



The Regional Municipality of Durham  
To: The Planning Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning  
Report No.: 2009-P-48  
Date: June 9, 2009

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**SUBJECT:**

Growth Plan Implementation “Growing Durham” ROPA 128 – City of Pickering  
Resolution, File: D12-05

Council Correspondence No. 2009-240 dated June 2, 2009, from Debi A. Wilcox, City  
Clerk, City of Pickering

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Commissioner’s Report No. 2009-P-48 be received for information.

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**REPORT:**

1.1 At its meeting of June 3, 2009 Council referred a resolution adopted by the  
City of Pickering (refer to Attachment 1) to the Planning Department.

1.2 The operative part of the resolution states:

“Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that despite the allocation of jobs to Seaton  
under ROPA 128, the City of Pickering hereby reiterates its support for  
35,000 jobs and 70,000 persons in Seaton at build-out with balanced  
employment population growth as the community develops and requests that  
the Region of Durham use 35,000 jobs and 70,000 persons for Seaton in its  
long term planning”.

1.3 It was suggested that Regional Official Plan Amendment 128 should be  
further amended to include such policy direction.

1.4 In response, we can confirm that the Regional Official Plan (ROP) already  
includes a policy recognizing the Central Pickering Development Plan  
(CPDP). Policy 13.2.1, Specific Policy Area A (Pickering) recognizes that  
Seaton:

- “is to be developed in accordance with the Central Pickering Development Plan**, which came into effect on May 4, 2006, and was prepared by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, under the authority of the Ontario Planning and Development Act. **Conformity amendments to this Plan, to implement the Central Pickering Development Plan, will be considered at a later date**, in consultation with the City of Pickering, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.” [emphasis added]
- 1.5 This policy clearly recognizes that the development of Seaton will be in accordance with the CPDP. The CPDP provides that the community will be planned to accommodate a population of up to 70,000 residents and 35,000 jobs. Because the CPDP was prepared under the Ontario Planning and Development Act, it takes precedence over the ROP.
- 1.6 With the policy already in place in the ROP, the development of Seaton on the basis of 70,000 people and 35,000 jobs as per the CPDP is recognized and is being used for long range planning. As such, further amendments to the ROP to recognize the CPDP are not recommended.

A.L. Georgieff, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.  
Commissioner of Planning

RECOMMENDED FOR PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment: 1. Council Correspondence No. 2009-240 from Clerk of the City of Pickering re: Notice of Motion



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June 2, 2009

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Subject: Notice of Motion – Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 128  
The Growing Durham Study  
- File: A-2100-001-09

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The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on June 1, 2009 and the following recommendations were adopted:

WHEREAS the draft versions of the Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)128, The Growing Durham Study incorrectly identified the inclusion of the Provincial Central Pickering Development Plan (Seaton's) employment target of 35,000 jobs to the planning horizon of 2031, and

WHEREAS the City of Pickering, the Region of Durham and the Province of Ontario lead the Highway 407 (Seaton Lands) Economic Development Study (Hempson Consulting Ltd. 2007) which concluded that a range of 16,700 and 20,000 jobs in the employment areas of Seaton, and that 15,000 jobs in other areas of Seaton could be created and could achieve build out of approximately 35,000 jobs in about 20 years from the commencement of development, and

WHEREAS The Council of the City of Pickering previously passed a motion of a "Jobs First" policy for the development of Seaton, and

WHEREAS in order to achieve a "Healthy, Complete and Sustainable Community" an "appropriate ratio of jobs to population" is defined in the ROPA 128 at a ratio of 1 job for every 2 people, and

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WHEREAS in order to achieve a "Healthy, Complete and Sustainable Community" an "appropriate ratio of jobs to population" is defined in the ROPA 128 at a ratio of 1 job for every 2 people, and

WHEREAS the Central Pickering Development Plan identifies that the Seaton Community is to be planned for 35,000 jobs and up to 70,000 persons, which results in a ratio of 1 job for every 2 persons; and

WHEREAS City of Pickering strongly supports the achievement of a ratio of 1 job for every 2 persons in Seaton; and

WHEREAS the City of Pickering is planning to achieve 35,000 jobs and 70,000 people in Seaton; and

WHEREAS Durham's ROPA 128, implementing the Growing Durham Study assigns approximately 16,500 jobs to Seaton for the period up to 2031;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that despite the allocation of jobs to Seaton under ROPA 128, the City of Pickering hereby reiterates its support for 35,000 jobs and 70,000 persons in Seaton at build-out with balanced employment population growth as the community develops and requests that the Region of Durham use 35,000 jobs and 70,000 persons for Seaton in its long term planning; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Provincial Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Premier's Office.

Yours truly



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