/Comments:		

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on September 20, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis is a neurodiverse condition that applies to an estimated 135,000 Ontarians, characterized by differences in the way that the individual communicates and relates to the world around them. As the word "spectrum" suggests, ASD impacts and challenges each individual differently, and in some cases includes co-occurring health concerns;

And Whereas specifically, once a person turns 18, they typically lose access to most ASD government funding and services, which are largely geared toward children. Some of the most significant gaps in supports include long wait times and inaccessible or unaffordable respite care and housing. A group home setting can offer 24-hour care, firm routine, access to social workers and other care providers, as well as appropriate supervision for social interactions and outings that working parents simply cannot provide. The need for appropriate and timely care has been highlighted and exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic;

And Whereas over 14,000 individuals (and growing) with ASD are on waitlists for affordable housing, and individuals receiving funding from the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) do not receive enough money to sustain access to private group home accommodations. The maximum single rate for ODSP in 2020 was \$1,169/month (\$14,028), compared to the cost of private group home living at \$90,000/year, and parents are often financially unable to bridge the gap while providing necessities for themselves and other family members;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering:

1. Calls on the Province of Ontario to increase the supply of affordable, supportive housing and respite care options for both children and adults diagnosed with Autism

Spectrum Disorder, equipped with access to wrap-around services, and prioritized by need;

- 2. Requests that the Province of Ontario consider increasing the Ontario Disability Support Program allocations to provide individuals and families with more housing options for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- 3. Calls on the Federal government to expedite the development of a National Autism Strategy; and,
- 4. That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge, all Durham Region MPPs, Chair John Henry, Region of Durham, all Durham Region municipalities, all Durham Region MPs, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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

Yours truly,

Susan Cassel City Clerk

SC:am

Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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October 3, 2022

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca

Re: Alert System for Missing Vulnerable People

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 26, 2022, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 213-22:

Whereas we have all become aware of the recent tragic death of Draven Graham, an 11-year-old child on the autistic spectrum, after walking away from the family home; and,

Whereas the Amber Alert has been very effective in announcing to the public children who have been abducted; and,

Whereas a similar alert program for those who have special needs who leave family custody would be seem to be warranted in the Province of Ontario.

Now therefore be it resolved:

- That the Town of Whitby request the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstance who leave the care givers or locations and potentially themselves at risk; and,
- 2. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, the leaders of the Opposition parties in Ontario, all Durham MPs and MPPs, Durham Region, the District School Boards in Durham Region, all Durham municipalities, and the Durham Regional Police Service to ask them to support the resolution.

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

Chris Harris Town Clerk

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October 3, 2022

Via Email:

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

Re: Highway 412 – Installation of Ramps and Signalization Lights

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 26, 2022, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 215-22:

Whereas the traffic has increased in volume on Highway 412 since the tolls were lifted earlier this year; and,

Whereas residents report that the intersections of the on and off ramps at both Highway 7 and Highway 2 are difficult to navigate safely; and,

Whereas there is substantial growth around the Rossland Road area of Highway 412; and,

Whereas the east-west roads within our municipality are increasingly congested with all the new growth, and the usage of Highway 412 is anticipated to increase substantially.

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Province of Ontario install entrance and exit ramps at Rossland Road on Highway 412, as well as provide for signalization lights at the intersections of the on and off ramps to provincial highways 2 and 7; and,
- 2. That this request of Council be copied to the MTO, AMO, Region of Durham and all Durham MPPs and MPs.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4315.

Chris Harris Town Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Town Clerk

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October 5th, 2022

Township of Lucan Biddulph 270 Main Street PO Box 190 Lucan, ON N0M 2J0

BY EMAIL

RE: STRONG MAYORS BUILDING HOMES ACT

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting held on October 3rd, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre passed the following motion, supporting the resolutions from the Councils of the Township of Lucan Biddulph, Town of Kingsville and Town of Wasaga Beach regarding the *Strong Mayors*, *Building Homes Act*:

Resolution: 253-2022 Moved by: K. Elliott

Seconded by: C. Patterson

THAT Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre support the following resolutions regarding opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022:

- Township of Lucan Biddulph, dated September 14, 2022
- Town of Kingsville, dated September 1, 2022
- Towns of Wasaga Beach, dated August 19, 2022

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario, Rob Flack, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Municipality of Thames Centre October 5, 2022 Page 2

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please advise.

Sincerely,

Sara Henshaw Deputy Clerk

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cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Rob Flack, MPP - Elgin–Middlesex–London Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities



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September 14, 2022

Town of Wasaga Beach 30 Lewis Street Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 1A1 eamc@wasagabeach.com

AND TO:

Town of Kingsville 2021 Division Road North Kingsville, ON N9Y 2Y9 jsetterington@kingsville.ca

RE: STRONG MAYORS BUILDING HOMES ACT

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on September 6, 2022, the Township of Lucan Biddulph Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolutions from the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach and Town of Kingsville regarding *Strong Mayors*, *Building Homes Act*.

<u>Resolution No. 2022 - 203</u>

Moved by D. Regan

Seconded by D. Manders

That Council of the Township of Lucan Biddulph supports the following resolutions regarding opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022:

- Town of Kingsville dated September 1, 2022
- Town of Wasaga Beach dated August 19, 2022

Should you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Tina Merner Deputy Clerk

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org) Monte McNaughton, MPP – Lambton, Kent, Middlesex (<u>Monte.McNaughtonco@pc.ola.org</u>) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca) All Ontario Municipalities



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COPY VIA EMAIL (Premier@ontario.ca)

September 1, 2022

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to

Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022

At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

Resolution #336-08292022

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

"WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

- 1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
- 2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
- That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
- 4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE - Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
Results	6	0

If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at pparker@kingsville.ca.

Yours very truly,

Paula Parker

Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing cc: (Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org)

Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; Attn.: Committee Clerk

Isaiah Thorning (<u>schicp@ola.org</u>)
Anthony Leardi, MPP – Essex (<u>Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org</u>)

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August 19, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing 777 Bay Street 17th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their August 18, 2022 Council meeting adopted the following resolution:

"That Council receive the letter dated August 10, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, for information;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities."

The Town of Wasaga Beach Council does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act as the proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Bifolchi Mayor

 c. Members of Council All Ontario Municipalities

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234-2022-3540

August 10, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and a shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Our government also made an election promise to build 1.5 million new homes for the people of Ontario over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that our government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on August 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act*, 2001, City of Toronto Act, 2006, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster.

If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term. Other growing municipalities could follow at a later date.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding these proposed changes, you may submit them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at: StrongMayors@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 in Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:10 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Abu-Rayash, Member at Large

G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair

O. Chaudhry, Pickering S. Clearwater, Whitby

J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:14 PM

B. Foxton, Uxbridge

G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair attended the meeting at 7:14 PM

K. Lui, Member at Large

K. Murray, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:14 PM

M. Nasir, Ajax

S. Panchal, Youth Member B. Shipp, Member at Large

*all members of the committee participated electronically

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock

D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT

A. Lugman, Senior Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department

I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,

That the agenda for the September 15, 2022 Special Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee
meeting held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, be adopted.
CARRIED

Moved by G. Layton, Seconded by M. Nasir,
That the minutes of the Special Durham Environmental Advisory
Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Friends of Second Marsh, Peter Taylor, President

- P. Taylor, President, Friends of Second March provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Friends of Second Marsh.
- P. Taylor stated that the Second Marsh is one of the last, largest (137 hectares), and most biodiverse coastal wetlands on the North Shore of Lake Ontario. He stated that the Second Marsh is a provincially significant wetland, and area of natural and scientific interest.
- P. Taylor also stated that the Second Marsh offers six different habitats that support a large and diverse range of plant and animal species that include:
- 305 bird species.
- 8 reptile and 10 amphibian species,
- Over 18 fish species,
- 30 mammal species,
- 588 plant species.
- 8 provincially significant plant species, and
- 136 plant species regionally not present, rare, and uncommon
- P. Taylor further stated that the Marsh is threatened by urban development, incompatible land uses, air, water, noise and light pollution, sedimentation, shoreline erosion, climate change, and invasive species.
- P. Taylor informed the Committee that there are several things that could be done to help the Marsh. These include:

- Visiting the Marsh
- Becoming a Member of Friends of Second Marsh (FSM)
- Signing up for the Wetlands & Wildlife Newsletter
- Attending FSM events and Hikes
- Volunteering for FSM Projects
- Donating to FSM

P. Taylor responded to questions from the Committee regarding how to access the Wetlands & Wildlife newsletter; whether there are any plans in the future to restore the shore bird habitat at the marsh; whether there is a mechanism to protect the land in perpetuity during the transition to the City of Oshawa; whether there will be public access again to the West parking lot of General Motors now that the ownership of the parking lot is changing; and what herbicides are used to control the phragmites in the marsh.

6. Items for Discussion

A) <u>Update from Durham Climate Commission Proposal</u>

A. Luqman advised that the proposal to amalgamate the mandate of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee (DRRCC) as it relates to climate change to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) is scheduled to be presented to Committee of the Whole and Regional Council in December 2022 or January 2023. She also advised that in the meantime, any members who are interested in continuing to volunteer to sit on the DEAC should submit an application for both the DEAC and DRRCC committees.

- I. McVey provided additional clarity regarding the potential membership on the proposed Climate Commission that will be based out of Ontario Tech University.
- B) Final Draft of the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan: Phase 1 Resilience Executive Summary and Implementation Plan

A link to the final draft of the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan: Phase 1 – Resilience Executive Summary and Implementation Plan was received.

A. Luqman advised that the final draft of the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan: Phase 1 – Resilience Executive Summary and Implementation Plan will be presented to Whitby Council on September 26, 2022, for approval. She can provide the link to committee members if they wish to submit correspondence or delegate at that meeting.

C) The Greenbelt Foundation 2022 Fall Grant Round

A. Luqman advised that the deadline to submit a letter of intent is September 21, 2022, and that the Greenbelt Foundation 2022 Fall Grant focuses on pandemic recovery by supporting tourism, strengthening the greenbelt, and engaging community members.

D) Letter from Geoff Carpentier, re: LSRCA/Region of Durham/Township of Uxbridge Trailhead Parking Initiative

A letter from Geoff Carpentier, re: LSRCA/Region of Durham/Township of Uxbridge Trailhead Parking Initiative was received as Attachment #1 to the agenda.

G. Carpentier expressed his concerns regarding inadequate public consultation with key user groups such as local naturalists' clubs, the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC), and the Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC); and that the tri-party agreement (Durham Region, TRCA, and the Township of Uxbridge) went forward from a lower-tier community who is now assuming the lead and managing the funds when he believes it should be under Regional control as most of the land is Regionally owned.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by S. Clearwater,

That the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) supports in principle the letter from Geoff Carpentier, re: TRCA/Region of Durham/Township of Uxbridge Trailhead Parking Initiative and request that it be referred to the appropriate staff for consideration during the evaluation of the pilot for paid parking at the Durham Regional Forest Tracts, in the Township of Uxbridge.

CARRIED

7. For Information

A) Information Report #2022-INFO-66: Federal Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-66 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

B) Information Report #2022-INFO-65: Trail Sustainability Fund and Pilot for Paid Parking at the Durham Regional Forest Tracts, in the Township of Uxbridge

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-65 of the Commissioner of Works was received.

C) Information Report #2022-INFO-64: Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

A copy of Report #2022-INFO-64 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received.

S. Clearwater expressed her disappointment to see that the Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is forecasted out to 2051 and still does not include using the rail line through Myrtle station to Toronto.

- D) Commissioner's Report #2022-COW-16: Updated Source Protection Plans and Assessment Reports for Proposed New Municipal Wells in the Hamlet of Blackstock, in the Township of Scugog, and the Communities of Cannington and Sunderland, in the Township of Brock
 - A copy of Report #2022-COW-16 of the Acting Commissioner of Works and Commissioner Planning & Economic Development was received.
- E) Commissioner's Report #2022-COW-15: Proposed Wastewater Energy Transfer Project – Dockside Development in the Town of Whitby
 - A copy of Report #2022-COW-15 of the Acting Commissioner of Works and the Commissioner of Finance was received.
- F) Canadian Green Retrofit Economy Study Released June 2022 by the Canada Green Building Council
 - A copy of the Canadian Green Retrofit Economy Study released June 2022 by the Canada Green Building Council was received.
- G) Motion regarding the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project (Item 9.1.1 June Regional Council Minutes)
 - A copy of the motion regarding the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project was received.
 - G. Carpentier advised that the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project includes plans to revitalize the Lake Scugog waterfront, and to create significant wildlife habitats along the waterfront and in the Township of Scugog.
- H) Commissioner's Report #2022-F-16: E-Mission Zero DRT Fleet Electrification Plan

A copy of Report #2022-F-16 of the Commissioner of Finance was received.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding whether the Region would need to purchase two electric buses for every bus route in order to have one charging while the other one is in service, A. Luqman advised that she would follow-up with Durham Region Transit staff for a response.

- I) Energy from Waste Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting Minutes from May 24th meeting
 - A copy of the May 24, 2022, Energy from Waste Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) meeting minutes was received.

J) <u>Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes from June 14th meeting</u>

A copy of the June 14, 2022, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes was received.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That Information Items 7. A) to J) inclusive, be received for information.
CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) <u>Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) Farm Tour</u>

O. Chaudhry advised that he and G. Layton attended the DAAC Farm Tour and that it was nicely arranged and was a good experience. He advised that he will put together a small summary of the event to be provided to committee members.

B) <u>DEAC Youth Member</u>

A. Luqman advised that DEAC's youth member, Derek Nguyen, has graduated high-school and is no longer able to sit on DEAC.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: W. Basztyk, Brock

S. Elhajjeh, Clarington R. Fleming, Pickering G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair

P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair

*members of the Committee participated electronically

Absent: K. Meydam, Clarington

G. Rocoski, Oshawa J. Vinson, Clarington

Non-Voting Members

Present: A. Burke, Senior Planner, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington

D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department,

Durham Region

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services

A. Evans, Manager of Waste Services

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology

J. Presta, Commissioner of Works

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Elhajjeh, Seconded by W. Basztyk,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday, May
24, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Announcements

G. Gordon announced that the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) between Canada and the United States celebrated 50 years this year.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

8. Administrative Matters

A) <u>EFW-WMAC Work Plan – Next Steps</u>

Discussion ensued regarding next steps for the EFW-WMAC Work Plan including continuing to research vendors and technologies for the recycling of polystyrene materials; outreach activities in the community that were delayed due to COVID; and scheduling visits to the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) and the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

- B) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the membership application process for the next term of the EFW-WMAC
 - S. Ciani advised that the new advisory committee recruitment process is now underway for the next term of Council. She advised that the application form can be found at durham.ca/committees and that the applications are due by October 27, 2022. The applications can be emailed to appointments@durham.ca. She also advised that this process only pertains to the EFW-WMAC members appointed by Regional Council. Committee members representing the Municipality of Clarington will apply to the Municipality of Clarington directly.
- C) Update by Greg Gordon, EFW-WMAC Chair, regarding the finalization and presentation of the EFW-WMAC 2022 Annual Report for presentation to

Durham Region's Works Committee and the Municipality of Clarington's Council in January 2023

- G. Gordon advised that the EFW-WMAC Annual Report will be presented to the Works Committee and to Clarington Council in January 2023. He inquired whether there were any comments or suggestions from the committee.
- G. Gordon stated that the anaerobic digestor and pre-sort facility has been delayed until a future date.

9. Other Business

- A) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project
 - G. Anello provided an update regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project.
 - G. Anello advised that the project was put out for tender, and that staff received three proponents: one dropped out, while two were deemed viable and evaluated. He advised that due to the financial estimates being much higher than originally estimated the project is being postponed.
 - G. Anello advised that staff will be looking for an interim solution but there are current contracts in place until 2024. He advised that staff will be reporting next Spring on what is proposed for organics management.
 - G. Anello responded to questions regarding what the interim solution might be regarding organics management.
- B) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Extended Producer Responsibility
 - G. Anello provided an update regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).
 - G. Anello advised that there will be some stranded regional assets as recycling pick-up for business areas is not included in the new recycling program, and that staff will need to investigate other available options. He also advised that staff have looked at the possibility of leasing the Region's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and that the procurement process for that is in its final stages to see whether there is interest in leasing out the MRF.
 - G. Anello responded to questions regarding the status of the green bin program.

- C) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the Durham York Energy Centre
 - G. Anello provided an update regarding the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).
 - G. Anello advised that the preliminary results of the Spring source stack test have been received and that they are well within compliance. He advised that an information report is being prepared for inclusion on a future Council Information Package (CIP). He also advised that the next source stack test will occur in November, and that there will be a minor shut down in the Fall going into the source stack test.
 - G. Anello advised that the current challenge is managing the additional waste received above the approved 140,000 tonnes and that staff are in discussions with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding what the Region's options are to manage the additional waste.
 - G. Anello responded to questions regarding the maximum capacity at the DYEC and how the additional waste is being managed.
- D) Closing comments by Greg Gordon, EFW-WMAC Chair, on the EFW-WMAC's end of term
 - G. Gordon provided closing comments on the EFW-WMAC's end of term.
- E) Newtonville Road Rehabilitation Pilot Project

In response to a question from the Committee regarding a recent concern brought forward by a Clarington resident with respect to the Newtonville Road Rehabilitation Pilot Project, G. Anello provided an overview of the pilot and what the next steps are with respect to the concerns that have been brought forward.

- G. Anello advised that Newtonville Road (Regional Road 18) in the Municipality of Clarington was identified for an innovative project that uses recycled materials to reconstruct part of the road. He advised that the paving work on the project was paused after the concern was raised by a local resident.
- G. Anello also advised that the Region of Durham has retained a third-party environmental engineering consultant, Malroz Engineering Inc., to take samples of the recycled materials used in the road base for the Newtonville Road Rehabilitation Pilot Project, to ensure they meet the Region's expectations as blue box materials. He advised that the preliminary results of the recycled materials used were the materials that were to be expected, and that Works staff are confirming that it's a very stable base for the road.

J. Presta advised that the consultants report will be completed within 2-3 weeks and once complete it will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Municipality of Clarington, and Regional Council. He advised that next steps will be dependent on the report, but if the material requires removal staff will remove those materials, and if it the materials are deemed suitable, staff will recommend that the road be paved to ensure the road base is not left uncovered prior to the winter months.

10. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee will be determined once appointments are made by Regional and Clarington Councils.

11. Adjournment

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by S. Elhajjeh, That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk