



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: [#2018-INFO-139](#)
Date: October 12, 2018

Subject:

Use of Delegated Authority During the 2018 Summer Recess of Regional Council

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides details related to the use of delegated authorities during the 2018 Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council summer recess period in accordance with the Region's Budget Management Policy.

2. Background

2.1 Section 16.0 of the Region's Budget Management Policy details the delegation of authority during a recess of Regional Council. In accordance with the requirements of this section, a report providing the details of the use of this delegated authority is to be presented to the Committee of the Whole within 30 days after the recess period. Dollar amounts followed by an asterisk (*) are before applicable taxes.

2.2 Sections of authority utilized during the 2018 Regional Council summer recess period include:

- a. Section 16.1 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, authorizing the Treasurer to recommend project financing to the Regional Chair and Chair or Vice Chair of the applicable Standing Committee for approval during a

recess of Regional Council.

- b. Section 16.2 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, authorizing the Regional Chair or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chair or Vice Chair of the applicable Standing Committee to approve the acquisition of unbudgeted capital over \$25,000 during a recess of Regional Council.
- c. Section 16.4 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, which states that in order to facilitate the awarding of Request for Proposals and approval of sole source negotiations over \$125,000, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to act on behalf of Regional Council, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head and CAO and the availability of sufficient funding, and, that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any resultant Agreements for the goods and services required.
- d. Section 16.5 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, which states that in order to facilitate the negotiation and approval of leases considered to be material (i.e. extension beyond the term of Council and/or annual payments of \$150,000 or greater) the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to act on behalf of Regional Council, subject to the agreement of the applicable Department Head and CAO and the availability of sufficient funding and the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any resultant leases required.
- e. Section 16.7 of the Region's Budget Management Policy, authorizing Department Heads to obtain professional, consulting, engineering and/or architectural services in excess of \$60,000 during the recess period subject to approval by the Commissioner of Finance and CAO in accordance with established procedures and the provisions of the Purchasing By-Law.

3. Requests for Additional Project Financing as per Section 16.1

Additional Financing Required for the Construction of a new Pedestrian Walkway at Regional Headquarters, in the Town of Whitby (Project G1701)

- 3.1 This project includes the construction of a new concrete pedestrian walkway, installation of concrete curbs, illuminated bollards, and landscaping to improve pedestrian mobility and safety across the south parking area at Regional

Headquarters. The approved budget for this project was \$186,500, including the design and construction work for the new walkway.

3.2 Bid submissions were reviewed for Tender T-1049-2018 and based on the results of the tender process, the lowest compliant bid was submitted by E.T. Construction Inc. in the amount of \$169,658*. To award this contract, additional project financing of \$47,500 was required.

3.3 The additional financing was provided from the following source:

Regional Headquarters Capital Budget	
Item #2, Roof Repairs (Project 2016_REGHQ)	\$47,500

Additional Financing Required for the Sunderland Exfiltration Lagoon Cleanout, in the Township of Brock (Project D1827)

3.4 This project includes the rehabilitation of the exfiltration lagoon constructed in Sunderland in the 1970s. The build-up of sewage sludge over time has reduced the operational effectiveness of the lagoon and has contributed to a lack of available seasonal storage capacity. The removal of the sewage sludge will restore the original function of the lagoon and provide the necessary seasonal storage capacity.

3.5 Bid submissions were reviewed and based on the results of the tender process, the lowest compliant bid was submitted by Todd Brothers Contracting Limited in the amount of \$2,210,947*. To award this contract, additional project financing of \$1,150,000 was required.

3.6 The current approved budget of \$1,000,000 was exceeded due to the amount of sludge contained in the lagoon being underestimated, affecting the costs to remove and dispose of the sludge material as well as the reinstatement of the exfiltration sand base.

3.7 The additional financing in the amount of \$1,150,000 was provided as follows:

2018 Sanitary Sewerage Capital Budget	
Item #11C – Town of Whitby Road Program (Project W1899)	\$1,150,000

Additional Financing Required for the Construction of the Britannia Avenue East Watermain, in the City of Oshawa (Project O1801)

- 3.8 To align with the City of Oshawa's priority Britannia Avenue Bridge project, the Region is connecting two dead end watermains that are currently on either side of the Oshawa Creek at this location. This work will improve water system security and water quality.
- 3.9 The intent is to install the watermain by hanging it from the underside of the bridge structure, which requires the watermain to be constructed at the same time as the bridge. This is a specialized method of construction. Consideration was given to more conventional approaches to the creek crossing, but these could not be utilized given the timeline for the City of Oshawa's plans to tender this project. There was insufficient time to secure approvals and the necessary technical information on which an alternative design would be based. The Region had budgeted \$300,000 for the design and construction of this watermain connection.
- 3.10 The tender was issued and bid submissions were reviewed by the City of Oshawa for Contract O18-08. The City of Oshawa awarded the contract to Kapp Contracting Inc. for a total value of \$5,951,654*, with the portion for the Region's work totaling \$391,120*. Additional project financing of \$340,000 was required as a result of this award.
- 3.11 The additional financing in the amount of \$340,000 was provided as follows:

2018 Water Supply Capital Budget

Item #17C – Town of Whitby Road Program (Project W1899) \$340,000

Additional Financing Required for the Construction of the Bus Rapid Transit Road Improvements, in the Town of Ajax (Projects R1303 and R1636)

- 3.12 Additional commitments to Esposito Bros. Construction Ltd. were required for additional work completed relating to Regional Contract D2016-033 for the Bus Rapid Transit Road Improvements on Westney Road (Regional Road 31) and Kingston Road (Regional Road 2), in the Town of Ajax.
- 3.13 Because of unanticipated conflicts with buried utilities, various design changes, inclement weather and additions to the contract, the current approved budget of \$5,831,533 was exceeded and additional contract costs in the amount of \$1,683,000* have been incurred resulting in the need for additional financing.

3.14 The additional financing in the amount of \$1,683,300* was provided as follows:

2018 Roads Capital Budget

Item #47 – Victoria Street from South Blair Street to west of
Thickson Road (Project R1102)

\$1,683,300

4. Request for Unbudgeted Capital over \$25,000 as per Section 16.2

Unbudgeted Capital Request for the Zone 1 Watermain Extension to Service the
Uxbridge Fire Hall, in the Township of Uxbridge

4.1 The Township of Uxbridge is serviced by a municipal water system that is divided into two pressure zones. Most of the community is serviced by Pressure Zone 1 with Pressure Zone 2 servicing a small area in the northwest portion of the township.

4.2 Due to topography challenges in Pressure Zone 2, the reservoir elevation is too low to adequately pressurize Zone 2. To assist in drawing water from the reservoir, the water pressure is boosted by pumps.

4.3 The new Uxbridge Fire Hall opened in the spring of 2017 and is serviced by Pressure Zone 2. Firefighter training exercises conducted at the station were resulting in pressure drops in the water supply and causing operational issues for the Region, including routine alarms associated with the pumps.

4.4 In consultation with the Township of Uxbridge and the Uxbridge Fire Department, the Region examined options for improving the pressure issues experienced by the Fire Department and concluded that the best option was to extend a watermain from Pressure Zone 1 to the fire hall. The watermain would be used for training purposes only and should provide water at a pressure that would be sufficient for training purposes.

4.5 The Township of Uxbridge and the Region have agreed to cost share the extension of the watermain to the Uxbridge Fire Hall. The cost to the Region is estimated at \$140,000* with financing provided from a reallocation of funds within the 2018 Water Supply Capital budget as follows:

2018 Water Supply Capital Budget

Item #17C – Town of Whitby Road Program (Project W1899)

\$140,000

Unbudgeted Capital Request for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Security Guardhouse Retrofit, in the City of Pickering

- 4.6 This project includes technical and structural upgrading of the security guardhouse to more adequately meet the increased traffic flows resulting from recent and current plant expansion work, the increased number of employees, and more frequent hauler and delivery traffic.
- 4.7 The work will include a license plate recognition system and security cameras to help expedite staff entry to the facility while identifying vehicular traffic that requires further scrutiny before being granted entrance to the property.
- 4.8 This retrofit will bring the procedures and equipment of the guardhouse in line with current Regional security practices and other industry recommended security standards.
- 4.9 The estimated cost of this work is \$50,000 with financing reallocated from within the Sanitary Sewerage Capital budget as follows:

2017 Tangible Capital Asset Budget

Item #59 – Duffin Creek WPCP Gates and Perimeter Fencing \$50,000

5. Request for Award of Request for Proposals and Sole Source Negotiations as per Section 16.4

Engineering Services Agreement for Groundwater Modelling Updates in the Region (Project M0101)

- 5.1 RFP-1102-2018 for consulting engineering services for Groundwater Modelling Updates was released on March 5, 2018.
- 5.2 Based on the results of the evaluation process, RFP-1102-2018 was awarded to S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates at an upset limit not to exceed \$268,280* including disbursements.
- 5.3 Financing for the engineering services contract was provided from within the approved project budget.

Engineering Services Agreement to provide Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Services at the Durham York Energy Centre, in the Municipality of Clarington

- 5.4 RFP-1002-2018 for consulting engineering services to provide Ambient Air Modelling and Reporting Services at the Durham York Energy Centre over a four-year term was released on April 5, 2018.
- 5.5 Based on the results of the evaluation process, RFP-1002-2018 was awarded to RWDI Air Inc. at an upset limit not to exceed \$788,800* including disbursements over a four-year term.
- 5.6 Financing for the engineering services was provided from the 2018 and subsequent Solid Waste Management Operating Budgets for the Durham York Energy Centre.

Engineering Services Agreement for the Environmental Impact Study and Detailed Design for the Reconstruction of Zephyr Road, in the Township of Uxbridge (Project R1503)

- 5.7 RFP-1026-2018 for consulting engineering services for the Environmental Impact Study and Detailed Design for the Reconstruction of Zephyr Road (Regional Road 13) from Regional Road 39 to Concession Road 4, in the Township of Uxbridge was released on May 15, 2018.
- 5.8 Based on the results of the evaluation process, RFP-1026-2018 was awarded to BT Engineering at an upset limit not to exceed \$191,165* including disbursements.
- 5.9 Financing for the engineering services agreement was provided from the approved project budget.

Sole Source Approval for Maintenance Service and/or Parts Supply Agreements for Equipment Installed at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the City of Pickering

- 5.10 The Region and the Regional Municipality of York pre-purchased several major equipment components as part of the Stage 3 expansion activities and the Stage 1 and 2 Upgrade projects at the Duffin Creek WPCP.
- 5.11 Often, consumable spare parts, replacement components and other maintenance items can only be obtained through the original vendor or their authorized Ontario

representative, resulting in the requirement for sole sourced maintenance service and/or parts supply agreements.

- 5.12 For the equipment and services intended to be covered under the proposed agreements, the Ontario based authorized distributor or the manufacturer have been identified as OVIVO, PRO AQUA and Envirocare. In cases where more than one authorized distributor is located, the established competitive process will be followed.
- 5.13 Agreements will be negotiated for a period of up to five years, beginning in 2019, with an estimated annual cost of \$925,000*, with financing provided from the Sanitary Sewerage Operating budget for Duffin Creek WPCP.

6. Request for Approval of Lease Negotiations as per Section 16.5

Approval of Offer to Lease between the Region of Durham and 2389343 Ontario Inc. for the Durham Region Police Service Community Police Centre, in the Township of Uxbridge

- 6.1 The Durham Region Police Service (DRPS) have operated a community police centre in Uxbridge since 2002. Due to construction works in Uxbridge, the location occupied by DRPS is scheduled to be demolished.
- 6.2 To address DRPS' request to maintain a location in Uxbridge, a new office located at 307 Toronto Street, Unit #11 has been leased for a five-year term with annual lease payments of \$21,462 plus taxes, maintenance, insurance and utilities.
- 6.3 Financing for this Offer to Lease Agreement will be provided from the approved 2018 and subsequent Durham Region Police Service Operating budget for this facility.

7. Request for Approval of a Professional, Consulting, Engineering and/or Architectural Services Agreement as per Section 16.7

Engineering Services Agreement Awarded to The Municipal Infrastructure Group for the Detailed Design and Tender Preparation for the Krosno Creek Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Watermain Replacement on Sandy Beach Road, in the City of Pickering (Projects P1701 and P1702)

- 7.1 An engineering services agreement with The Municipal Infrastructure Group (TMIG) is has been entered into for the detailed design and tender preparation

for the proposed Krosno Creek sanitary sewer replacement and the replacement of a watermain on Sandy Beach Road, in the City of Pickering.

- 7.2 This project will take place in conjunction with the City of Pickering's project to reconstruct Sandy Beach Road, from Bayly Street to Montgomery Park Road. TMIG has been retained by Pickering to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and detailed design for the project.
- 7.3 An upset limit of \$96,567* including disbursements has been established for this agreement, with financing provided from the approved project budgets.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 The following schedule summarizes reallocations of financing of \$3,410,500 approved during the summer recess:

Project	Project Cost	Revised Project Cost	Total Increase
Additional Project Financing Under Section 16.1:			
• E.T Construction Inc. New Pedestrian Walkway RHQ (G1701) Whitby	\$186,500	\$234,000	\$47,500
• Todd Brothers Contracting Limited Sunderland Exfiltration Lagoon Cleanout (D1827) Brock Township	\$1,000,000	\$2,150,000	\$1,150,000
• Kapp Contracting Inc. regions Share Construction Britannia Avenue East Watermain, Oshawa (O1801)	\$300,000	\$640,000	\$340,000
• Esposito Bros. Construction Limited Bus Rapid Transit Road Improvements (R1303 and R1306)	\$5,831,533	\$7,514,533	\$1,683,000
Unbudgeted Capital over \$25,000 Under Section 16.2:			
• Cost Share with Township of Uxbridge Extend Watermain from pressure zone 1 to the Uxbridge Fire Hall	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000
• Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Security Guardhouse Retrofit Pickering	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$7,318,033	\$10,728,533	\$3,410,500

8.2 The following schedule summarizes awards made during the summer recess in the amount of \$6,077,622 (including \$5,521,610 for three multi-year awards) as follows:

RFP and Sole Source Awards Under Section 16.4	Upset Limit*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP-1102-2018 S.S Papadopoulus & Associates Engineering Services for Groundwater Modelling (M0101) 	\$268,280
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP-1002-2018 RWDI Air Inc. Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Services DYEC Clarington (4year term) 	\$788,800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP -1026-2018 BT Engineering Services for the Environmental Impact Study and Detailed Design of Zephyr Road (R1503) Uxbridge 	\$191,165
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sole Source Awards to OVIVO, PRO AQUA and Envirocare for service and/or parts for Equipment at The Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Department (five-year term - \$925,000* per annum) 	\$4,625,000
<p>Lease Agreement Under Section 16.5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2389343 Ontario Inc for lease approval of the DRPS Community Police Center. The amount excludes taxes, maintenance, insurance and utilities (five-year term - \$21,462* per annum) 	\$107,310
<p>Engineering Services Agreement Under Section 16.7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Municipal Infrastructure Group Detailed Design and Tender Preparation for the Krosno Creek Sanitary Sewer Replacement Sandy Beach Road Pickering (P1701 and P1702) 	\$96,567

9. Conclusion

9.1 In accordance with the Regional Municipality's Budget Management Policy, Committee of the Whole and Regional Council are to be advised of delegated authority exercised during a recess of Council.

9.2 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Jenni Demanuele for

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 12, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – October 5, 2018

Health
Department

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, Performance Reports, 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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

Updates For Committee Of The Whole

October 5, 2018

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://goo.gl/GM55Sa>

- Durham Region reports first human case of West Nile virus illness this season (Sept 11)

<https://goo.gl/hDxg4N>

- Tests of water samples indicate the presence of blue-green algae at Whitby beach (Sept 11)

<https://goo.gl/NjHda1>

- Health Department reminds residents and businesses near nuclear generating stations to get free supply of KI tablets (Sept 17)

<https://goo.gl/aBwXsN>

- Pharmacy Flu Temperature Log Requirements (Sept 19)

<https://goo.gl/bGZyYD>

- Durham Region Central Intake (Sept 19)

<https://goo.gl/3xXapS>

- Flu What's New? Product Availability in 2018/19 (Sept 20)

<https://goo.gl/cyVvnX>

- STOP Program: Support for Ontario smokers who wish to quit (Sept 20)

<https://goo.gl/T6TCHD>

- School-based Immunization Program Update (Sept 20)

<https://goo.gl/R8LdFV>

- Addiction Medicine: The Role of the Primary Care Provider (Sept 24)

<https://goo.gl/xQbk1Z>

- Influenza Vaccine Now Available for High Risk Clients Only (Sept 27)

<https://goo.gl/UwEPyq>

- Immunization Notice Time is Near! (Oct 1)

<https://goo.gl/7GJzST>

- Routine Vaccine Conversations for MSM Patients! (Oct 1)

Government Of Canada

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://goo.gl/ANsffc>

- New five-week parental sharing to start in March 2019 (Sept 27)

<https://goo.gl/6fiFuu>

- Launch of the new Canadian Benefit for Parents of Young Victims of Crime (Sept 28)

<https://goo.gl/yEknCJ>

- Federal investments in early learning and child care are helping middle-class families (Oct 5)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://goo.gl/Fp9DdR>

- Ministers McKenna and Wilkinson respond to the fall 2018 reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (Oct 2)

Health Canada

<https://goo.gl/26AWdi>

- Canadian Ban on Trans Fats Comes into Force Today (Sept 17)

<https://goo.gl/nAzUyQ>

- Health Canada Announce the Approach to Cost Recovery for the Regulation of Cannabis (Oct 5)

Infrastructure Canada

<https://goo.gl/9fcjts>

- Communities across Canada receive support for infrastructure planning, green innovation, and climate change resiliency initiatives (Sept 11)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://goo.gl/3A8TFt>

- Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health concerned about the risk of Salmonella illness from frozen raw breaded chicken products (Sept 13)

<https://goo.gl/7EHHK2>

- Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses Regarding Updated Data on Canada's Opioid Crisis (Sept 18)

<https://goo.gl/xjZDCY>

- Government of Canada investing in maternal and child health (Oct 4)

Transport Canada

<https://goo.gl/9wuDFG>

- Transport Canada speeds up removal of least crash-resistant rail tank cars from service (Sept 19)

<https://goo.gl/9GTG8d>

- Statement by the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, about child car seats (Oct 4)

Government Of Ontario

Office of the Premier

<https://goo.gl/y7G2Ci>

- Ontario Cancelling Outdated, Ineffective Drive Clean Program (Sept 28)

<https://goo.gl/ot1vtC>

- Ontario's Government for the People Taking Immediate Action to End Hallway Health Care (Oct 3)

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

<https://goo.gl/nXSCKr>

Ontario to Introduce Legislation to Move Forward with Tightly-Regulated Private Cannabis Retail Marketplace (Sept 26)

Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

<https://goo.gl/9VrxTQ>

- Statement by Minister Lisa MacLeod on the Expert Panel Report on the Deaths of Children and Youth in Residential Placements (Sept 25)

Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

<https://goo.gl/5NVk7u>

- Ontario's Government for the People Introduces Legislation to Repeal the Green Energy Act (Sept 20)

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<https://goo.gl/KdmED7>

- Ontario Files Arguments to Challenge the Federal Government's Carbon Tax (Sept 14)

<https://goo.gl/sDwUjr>

- Ontario Committed to Fighting Climate Change, Saving Taxpayers Money (Sept 24)

Ontario Ministry of Finance

<https://goo.gl/NkYLVA>

- Ontario Releases 2017-18 Public Accounts and Findings of the Independent Financial Commission of Inquiry (Sept 21)

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

<https://goo.gl/2tGmb7>

- Statement by Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on Overdose Prevention Sites and Supervised Consumption Services (Sept 28)

Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

<https://goo.gl/WAzQz2>

- Concussion Awareness Campaign to Reduce Injuries (Sept 26)

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

<https://goo.gl/Tduy47>

- Ontario's Government for the People Announces Largest GO Train Service Increase in Five Years (Sept 20)

Treasury Board Secretariat

<https://goo.gl/xueBr7>

- Ontario's Government for the People Restoring Trust and Accountability with Release of Line-by-Line Review (Sept 25)

Other Organizations

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

<https://goo.gl/683ZiL>

- *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* Regulation 268/18 Letter (Oct 4)

Canada Post

<https://goo.gl/6QgXA7>

- Canada Post stamp honours the country's paramedics (Sept 10)

Canada Research Chairs

<https://goo.gl/FKX8y6>

- Plan to increase women's leadership in higher education yields results (Sept 10)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

<https://goo.gl/3BsF4a>

- More Canadians would benefit from palliative care (Sept 19)

Conference Board of Canada

<https://goo.gl/kqTFw4>

- Majority of workplace learning taking place outside of the classroom (Sept 10)

Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences

<https://goo.gl/29jqrJ>

- Risk of problem gambling increases after traumatic brain injury (Sept 19)

<https://goo.gl/fhEav5>

- Serious events shortly after starting dementia drugs are dose-related: study (Sept 24)

<https://goo.gl/k3FV2F>

- Prescriptions for medications commonly used to treat ADHD have increased over the past 5 years in Ontario (Sept 25)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

<https://goo.gl/LTu4Mj>

- MHCC mobilizes to prevent suicide (Sept 10)

Office of the Auditor General of Canada

<https://goo.gl/wQWbzW>

- The Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development releases Fall Reports (Oct 2)

Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

<https://goo.gl/knVd1U>

- Ontario needs a strong replacement for climate change law (Sept 25)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

<https://goo.gl/H8fWSA>

- Privacy Commissioner denounces slow progress on fixing outdated privacy laws (Sept 27)

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

<https://goo.gl/BzhWCU>

- Ontario Child Advocate Urges Government to Take Immediate Action to Prevent Further Deaths in Residential Care (Sept 25)

Ombudsman Ontario

<https://goo.gl/6Dtqfd>

- Ombudsman Targets Province's Driver Licence Suspension System – Ministry Agrees to Modernize Cumbersome, Confusing Notification Process (Sept 28)

Ontario Medical Association

<https://goo.gl/FBZ8AX>

- Statement by the OMA regarding alleged details of its negotiations with the Ministry of Health regarding the Physician Services Agreement (Oct 5)

Ontario Provincial Police

<https://goo.gl/aPi5ib>

- OPP Report 156 Road Deaths Attributed to the “Big Four” (Oct 4)

Public Health Ontario

<https://goo.gl/zE8W8K>

- PHO Connections (Sept 26)

VIA Rail Canada

<https://goo.gl/YA2LvX>

- Rail Safety: VIA Rail's Employees Present In Over 25 Locations Across Canada This Week (Sept 24)

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board

<https://goo.gl/Fch4Rh>

- WSIB achieves historical financial milestone (Sept 26)

Members may wish to use the information in the AMO briefing document to help develop local information resources for their communities.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

JOINT FORUM OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Tuesday, September 24, 2018

A Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2018, at Regional Headquarters, LL-C Boardroom, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 5:15 PM

Present: Region of Durham AAC
Dawn Campbell
Councillor Joe Drumm
Kristine Galloway
Doreen Hume McKenna
Andre O'Bumsawin
Mike Roche
Sarah Sones
Mary Sutherland
Angela Gibson, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
Janet Traer, Accessibility Coordinator
Nela Prasad, Committee Clerk

Town of Ajax AAC
Sepelene Deonarine
Barb Dowds
Sarah Moore
Kathreen Smith
Heather Steeves

Township of Brock
Maralee Drake
Jolene Munro

Municipality of Clarington
Pinder DaSilva
Andrea Nicholson
Andre O'Bumsawin
Tim Van Leeuwen

City of Oshawa AAC
Lisa Hart
Lynda Lawson
Steven Moenster
Linda Tamburro

Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees - Minutes
September 24, 2018

City of Pickering AAC

Peter Bashaw
Tim Higgins
Dan Hughes

Township of Scugog AAC

Diana Fletcher

Township of Uxbridge AAC

Niko Pupella
Margaret McCreath

Town of Whitby AAC

Jeffrey Beaton
Michelle Cotton
Jim Lawrie

Other Attendees

Derek Bunn
Jodi Bussiere
Judy Christianson
Candace Cross
Lorraine Dunn
Donna Fox
Jason Hunt
Marko Ivancicevic
Monica Jain
Dixie Jones
Thea Kurdi
Sherri Munns
Bob Page
Debbie Page
Olivia Rennie
Dave Simpson
Tara Sneath
Nelly Temraz

1. Registration

Those in attendance took the opportunity to meet and greet other AAC members.

2. Opening Remarks

A. Gibson, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, welcomed new and returning members to the Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

3. Presentation - Universal Design – Thea Kurdi

A. Gibson introduced Thea Kurdi, Associate Accessibility and Universal Design Specialist, Designable Environments. A. Gibson stated that T. Kurdi has presented workshops, keynote addresses and lectures at local and international events for design professionals, building owners, and policymakers. She stated that T. Kurdi shares her passion for how accessibility is fundamental to successful architecture.

T. Kurdi provided an informative and engaging PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the creation of accessible environments through the application of regulations and universal design principles. She stated that approximately 1.9 million people report having a disability in Ontario, representing 15.5% of the population.

T. Kurdi stated that a disability can be categorized as a: mobility impairment; visual impairment; hearing impairment; cognitive impairment; learning disability; deaf-blind; speech and language impairment; dexterity impairment; and older persons, however, 70% of disabilities in general are “invisible” and can also include older persons, homeless persons with disabilities, overweight/larger people, children with disabilities, temporary disabilities and functional abilities. She advised that older persons have the highest disability rate of any group.

T. Kurdi provided an overview of universal design and advised that universal design addresses anthropometric requirements and needs for: women and shorter people; seniors; children with disabilities; families; people with mental disabilities; people who are short or little people; and people who do not read or speak the English language. She advised that there are 7 principles of universal design as follows:

- Equitable use
- Flexibility in use
- Simple and intuitive use
- Perceptible information
- Tolerance for Error
- Low Physical Effort
- Size and Space for Approach and Use

T. Kurdi reviewed the principle of Life Cycle Costing and provided the following examples of alternatives that can be incorporated and can impact both pending and future costs: drop off; rest areas; animal relief areas; doors; barrier-free washrooms; bathroom grab bars; toilets; kitchens; accessible recreation facilities; colour contrast; signage/wayfinding; track and recycling; laundry; and gardens.

T. Kurdi reviewed the legal requirements for accessibility as stated in the following two legislations: Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). She stated that homes should be 100% visit-able and adaptable for the following reasons: statistics; demographics; international agreements (Federal and Provincial laws); safer; homes are made easier to use by all family members and visitors; increased ability to live independently for longer; flexibility to adapt to changing needs of family members which makes future renovations less expensive; and market advantage.

T. Kurdi stated that the biggest mistake when designing homes, is to design for the able-bodied only.

The Committees recessed at 6:56 PM and reconvened at 7:10 PM.

4. Presentation - Barrier Free Fully Accessible Washroom Trailer – Derek Bunn

A. Gibson introduced Derek Bunn, Special Education Teacher, Sutton District High School, York Region. A. Gibson stated that D. Bunn has been supporting young adults in education and adults in Community Living for 20 years. D. Bunn has experience working with children with physical disabilities, young adults who are non-verbal and students with autism, cerebral palsy, global developmental delay, and multiple sclerosis. Through his experiences he recognized a lack of support systems for children, adults and seniors living with physical disabilities. As a special education teacher with the York Region District School Board, D. Bunn advocates for change in his community and has worked to create the barrier free fully accessible washroom.

D. Bunn stated that the following reasons are behind his proposal for a barrier free fully accessible washroom:

- Improve accessibility – to purchase a barrier free mobile washroom trailer that would be used exclusively by children, adults, seniors who cannot use the existing “handicapped” washroom/stalls because of severe physical needs
- Respect and dignity – to provide a respectful location/accommodation for severely disabled children/adults/seniors for medical and hygiene needs
- Integration/participation – to assist physically disabled children, adults and seniors to participate in their community and to live meaningful lives

D. Bunn stated that there are no washrooms with change tables and lift systems in York Region to assist the population of severely physically challenged children, adults and seniors with medical needs. As a result, this population is not accessing the many fairs, events and festivals offered in their community. He stated that currently there are usually 1 or 2 large handicapped stalls or portable units for people who can transfer themselves from their wheelchair and back. People with severe physical challenges must either be lifted from their wheelchair onto a floor or be left unchanged.

D. Bunn stated that interior features of the barrier free fully accessible washroom trailer include: lift system; change table; sink; toilet; air-conditioning; electric heat; water tank; push button door opening/lock; call/emergency button; and automatic doors. He stated that the trailer was first unveiled at the Invictus Games Toronto 2017 and since then has been at the following events: official ribbon cutting ceremony in Stouffville (2018); BBQ fest in Georgina (2018); Ribfest in Stouffville (2018); Ribfest in Aurora (2018); Student Hoedown/Magna Hoedown in Aurora (2018); Fall Fair in Markham (2018); and the Buttertart Festival in Georgina (2018).

D. Bunn stated that the purchase price of the trailer is \$125,000 plus tax. He advised that the operational cost is \$500 per event and stated that showing support of the barrier free fully accessible washroom will have a significant impact on assisting children, adults and seniors live better lives in their communities.

5. Accessibility Awards Presentation

A. Gibson advised that The Regional Municipality of Durham recognizes the importance of an accessible community. A. Gibson advised that each year the Regional Municipality of Durham honours individuals, services or local businesses that have improved accessibility in their community. Nominations for the Awards are made by the local Accessibility Advisory Committees of the municipalities within Durham Region. A Gibson stated that each award recipient has succeeded in removing or preventing a barrier and their efforts have helped to ensure that citizens have access to meaningful involvement and full participation in their community.

M. Sutherland and S. Sones joined A. Gibson to present the awards and thank each recipient.

Town of Ajax – Award Recipient – Olivia Rennie

A. Gibson advised that Ms. Rennie recently graduated from the University of Toronto, completing her studies in neuroscience and psychology. Ms. Rennie has always wanted to make a difference in the accessibility community and was inspired to pursue these dreams after taking Politics of Disability, a course taught by former Lieutenant Governor and accessibility advocate, David Onley. Over the years, she has collaborated with University of Toronto's accessibility services and has worked alongside faculty regarding the development of a new Disability Studies program. Ms. Rennie also volunteers with the Hospital for Sick Kids and the Distress Centre in Durham and has partnered with the Town of Ajax as a Youth Accessibility Leader.

Ms. Olivia Rennie accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Township of Brock – Award Recipients – Beaverton Legion Branch 135

A. Gibson stated that Beaverton Legion Branch 135 has gone above and beyond in their efforts to become a barrier free environment. They were rewarded with a Trillium grant from the Provincial Government in 2014, which they used to install barrier free doors to the entrance of their building. Following the installation of the barrier free doors, they received the official designation as a disaster relief centre for the community of Beaverton. In 2016, they received a New Horizons for Seniors grant which was used to install barrier free doors for both the ladies and men's washrooms. Accessible doors to get into and within their branch is an asset for their members.

Mr. Bob Page, Treasurer of the Beaverton Legion Branch 135, accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Municipality of Clarington - Award Recipients – Swiss Chalet

A. Gibson advised that the Swiss Chalet Restaurant in Bowmanville has shown their willingness to support persons with disabilities by hiring and providing meaningful work for them. Doing so gives their employees the opportunity for a positive experience, adding to their self worth and self esteem and allowing them to contribute to their community. The building has an accessible door entry and the staff are very supportive in providing any assistance that may be required.

Mr. Tim Van Leeuwen, Clarington AAC member and Ms. Andrea Nicholson, Accessibility Coordinator, Clarington AAC, accepted the award and congratulations on behalf of Mr. Mark Chen, General Manager of the Bowmanville Swiss Chalet from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Oshawa – Award Recipient – Marko Ivancicevic

A. Gibson advised that Mr. Ivancicevic joined the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2010 and has been instrumental in the creation of a medical marijuana working group committee that has researched and provided education about the medicinal benefits of cannabis for people with disabilities and the legislated changes as it relates to the municipality.

Mr. Marko Ivancicevic accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Township of Scugog – Award Recipient – Tara Sneath

A. Gibson advised that Ms. Tara Sneath is a teacher at the Practical Learning Program at Port Perry High School. She has been instrumental in creating an awareness of the diverse employment and social needs of individuals with disabilities, providing insight and education to the Accessibility Committee and staff at large about the diversity of accessibility needs in the community, as well as highlighting the need for AODA compliance for accessibility and a “person centered” approach.

Ms. Tara Sneath accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Township of Uxbridge – Award Recipient – Jodi Bussiere, Uxbridge Physiotherapy

A. Gibson advised that Ms. Jodi Bussiere is the owner of Uxbridge Physiotherapy, which has been serving the Uxbridge and surrounding areas for over 15 years and has a solid reputation within the local health care community. A. Gibson advised that Uxbridge Physiotherapy has moved to an accessible location to better serve their patients with mobility and accessibility challenges. A. Gibson advised that Ms. Bussiere treats people of all ages and abilities and believes in the team approach to treatment. Ms. Bussiere and her team exemplifies accessibility leadership not just through access to their building but also with their commitment to accessible customer service.

Ms. Jodi Bussiere accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

**Town of Whitby – Award Recipient – Nelly Temraz, JointAction
Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre**

A. Gibson advised that Ms. Nelly Temraz is a Physiotherapist and owner of JointAction Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre. The Home Care Physiotherapy program at JointAction Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre caters to those who require physiotherapy services, but have difficulty leaving their home due to mobility issues. The program allows for a Registered Physiotherapist to visit a client's home to assist in recovery from surgery, increase mobility or better adapt to their home environment. The visit includes a thorough assessment and treatment plan and is offered in Whitby, Brooklin, Oshawa and Courtice.

Ms. Nelly Temraz accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

A. Gibson thanked all the recipients for their leadership and commitment in make Durham a more inclusive and accessible region.

6. Presentation – Accessible Play Spaces for All – Dawn Campbell

A. Gibson introduced Dawn Campbell. She stated that D. Campbell is a passionate educator and has dedicated over 20 years to breaking down barriers for people with disabilities. She was awarded the International Day for Persons with Disabilities Access Award for Kingston in 2011. D. Campbell has worked for the Canadian Paralympic Committee, the Rick Hansen Foundation, and has recently joined Onix Canada where she will continue to work nationally in accessibility to help governments, higher education, school boards and companies become compliant to information and technology for accessibility legislation.

D. Campbell provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Accessible Play Spaces for All. She stated that it's important to understand the demographics, the statistics and the law with regards to accessible play spaces. She stated that play is essential for a child's physical, social, and emotional well-being and that physical activity is associated with a reduced risk of over 25 chronic conditions. Play encourages children to solve problems, make decisions, interact with people and objects, develop language, and encourage symbolic thinking. She stated that children with disabilities have a higher risk of social isolation and experience less diversity of activities and less social activities.

D. Campbell stated that accessible playgrounds can include separate swings to cater to kids with autism etc., sun shades, raised sandboxes, swings for families, sensory playgrounds (with sound garden, fragrance garden, musical areas), and adult playgrounds with equipment. She stated that there are many online courses and information to get better acquainted with accessibility in play spaces.

7. Adjourment

A. Gibson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their dedication and hard work in making accessibility a priority.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.