



## **DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DEAC) 2018 WORKPLAN**

### **1. Policy Development and Implementation**

#### **a. Provide advice on:**

- Regional Official Plan – input and advice on proposed amendments.
- Municipal Comprehensive Review process.
- Long-Term Energy Plan.
- Provincial Climate Change guidance materials.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) Studies.
- Public and/or Stakeholder Advisory Committees.
- Environmental Bill of Rights postings.

### **2. Community Outreach and Stewardship**

#### **a. High Priority:**

- Promote and continue to implement the Environmental Achievement Awards.
- Participate in community environmental and stewardship events.
- Develop a home owner's guide to climate resilience.
- Update the Region of Durham Natural Features Map.

#### **b. Medium Priority:**

- Continue to foster a working relationship with the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- Participate in Climate Change outreach activities/events hosted by the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change.

### **3. Committee Education & Development**

a. The Committee will expand its knowledge in some of the following issues:

- Energy (e.g. sources, alternatives, producers, efficiency, etc.).
- Recreational uses in the natural environment.
- Provincial Planning documents.
- Water quality.
- Human health and the environment.
- Green infrastructure and low impact development.
- Road salt.
- Species at Risk.
- Waste reduction and management progress.
- Lifecycle assessment of products and packaging (e.g. plastics).
- Microplastics.
- Forest, grassland and wetland health.
- Active transportation.
- Climate change.
- Pesticides and alternatives.
- Invasive species.
- Native species.
- Biodiversity.
- Urban sustainability.
- Air quality.
- Food security.
- Community gardens.
- Aggregate pit rehabilitation.
- Peat moss and top soil removal and restoration.
- Biological and physical decomposition (e.g. incineration, gasification, carbonization, anaerobic digestion, waste, etc.).
- Noise and light pollution.

#### **4. Issues of Interest**

a. The Committee will continue to monitor the following issues as prioritized by current events:

- Conservation Authority initiatives and activities, such as Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update and McLaughlin Bay Restoration Strategy.
- Provincial planning initiatives.
- Oak Ridges Moraine.
- Regional Official Plan Amendment applications.
- Water – groundwater, surface water, watersheds.
- Transportation developments.
- Waterfront protection and development.
- Nuclear Energy Management
- Future airport lands.
- Rouge National Urban Park.
- Urban forest/naturalization strategies.
- Trails.
- Energy from Waste Facility.

#### **5. Meeting Schedule**

Due to the Committee's workload, DEAC will schedule 11 meetings for 2018. In general, meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month. Resources (Planning Division and Legislative Services) will be required to accommodate the schedule and workload.