

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Planning Committee was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Gray, Chair  
Councillor McMillen, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Drumm  
Councillor Grant left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.  
Councillor Novak  
Councillor Ryan left the meeting 12:56 p.m.  
Councillor Shepherd  
Regional Chair Anderson

Also

Present: Councillor Littley attended the meeting at 9:31 a.m. and left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.  
Councillor Mitchell  
Councillor Parish left the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Staff

Present: A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning  
B. Bridgeman, Director, Current Planning, attended for part of the meeting  
N. Chornobay, Director, Strategic Planning  
C. Darling, Principal Planner, attended for part of the meeting  
G. Johns, Commissioner of Human Resources, attended for part of the meeting  
S. Munns-Audet, Director of Corporate Communications  
R. Saunders, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies  
K. Yew, Manager, Plan Implementation  
T. Fraser, Committee Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Grant,  
(77) "THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Regular Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008; and
- Joint Planning, Finance and Administration, Works, and Transit Executive Committees meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008."

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations to consider at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SC #2008-22 FROM THE HONOURABLE JIM WATSON, MINISTER, MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, WRITING TO REGIONAL CHAIR ROGER ANDERSON, REGARDING THE PROVINCIAL PROCESS TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS BY REGIONAL, COUNTY AND SINGLE-TIER GOVERNMENTS TO GROW THE GREENBELT. THE HONOURABLE MINISTER ADVISES THAT A DRAFT CRITERIA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY WHICH TO CONSIDER MUNICIPAL REQUESTS TO EXPAND THE EXISTING GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE GREENBELT
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MOVED by Regional Chair Anderson,  
(78) "THAT Standing Committee Correspondence Item SC #2008-22 from the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be referred to consideration of Report #2008-P-27 of the Commissioner of Planning."

CARRIED

[See Item 5. d) on pages 13 to 14 of these minutes.]

- b) DIRECTION MEMORANDUM FROM THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008, RE: DELEGATION OF CHRIS DARLING, PRINCIPAL PLANNER, AND TERRY CLAYTON, CHAIR OF THE DURHAM TRAIL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, REGARDING FUNDING FOR DURHAM REGION TRAIL SIGNAGE
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MOVED by Regional Chair Anderson,  
(79) "THAT the direction memorandum from the Finance &  
Administration Committee be received and forwarded to the  
Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee for information."  
CARRIED

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS RECEIVED WITH THE ADDENDUM

- c) FROM MS. WENDY NOTT, SENIOR PRINCIPAL, WALKER, NOTT,  
DRAGICEVIC ASSOCIATES LTD., MS. AUDREY JACOBS, ASSOCIATE  
DIRECTOR, IBI GROUP, AND MR. BRYCE JORDAN, PRINCIPAL,  
PLANNING MANAGER, SERNAS ASSOCIATES, REGARDING THE  
GROWING DURHAM, GROWTH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STUDY  
ALTERNATIVE GROWTH SCENARIOS REPORT

MOVED by Regional Chair Anderson,  
(80) "THAT the correspondence received from Ms. Wendy Nott, Senior  
Principal, Walker, Nott, Dragicevic Associates Ltd., Ms. Audrey  
Jacobs, Associate Director, IBI Group, and Mr. Bryce Jordan,  
Principal, Planning Manager, Sernas Associates, be referred to  
consideration of Report #2008-P-25 of the Commissioner of  
Planning."

CARRIED

[See Item 5. b) on pages 10 to 12 of these minutes.]

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

- a) DURHAM TRAIL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT AND  
2008 WORKPLAN, FILE: D07-05 (2008-P-24)

The Chair called upon Mr. Terry Clayton, Chair of the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee, to give a presentation.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Mr. Terry Clayton, Chair, Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee, provided a presentation on the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee (DTCC) Activity Report and proposed 2008 Workplan. He advised that the DTCC was established by Regional Council in 2004 and its mandate is to establish a Regional Trail Network and facilitate its implementation. He also advised that to date the DTCC has established a Regional Trail Network that was approved by Regional Council in October 2006, which establishes a linked trail system throughout the Region comprised of existing trails and future linkages. Mr. Clayton further advised that the 2008 Workplan focuses on the following three themes: Co-ordination of Trail Activities, Tourism and Promotion of the Regional Trail Network, and Monitoring Trail Implementation. He added that in general the Workplan items include: the

co-ordination of inter municipal trail planning, finalizing trail guideline standards, identifying and pursuing potential trail funding opportunities, implementing signage for the Regional Trail Network, promoting awareness of the Regional Trail Network, and monitoring the implementation of the Network. He further advised that he and Chris Darling, Principal Planner, appeared before the Finance and Administration Committee on March 18, 2008 and requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 for Regional trail signage.

Mr. Clayton responded to questions of the Committee with respect to the strategy for trail signage; whether the focus has been placed on the Lake Ontario shoreline municipalities and if the Committee is aware of the ongoing activities in the northern municipalities; and the possibilities of linking the northern and lakeshore municipalities.

5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

a) DURHAM TRAIL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT AND 2008 WORKPLAN, FILE: D07-05 (2008-P-24)

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Report #2008-P-24 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor Grant,  
(81) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT Report #2008-P-24 of the Commissioner of Planning be received as the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee's report on its activities;
- b) THAT the 2008 Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee Workplan, as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2008-P-24 be approved; and
- c) THAT a copy of Report #2008-P-24 be forwarded to the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee and the area municipalities."

CARRIED

b) GROWTH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STUDY – PHASE 1 AND 2 REPORT, PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES WORKING PAPER; AND DEFINING ALTERNATIVE GROWTH SCENARIOS WORKING PAPER, FILE: D12-05 (2008-P-25)

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The Chair called upon Roger Saunders, Manager, Policy Planning and Special Studies, to give a presentation.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- a) Roger Saunders, Manager, Policy Planning and Special Studies, provided a presentation outlining the details of Report #2008-P-25 of the Commissioner of Planning. He advised that on March 11, 2008 the Planning Committee was provided with the comments on the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report and an Alternative Growth Scenario Definitions Working Paper. He also advised that at the March 11, 2008 Planning Committee meeting the recommendations in Report #2008-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning were referred back to staff to provide further information on the approaches for land needs analysis in other GTA Regions and staff were requested to meet with representatives of the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) Association to discuss methodologies and to contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss their comments on the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report. He further advised that today's report is to bring Committee up to date on the status of the matters raised and recommend an approach to the scenarios as a basis for moving forward.

R. Saunders reported that the approach to forecasting land needs is generally the same in all municipalities. He advised that it involves estimating how much of the forecasted growth can be accommodated in designated urban areas through the intensification of existing built-up areas and new development in vacant greenfield areas. He also advised that where the entire growth forecast cannot be accommodated within the existing urban area boundaries, expansions are required. He further advised that the Growth Plan provides some of the key directions for calculating land needs, however there are a lot of other inputs that need to be brought into the calculations, as well as variations in the interpretation of the Growth Plan directions, that can affect outcomes. He also advised that the need for a consistent approach for assessing land needs has been recognized by all the Regions and staff have been meeting with the other GTA Regions and the Cities of Toronto and Hamilton to get an understanding on how everyone is approaching this. He added that the Province has also been involved in these discussions.

R. Saunders also advised that staff have been unable to meet with BILD representatives; however they have contacted Mr. Don Given and will be arranging a meeting when BILD is ready. He further advised that staff have had discussions with Mr. Given in the context of his clients who have an interest in land near Brooklin. He added that there was an exchange of information on the approach to the land needs methodology at this meeting.

R. Saunders further advised that staff have had a discussion with Ministry staff last week and clarified the intent of the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report as a starting point. He stated that Ministry staff now have a clearer understanding of the approach to the Region's Growth Plan Implementation Study. He also stated that it is essential to have ongoing dialogue with the Province as the Region moves forward to avoid any future misunderstandings.

R. Saunders also advised that on March 11, 2008 Planning Committee was presented with three proposed growth scenarios for detailed review and evaluation, and there was some concern that the scenarios did not anticipate balanced enough growth throughout the Region. He further advised that Urban Strategies has therefore proposed enhancements to the scenarios that take into account the concerns expressed by Committee, as set out in the consultant's memo to Planning Committee dated March 26, 2006 (Attachment #2 to Report #2008-P-25). He noted that each of the scenarios would provide for some growth in each municipality, but two of them would focus a little more in certain areas. Scenario #1 would focus a little more in the west, Scenario #2 would focus a little more in the central area, and Scenario #3 would be more balanced with no focus on any one municipality. He also informed the Committee that last Friday correspondence was received from Sernas Associates on behalf of Tribute Communities and Runnymede Development Corporation Limited suggesting a fourth scenario that would provide for strong growth in the west, but also the potential for hamlet growth in the northern municipalities and the conversion of some employment land that would be replaced with additional employment land along the Highway 407 extension. He added that staff are seeking Committee's direction to have the consultant proceed with the detailed evaluation of the proposed growth scenarios, including the three in the report, and also, should the Committee wish, the additional scenario suggested in the correspondence from Sernas Associates.

R. Saunders noted that a revised study schedule that reflects the timing to bring additional information to Committee and the affect on the remainder of the Work Plan has been included as Attachment #3 to Report #2008-P-25.

R. Saunders concluded by advising that Ms. Melanie Hare, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc., is in attendance to answer any questions related to the proposed scenarios.

A detailed question and answer period ensued. Ms. Hare and R. Saunders responded to questions of the Committee with respect to the direction at the last Planning Committee meeting related to a fourth growth scenario; the scenarios that include lands in northeast Pickering; the difference between the consultant's enhanced Scenario #3 and the fourth scenario presented by Sernas Associates; the discussion with Provincial staff relating to their comments on the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report; if a second letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is expected; when the Province will be bringing forward a methodology for calculating land supply; the residential and employment land methodology differences between municipalities; whether the study includes calculations to remove lands no longer developable because of new legislation; if changing to 40% intensification will require a ramp up period from current rates; whether there are tools available to use as an incentive for the marketplace; whether intensification targets are Regional; the impact on other municipalities if the study identifies only one or two municipalities as the best places to intensify; the impact on

other developments if a development, such as Seaton, does not meet the density targets; the impact variables included in the draft alternative growth scenarios could have on growth within the Region, such as a Pickering Airport; whether the study will look at the placement of current and new employment lands; and if final study recommendations may include the conversion of some employment lands to other uses.

Ms. Hare also responded to questions of the Committee with respect to whether other Regions are doing financial analysis studies; whether the study will identify the financial costs for additional infrastructure; whether the planning analysis or a financial analysis will dictate priorities for expansion into whitebelt lands; and the impact a financial analysis may have on the proposed growth scenarios. The Chair clarified that the scope of the study, as approved by Tri-Committee and Council, is to complete the Planning component only and a detailed financial analysis is not included in the consultant assignment.

The Chair called upon the delegations that were listed on the addendum to speak to Report #2008-P-25 of the Commissioner of Planning.

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**a) MR. BRYCE JORDAN, PRINCIPAL, PLANNING MANAGER, SERNAS ASSOCIATES, ON BEHALF OF TRIBUTE COMMUNITIES AND RUNNYMEDE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED  
RE: REPORT #2008-P-25 OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING**

Mr. Jordan appeared before the Committee on behalf of Tribute Communities and Runnymede Development Corporation Limited. He advised that Sernas Associates, IBI Group and Walker, Nott, Dragicevic Associates Limited represent Tribute Communities and Runnymede Development Corporation Limited. Correspondence from Walker, Nott, Dragicevic Associates Ltd., IBI Group, and Sernas Associates was received earlier in the meeting. [See Item 4. c) on page 3 of these minutes.]

Mr. Jordan also advised that Tribute Communities and Runnymede Development Corporation Limited own land in the northeast Pickering area. He further advised that Ms. Wendy Nott and Ms. Audrey Jacobs made a deputation to Planning Committee on March 11, 2008, at which time they stated that all three proposed draft alternative growth scenarios appeared to be distinct and mutually exclusive, and suggested a fourth alternative growth scenario be considered.

Mr. Jordan stated that his group has drafted and circulated a letter outlining a proposed fourth alternative growth scenario. He also stated that their proposed growth scenario represents a strategic approach where all key economic drivers are recognized and reinforced. He outlined the key economic drivers included in the proposed growth scenario as the easterly

extension of Highway 407, the enhanced role of Highway 7, the north and south Highway 407 links in Ajax/Whitby and Clarington, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Durham College, and the Clarington Energy Park. He further stated that their growth scenario would see growth accommodated in all lakeshore municipalities, with urban expansions that respond to key economic drivers, and recognizes the unique role and function of the northern municipalities.

Mr. Jordan advised that his proposed fourth alternative growth scenario differs from Alternative Growth Scenario #3 presented by the consultant, through the inclusion of urban land expansion in Pickering. He outlined his reasons for the inclusion of urban land expansion in Pickering, which included a review of the total net greenfield Living Area and deferred Living Area for each municipality, as outlined in Appendix H to the draft Phase 1 and 2 Report; a comparison of the potential areas of urban land expansion identified in the proposed alternative growth scenarios presented in Attachment #2 to Report #2008-P-25; and the potential for growth along the Highway 407 and Highway 7 corridors from northeast Pickering to Highway 35/115.

Mr. Jordan concluded by requesting the Committee to authorize staff to move forward with the Growth Plan Implementation Study and to carry forward his alternative growth scenario for detailed evaluation.

Mr. Jordan responded to questions of the Committee.

- b) MR. DON GIVEN, PRESIDENT, MALONE GIVEN PARSONS LIMITED, 140 RENFREW DRIVE, SUITE 201, MARKHAM, ONTARIO, L3R 6B3, ON BEHALF OF BROOKLIN NORTH LANDOWNER'S GROUP  
RE: REPORT #2008-P-25 OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING

Mr. Given appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Brooklin North Landowner's Group. He provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. He introduced Mr. John Genest, Partner, and Mr. Matthew Cory, Planner, Project Manager, who were also present. A copy of his presentation was provided as a handout.

Mr. Given advised that since his deputation on March 11, 2008 he has met with staff from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal (MPIR) to follow-up on a presentation he had made. He also advised that the Province has informed him that they will be producing a methodology for calculating land supply, which will potentially be released in May 2008. He stated that MPIR will also be releasing an employment strategy around the same time that will focus on the importance of 400 series highways and protecting long-term employment land beyond a 20 year planning horizon. He also stated that Metrolinx will be releasing a long-term transit plan that will address connections between 905 Regions.

Mr. Given further advised that he has met with Regional staff and the consultant. He stated that there was a mutual benefit in sharing methodologies and that some of the assumptions are different, which affect land supply calculations.

Mr. Given provided information with respect to the Natural Heritage System and outlined Section 2.2.7.3 of the Growth Plan and Section 2.1.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement. He stated that the Region must exclude features identified in a provincial plan or any applicable official plan, which includes the official plans of the Region and local municipalities. He also stated that his numbers have tried to anticipate the land available and the consultant's numbers are not enough.

Mr. Given provided a methodology comparison between the Region and Malone Given Parsons with respect to intensification, persons per unit, density in designated greenfields, vacancy rates, gross-net ratio, and population serving employment. He noted that the Region and Malone Given Parsons use the same calculations with respect to intensification; persons per unit; and employment vacancy rates. He also highlighted the following differences:

- With respect to density in designated greenfields, the Region assumes 50 persons and jobs per hectare, whereas Malone Given Parsons' calculations concluded that the density in designated greenfields will achieve or exceed 50 persons and jobs per hectare.
- With respect to vacancy rates, the Region assumes a 0.5% residential vacancy rate, whereas Malone Given Parsons assumes a 0% residential vacancy rate.
- With respect to gross-net ratio, the Region assumes 50% of gross area for open space, commercial, roads, institutional, etc., whereas Malone Given Parsons excludes approximately 15-20% for the Natural Heritage System, then 50% for parks, roads, elementary schools, storm water management ponds, etc. Malone Given Parsons also accounts separately for arterial commercial, high schools or other institutional/municipal uses that are not included in the previous figures.
- With respect to population serving employment, the Region makes no provision for land required in Living Areas to provide for population serving employment, whereas Malone Given Parsons allows approximately 2 hectares per 1000 residents as a land requirement in Living Areas.

Mr. Given displayed a table which outlined the Malone Given Parsons Growth Share and Land Needs calculations. He explained that the calculations indicate that 3,420 gross hectares of whitebelt lands are required. Mr. Given also displayed a map which outlined the Malone Given Parsons Scenario for Southern Durham. He outlined the living and employment areas in his scenario and the different land use policy

designations. He stated that this gives a look at how to distribute the figures and the first step is to consider the long-term requirements for job creation. Mr. Given also stated his views for employment areas, which included the Highway 407 corridor, key areas along Highway 401 and the lakeshore, and the eastern portion of the proposed Pickering Airport. Mr. Given referred to his second table that detailed the land needs in south Durham and stated that once the lands protected for employment are removed the table indicates the land supply available for living areas, and the deficit in land supply for Pickering and Whitby would carry east to Oshawa and Clarington. He also stated that this would be a growth scenario up to the Greenbelt and preserves employment lands for the long-term. He further stated that this creates an opportunity to get into more detailed planning and does it in a way that everyone benefits and is even.

Mr. Given concluded by requesting the Committee to give the same consideration to his scenario as the one presented by Mr. Bryce Jordan, Sernas Associates.

Mr. Given responded to questions of the Committee.

**5. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**b) GROWTH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STUDY – PHASE 1 AND 2 REPORT, PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES WORKING PAPER; AND DEFINING ALTERNATIVE GROWTH SCENARIOS WORKING PAPER, FILE: D12-05 (2008-P-25)**

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Report #2008-P-25 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received. This is an addendum report to Report #2008-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning, which was presented at the March 11, 2008 Planning Committee meeting. A revised project work plan schedule, Attachment #3 to Report #2008-P-25, was provided as a handout.

Detailed discussion ensued with respect to the proposed alternative growth scenarios presented in Report #2008-P-25 and the growth scenarios presented by Mr. Bryce Jordan and Mr. Don Given; the discussion at the March 11, 2008 Planning Committee meeting regarding a fourth scenario; the need for an analysis of the financial implications; the impact of infrastructure constraints; and the need for growth in all municipalities.

Staff also responded to questions of the Committee with respect to comments provided by area municipal staff; when information outlining the financial impact would be brought forward; and the options for amending Scenario #3 to include Pickering.

MOVED by Councillor Ryan,

(82) "THAT Planning Committee authorize the consultant to proceed with:

- a) proposed Alternative Growth Scenario #3 presented in the Alternative Growth Scenario Definitions Working Paper and enhanced by the consultant's memo to Planning Committee dated March 26, 2008;
- b) a new alternative growth scenario #4 as presented by Mr. Bryce Jordan, Sernas Associates; and
- c) a new alternative growth scenario #5 as presented by Mr. Don Given, Malone Given Parsons Limited."

MOTION WITHDRAWN  
(See Following Motion)

MOVED by Regional Chair Anderson,

(83) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the consultant's Phase 1 and 2 Report, Public and Agency Comments and Responses Working paper be received for information;
- b) THAT the consultant be authorized to proceed with the detailed evaluation of the three proposed alternative growth scenarios presented in the Alternative Growth Scenario Definitions Working Paper and enhanced by the consultant's memo to Planning Committee dated March 26, 2008, and with the further refinement to Scenario #3 as set out in part c);
- c) THAT Scenario #3 be further refined by:
  - i) adding the following bullets under 'Key drivers of growth':
    - 'Seaton: The Seaton lands build out by 2021'; and
    - 'Highway 7: Employment growth along the Highway 7 corridor';
  - ii) deleting the first bullet 'Highway 407 extension' under 'Key drivers of growth' and replacing with the following bullet:
    - 'Highway 407 extension: Employment growth along the Highway 407 corridor in northeast Pickering, east of the proposed airport; and along the remainder of the proposed Highway 407 extension across the Region';

- iii) adding a bullet which reads 'Northeast Pickering' under 'Potential areas of urban land expansion'; and
  - iv) extending the 'scenario boundary' in the illustration of Alternative Growth Scenario #3 by adding 'potential new urban land' hatching in north Pickering, north and east of the proposed airport, as shown in the illustration of Alternative Growth Scenario #1; and
- d) THAT the Province be requested to immediately resolve the issues related to variations in methodologies for determining land needs, to ensure consistency amongst all municipalities."

CARRIED

MOVED by Regional Chair Anderson,

- (84) "THAT staff be requested to report to a Tri Planning, Finance and Administration, and Works Committee within the next six weeks to consider expanding the scope of the current Growth Plan Implementation Study to include a review of the infrastructure and fiscal implications of the Growth Scenarios, including the health and social services costs."

CARRIED

- c) RESOLUTION OF DEFERRAL #3 TO AMENDMENT #19 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE (UXBRIDGE URBAN AREA SECONDARY PLAN), FILE: OPA 1999-009 (2008-P-26)

Report #2008-P-26 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,

- (85) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT Amendment #19 to the Official Plan for the Township of Uxbridge be further approved by lifting the deferral (Deferral #3) pertaining to Brock Street, between Concession Road 6 and Toronto Street, from Schedule 'A' (Land Use and Transportation Plan, Uxbridge Urban Area), as shown in Attachment #2 to Report #2008-P-26;
- b) THAT written notice of the above decision be given pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act*, as amended; and
- c) THAT a copy of Report #2008-P-26 be forwarded to the Township of Uxbridge and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

CARRIED

- d) "GROWING THE GREENBELT", CONSULTATION PAPER ON DRAFT CRITERIA THAT COULD BE USED BY THE MINISTER TO CONSIDER MUNICIPAL REQUESTS TO EXPAND THE EXISTING GREENBELT, FILE: D07-69

STANDING COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE #SC-2008-22 FROM THE HONOURABLE JIM WATSON, MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2008 (2008-P-27)

Report #2008-P-27 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
(86) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the following comments be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as Durham Region's response to the draft expansion criteria to Growing the Greenbelt:
- i) The consultation material clearly indicates that the Province is only considering criteria for expansion of the Greenbelt, not to reduce the size or remove areas. As such, this initiative does not provide an opportunity for the Region to raise previous concerns expressed with the Greenbelt. The Minister had indicated that the Region's 'comments, along with those that the ministry continues to received, will form part of the ten-year review of the Plan' (in 2015). In anticipation of the review, the Minister should consider and propose criteria for adjustments to the Greenbelt boundary, where warranted to remove lands that do not meet the Greenbelt vision and goals;
  - ii) The criteria should be clarified to define what is meant by 'the proposed Greenbelt expansion must be based on a provincial scale systems approach that formed the original Greenbelt'. Municipalities did not have access to, or knowledge of, this approach or data used by the Province to establish the original Greenbelt;
  - iii) Requiring that the proposed expansion complement the Growth Plan and not interfere with affected municipalities bringing their official plans into conformity, is supported. This recognizes the need to carefully consider further expansions to the Greenbelt, particularly in Durham where over 80% of the land mass is already in the Greenbelt. This will assist municipalities in addressing land required to meet provincially mandated growth;
  - iv) Requiring that any request for expansion complement ongoing provincial initiatives, is supported. However, as noted in the

Consultation Paper, there are a number of provincial initiatives affecting the Greater Golden Horseshoe that could have an affect on any proposal to expand the Greenbelt. The final criteria should identify all potential provincial initiatives that could affect a proposed expansion. This is essential supporting information needed to assist municipalities in preparing their requests; and

- b) THAT a copy of Report #2008-P-27 of the Commissioner of Planning be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the area municipalities."

CARRIED

- e) DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (DRRCC),  
FILE: D07-66 (2008-P-28)

Report #2008-P-28 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received. A question was raised with respect to the process for appointing a representative from each Standing Committee. It was suggested that following the adoption of the recommendations by Regional Council this item be included on each Standing Committee agenda for the appointment of their representative.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
(87) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC), as outlined in Attachment #1 to Report #2008-P-28 of the Commissioner of Planning, be approved;
- b) THAT in accordance with the Terms of Reference, each of the Standing Committees of Council appoint a representative to the DRRCC;
- c) THAT a Policy and Research Advisor (Contract Position) be hired as the staff liaison to support the activities of the DRRCC, in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference; and
- d) THAT upon the engagement of the Policy and Research Advisor, the Region proceed to:
- i) Recruit and appoint citizen members to the DRRCC;
  - ii) Join the Partners for Climate Protection program, as established by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives; and

- iii) Establish a Regional Staff Working Group to develop a Corporate Climate Change Action Plan."

CARRIED

- f) DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DEAC) ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, FILE: A01-37 (2008-P-29)

Report #2008-P-29 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
(88) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee's nominations for the 2008 Environmental Achievement Awards be endorsed, and that the awards be presented at a reception on May 8, 2008; and
- b) THAT a copy of Report #2008-P-29 of the Commissioner of Planning be forwarded to the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee."

CARRIED

- g) MONITORING OF LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE DECISIONS OF MARCH 17, 2008 MEETING, FILE: 2.1.1.8 (2008-P-30)

Report #2008-P-30 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
(89) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT Council concurs with the Land Division Committee's decisions of March 17, 2008; and
- b) THAT the Land Division Committee be forwarded a copy of Report #2008-P-30 of the Commissioner of Planning, and be advised of the decision."

CARRIED

- h) 2006 CENSUS RELEASE REPORTING – LABOUR MARKET ACTIVITY, INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, PLACE OF WORK, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION, FILE: D01-03 (2008-P-31)

Report #2008-P-31 from A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning, was received.

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
 (90) "THAT Report #2007-P-31 of the Commissioner of Planning be  
 received for information."

CARRIED

7. EARLY RELEASE REPORTS

There were no Early Release Reports to be considered at this time.

8. ADVISORY COMMITTEES

a) DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There were no minutes presented at this time.

b) DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
 (91) "THAT the minutes of the Durham Environmental Advisory  
 Committee meeting held on March 13, 2008 be received for  
 information."

CARRIED

c) DURHAM TRAIL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
 (92) "THAT the minutes of the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee  
 meeting held on March 6, 2008 be received for information."

CARRIED

There were no outstanding items to consider at this time with respect to the  
 above-mentioned Advisory Committees.

9. STATUS REPORTS ON REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
 APPLICATIONS

a) STATUS REPORT: APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
 (93) "THAT Status Report, Applications currently being processed, be  
 received for information."

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE OUTSTANDING ITEMS

MOVED by Councillor McMillen,  
(94) "THAT the items currently outstanding list be received for  
information."

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to consider at this time.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Planning Committee meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C),  
Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Drumm,  
(95) "THAT the meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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T. Fraser, Committee Secretary

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J. Gray, Chair  
Planning Committee