



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2019-INFO-66](#)
Date: October 4, 2019

Subject:

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, 2019 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 17th annual Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) farm tour event which was held at Willowtree Farm in the Township of Scugog on September 12, 2019.

2. Background

2.1 Since the inaugural tour in 2003, DAAC has showcased more than 40 farms and other agricultural facilities across Durham Region to more than 1,200 participants.

3. Event Overview

3.1 Approximately 114 participants representing municipal and provincial government; public agencies including conservation authorities, school boards, post-secondary institutions; municipal advisory and economic development committees; financial and insurance industry; the agricultural community; and media attended the annual event and had the opportunity to learn from the agricultural community. The tour highlighted the importance of Durham's diverse agricultural sector, as well as some of the issues and challenges faced by the industry.

- 3.2 The theme for this year's tour was "Farm to Table in Durham Region", which covered a variety of topics including: crop production; livestock operations; and on-farm processing and farm-related retail.
- 3.3 Charles Stevens and his daughter, Courtney Stevens, from Wilmot Orchards in Newcastle, delivered the keynote address during lunch. The presentation included information about:
- the history of their farm;
 - farm succession planning; and
 - how their business has grown and adapted to the changing market demands, through marketing and on-farm value-added activities.
- 3.4 Following the lunch and keynote address, participants rotated through three presentation stations at the farm organized by Willowtree Farm, highlighting the following topics:
- a. **Crops** – Kelty McKay took participants on a wagon tour of the fields. She provided an overview of the many crops grown on the farm, including: asparagus, soybeans, tomatoes, peppers, leaks, lettuce, potatoes, melon, strawberries, cucumbers, broccoli, squash, and zucchini, and explained their lifecycles. In addition, Kelty informed participants that Willowtree grows their own feed for their livestock and recognizes the relationship between the livestock and the growing of crops. The farm also produces maple syrup and hosts various events throughout the year. The farm's environmental practices were also highlighted, including on-site solar panels, reusable packaging, soil conservation and management practices including the use of cover crops, and how Willowtree works with the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority to maintain and restore natural areas on their property.
 - b. **Livestock** – Jordan McKay took participants through the barn and provided an overview of Willowtree's livestock operation including discussion on the different breeds and lifecycle of the livestock they have on the farm; biosecurity; how livestock are taken care for; predators; grading and regulations; where they source different meats they sell in their farm store in addition to their own meat; and how they work with governments around by-laws and regulations as they scale their business. He explained the growing demand for residents to come to farms for the farm experience, the need to ensure this interest is enabled from a policy perspective, and the need to ensure the health and safety of visitors.

- c. **On-farm processing and farm-related retail** – Alex McKay and Casey Chessman provided a tour of Willowtree’s pack shed and storage facility that houses cold and dry storage; processing facilities; and an area for sorting, washing and packing food for wholesale, farmers markets, school fundraiser program and the farm’s Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The CSA program offers “shares” of fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, and eggs. These are delivered to over 350 families weekly during the summer growing season and bi-weekly the rest of the year. At this station, participants were also shown the greenhouse and some of the equipment used on the farm. Willowtree Farm also picks up food from the Ontario Food Terminal in Toronto for other local farmers. Surplus produce is preserved in their kitchen facility on-site so that very little waste is generated. Willowtree also works with the Junior Farmers organization on occasion.

3.5 At the event, Durham Farm Fresh, Durham Region Economic Development, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, Friends of the Greenbelt, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs had displays for attendees to gain information on their organizations.

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, a hard copy survey was distributed at the Farm Tour, and a link to an electronic survey was sent to all participants. There were 38 responses received. Nearly half of those responses were from first-time attendees. Based on the responses, all participants agreed the tour met or exceeded their expectations. Some general comments were:

- Exceptionally well organized and informative event!
- The hosts were great. They were accessible and shared great insight into their farm operations.
- I could not have asked for a better location; to be able to tour the farm operation was extremely valuable.
- I really wish all municipal elected officials would attend to help understand the impacts when making policy and decisions.
- Very well done. One of the best I can remember in recent history! Job well done!!

4.2 Participants were asked what the “Take Home” message was for them. Responses included:

- Agriculture plays a big role in our economy, everyday lives, and there is so much that goes into growing and managing farmland and livestock than most are probably aware of.
- Agri-tourism is a valuable asset in our area.
- Value-added agriculture is a job creator in rural communities.
- The farming industry is complex and diverse, and it is not the same type of operation as it has been in the past.
- Having better insight/info on farm businesses and the challenges they face was helpful. It will help Kawartha Conservation to develop programs that support and work in conjunction with these landowners.
- There needs to be less red tape. Processes need to be streamlined so that businesses aren’t handicapped by protocols and policies.
- That farmers in Durham deeply care about building a strong community, promoting food and health awareness and being excellent stewards of the land.

5. Conclusion

5.1 DAAC is 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.

5.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Area Municipalities, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance, and DAAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2019-INFO-67](#)
Date: October 4, 2019

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the September 9, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarizes decisions made by the Regional Land Division Committee¹ at its meeting of September 9, 2019 (see Attachment 1). The approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. No appeals are recommended.

2. Background

2.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

3. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart for the September 9, 2019 Meeting

¹ The Regional Land Division Committee (LDC) was created by Regional Council on December 19, 1973 to make independent decisions on the disposition of consent applications (e.g. severance, right-of-way, lot line adjustment) that have been submitted to the Region for approval under the Planning Act. The Committee consists of eight lay-citizen members (one representing each area municipality), that are appointed by council for a four year term. The current Chair is Gerri Lynn O'Connor, the Township of Uxbridge's representative. The LDC meets monthly and considers approximately 150 consent applications per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, September 9, 2019

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, October 08, 2019

| LD File Number | Owner | Location | Nature of Application | Regional Official Plan | LDC Decision |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| LD 151/2018 | Greig, James Herbert | Part lot 19, Conc. 9 City of Pickering | Consent to sever a vacant 1.147 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 0.193 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 099/2019 | Karakolis, Tasse Karakolis, Georgia | Part lot 6, Conc. Range 3 Town of Ajax | Consent to sever a vacant 557.9 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,301.3 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 100/2019 | c/o Fiera Properties Limited | Part lot 21, Conc. BFC Town of Whitby | Consent to grant an access and servicing easement over a 9,392.5 m2 industrial parcel of land in favour of the property to the south, retaining a 85,636.40 m2 industrial parcel of land. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 101/2019 | c/o Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP | Part lot 21, Conc. BFC Town of Whitby | Consent to grant a 9,382.60 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the north, retaining a 54,408.40 m2 industrial parcel of land. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 102/2019 | Miller, Sharon | Part lot 21, Conc. 5 Town of Whitby | Consent to grant a 18,327.1 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the south, retaining a 18,669.8 m2 commercial parcel of land. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |

| LD File Number | Owner | Location | Nature of Application | Regional Official Plan | LDC Decision |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| LD 103/2019 | Miller, Sharon | Part lot 21, Conc. 5 Town of Whitby | Consent to grant a 18,327.1 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the north, retaining a 18,698 m2 commercial parcel of land. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 104/2019 | Vanhaverbeke, Edmond | Part lot 28, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington | Consent to add a vacant 2,557.5 m2 residential parcel of land to the west, retaining a 824 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing barn to be demolished. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 105/2019 | Cryderman, Quinn | Part lot 28, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington | Consent to add a 553.1 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing garage and shed to the east, retaining a 470 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 106/2019 | Matt Savage & John McLean | Part lot 27, Conc. 2 Twp. of Uxbridge | Consent to sever a 22.8 ha agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 208.66 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing golf course. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 107/2019 | Gosse, Ron | Part lot 15, Conc. 5 Twp. of Brock | Consent to add a 0.0038 ha residential parcel of land to the west, retaining a 0.152 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 109/2019 | Bancan Homes Inc. | Part lot 21, Conc. 1 City of Pickering (former Pickering) | Consent to sever a vacant 322.85 m2 residential parcel of land retaining, a 728.21 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |

| LD File Number | Owner | Location | Nature of Application | Regional Official Plan | LDC Decision |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| LD 110/2019 | Bancan Homes Inc. | Part lot 21, Conc. 1 City of Pickering (former Pickering) | Consent to sever a vacant 219.64 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 508.57 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 111/2019 | Bancan Homes Inc. | Part lot 21, Conc. 1 City of Pickering (former Pickering) | Consent to sever a vacant 219.74 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 288.83 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |
| LD 112/2019 | Leask, William Leask, Patricia | Part lot Lot 20, Conc. 6 Twp. of Uxbridge | Consent to add a vacant 0.866 ha agricultural parcel of land to the east, retaining an 18 ha agricultural parcel of land. | Conforms | Approved unanimously |

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Report: [2019-INFO-68](#)
Date: October 4, 2019

Subject:

Continuous Improvement and Modernization

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on continuous improvement and modernization activities underway across the Regional Municipality of Durham.

2. Background

2.1 The Region of Durham is currently developing a new strategic plan to set priorities for 2020 – 2024, focus the efforts of staff, and strengthen operations. As part of this comprehensive and multi-pronged planning process, emphasis is being placed on modernizing operations to maintain a high standard of customer service. To guide these efforts, in March 2019 Department Heads identified key areas for improvement and modernization across Regional departments and services. In addition, some departments are identifying processes and systems in need of modernization and beginning to implement improvements.

2.2 Through the month of July 2019, Leading Edge Group conducted on-site meetings with Durham Region's Senior Leadership Team, toured key operations facilities, and reviewed key strategic documents and plans in order to conduct an objective assessment of the current state of continuous improvement, innovation, and organizational culture across the corporation. These activities

identified strengths, gaps, and opportunities to inform and prioritize continuous improvement actions to improve organizational outcomes.

3. Continuum of Modernization

- 3.1 Building on Durham Region's long-standing commitment to service excellence, staff are currently engaged in a broad range of modernization efforts and activities across all Regional departments. This continuum of modernization ranges from upgrading internal digital infrastructure and streamlining by-laws and policies, to enriching economic development activities and increasing access and efficiencies in service delivery processes.
- 3.2 Technological innovations are underway across the corporation. Regional departments are transitioning to digital solutions to increase efficiencies, improve integration and use of data, and enhance the service experience for Durham's citizens. Further, these advancements will reduce long-standing reliance on paper, supporting the corporation's shift towards environmentally conscious solutions. Examples are listed in table 1.

Table 1: Examples of Technological Innovations

| Initiative | Objectives | Outcomes / Efficiencies | Department |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Modernizing Regional information technology systems | Modernize Regional information technology systems, including: Call Centre Software, Financial Management and Human Resources systems | Enhanced customer experience, financial savings, process efficiencies through reducing manual processes for staff | Corporate Services / Finance |
| Modernized Durham Regional digital marketing strategy | Modernize (i.e. digitize) the Region's marketing strategy to increase awareness of the Regional value proposition for investment | Reach key target audiences more effectively; financial savings through more effective use of marketing budget | Planning and Economic Development |
| Digital mental health services platform | Implement an evidence-based and web-based platform that measures, monitors and assesses mental health intervention outcomes while engaging clients | Platform will provide actionable data and analysis to inform evidence-based divisional decision-making, planning, and process improvements Efficiencies include staff resource time & streamlined responsive service for people with mental health challenges | Social Services |

| Initiative | Objectives | Outcomes / Efficiencies | Department |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | leading to improved overall treatment outcomes | |
| Cloud-based health inspection tools | Upgrade inspection reporting tool from server to cloud-based to increase efficiency by supporting remote access to information and real-time reporting | Administrative budget savings and customer service improvements through providing the public with real-time inspection results | Health |
| Digital signage at Regional Headquarters | Implement digital signage and building directions at Regional Headquarters | Improved customer service | Corporate Services |
| Transit route map production software | Use freeware to automatically produce public facing schedules | Creates cost avoidance by adding employee capacity (estimated \$25,000 in savings) | Transit |
| Digital water supply management | Improve supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) through upgrades, including digitization. | Improved operational efficiencies; improved electronic data monitoring; and transition from end of life "hard copy" recording equipment to modern digital systems will result in administrative efficiencies | Works |

3.3 In addition, a wide range of improvements to administrative and service delivery processes are underway, along with the review and streamlining of several Regional by-laws. These efforts are aimed at increasing access to services, reducing duplication, and improving efficiency. Examples are listed in table 2.

Table 2: Examples of Administrative and Service Delivery Process Improvements

| Initiative | Objectives | Outcomes / Efficiencies | Department |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Headquarters space modernization | Redesign office space at headquarters and other Regional sites | Building redesign will allow for greater capacity at Regional facilities. It will also defer future capital for building expansion (estimated potential savings of \$92M) | Works |

| Initiative | Objectives | Outcomes / Efficiencies | Department |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Planning for Durham 311 | Streamline the existing 12 customer service lines into a single access point for citizens | Enhanced customer experience through streamlined processes resulting in long-term financial savings | Corporate Services |
| North Durham Transit Strategy | Identify best practices for transit services in low-density markets (i.e. North Durham) | Increased access to transit across northern Durham | Transit |
| Vibrant north Durham strategy | Enhance tourism and economic development in North Durham and modernize business strategy in North Durham | More effective delivery of tourism programming; increased economic growth in the tourism industry in the three northern Townships; improved Regional services and increased efficiency of services for business expansion and retention; and increased economic activity, improved services to retain and expand existing businesses | Planning and Economic Development |
| Mental health and counselling services for adults in receipt of Ontario Works | Provide adults in receipt of Ontario Works with timely access to mental health and counselling services that address mental health and personal challenges and increase self-sufficiency and attachment to the labour force | Enhanced client service as individuals receive the service they need; reduction in wait time for clients from 2-3 months to 2-3 weeks; enables the development of data tracking to identify client employability after receiving support | Social Services |
| Healthline harmonization project | Develop a single call-in line for the Population Health, Health Protection, and Oral Health Divisions | Improved customer service and process improvements | Health |
| Tree by-law review and update | Review and update the Region's 2008 tree by-law | Harmonization of processes with area municipalities, improved | Planning and Economic Development |

| Initiative | Objectives | Outcomes / Efficiencies | Department |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| | | customer service, time savings and cost recovery | |
| Purchasing by-law review and update | Increase efficiency in the Regional approvals process | Time savings through streamlining the approval process; enhanced fiscal sustainability | Finance |
| Business planning and budget management policies and processes review update | Review and streamline business planning and budget processes to ensure business planning and budget allocations are aligned with Region's strategic plan and other key planning documents and studies | Ensure that the Region of Durham remains an industry leader in business plans and budgets | Finance |

3.4 With more than fifty continuous improvement and modernization initiatives underway across the Region, focus is now being placed on quantifying efficiencies, savings, and service quality as a result of these investments. For example, there is an estimated \$92M savings that will be realized through the Headquarters Space Modernization initiatives when compared to the estimated costs associated with having to expand Regional Headquarters. Staff across Regional departments are closely monitoring the progress of each initiative and key areas of impact are being examined.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Continuously striving for improvement is the foundation of innovation. The Region of Durham is acting on new ideas, embracing modern operating methods and new ways of delivering services, and harnessing innovative technologies to increase efficiencies and maximize resources. The above listed examples represent a sample of the many modernization and continuous improvement projects currently underway across the Region. Combined, these efforts and activities are enhancing the capacity of the organization to deliver high quality programs and client-centred services to the citizens of Durham Region, and addressing the needs of Durham's growing communities.

4.2 Leading Edge Group highlighted a positive foundation of continuous improvement and innovation from which to build in the years ahead. Specifically, high ratings were noted in areas such as strategy commitment, leadership, emphasis on quality, and the application of technology to processes. Opportunities to formalize an integrated approach to continuous improvement and innovation as part of the next five-year strategy were also highlighted.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Regional departments are monitoring and measuring service improvements, efficiencies, and savings associated with investments in modernization. These efforts are in alignment with, and are informing, the development of Durham Region's new strategic plan and priorities for 2020 – 2024. Impacts and outcomes associated with these efforts will be reported through Committee and Council reports, as well as through strategic plan status updates and progress reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by

Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



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October 1, 2019

Works Department
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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Regional Council, I am very pleased to present the enclosed certificate proclaiming October 21-27, 2019, as Waste Reduction Week in Durham Region.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH' with a long, sweeping underline.

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO





THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

Certificate of Proclamation

Presented to

Department of Works

On behalf of the Council of
The Regional Municipality of Durham
it is my pleasure to proclaim the week of
October 21-27, 2019 as

Waste Reduction Week

in Durham Region



John Henry
Regional Chair & CEO





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October 1, 2019

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Kindest personal regards,

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John Henry
Regional Chair & CEO





THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

Certificate of Proclamation

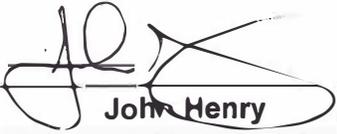
Presented to

Department of Works

On behalf of the Council
of the Regional Municipality of Durham
it is my pleasure to proclaim October 23, 2019 as

Imagine a Day Without Water

in Durham Region


John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO





September 27, 2019

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk
Region of Durham
Sent via email to: clerks@durham.ca

Re: Regional Governance Review

Dear Mr. Walton:

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed at the September 9, 2019 Township of Scugog General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting and was ratified at the September 23, 2019 Township of Scugog Council meeting:

“WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is undertaking a Regional government Review to examine governance, decision-making and service delivery functions of Ontario’s eight regional municipalities, Simcoe County and all respective lower-tier municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Special Advisors have included within the scope of their review, consideration of moving to single-tier municipalities or amalgamating existing municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Regional Governance Review Terms of Reference for Special Advisors Michael Fenn and Ken Seiling states that all materials produced by the Special Advisors, including research, analysis, reports and recommendations are the exclusive property of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and may be released publicly at the discretion of the Ministry; and

WHEREAS the Regional Governance Review must be transparent in the interest of accountability and in consideration of the potential impacts to local and regional municipal governments and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has requested that the report of the Special Advisors to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, containing the findings and recommendations be made public; and

.../2

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Scugog endorse AMCTO's position and request that the report prepared by the Special Advisors, regarding the Regional Governance Review, be publicly released immediately upon its completion and presentation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all Durham Region municipalities, the Region of Durham, Minister Steve Clark and all Durham Region MPP's."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Paul Newman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Paul Newman
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Sent by Email

September 30, 2019

Jason McMartin
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
The Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron
4861 Highway 17
P.O. Box 630
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Subject: Council Resolution 2019-160 – Forced Amalgamation, Ontario Municipalities
Corr. 25-19
File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on September 23, 2019 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 25-19, dated August 15, 2019, from the Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron, regarding Council Resolution 2019-160, Forced Amalgamation, Ontario Municipalities, be endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

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:rm
Enclosure

Copy: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock
Anne Greentree, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
Mary Medeiros, Interim City Clerk, City of Oshawa
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Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
Christopher Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Chief Administrative Officer

Sent by Email

September 27, 2019

Christine Tarling
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk
Corporate Services Department
City of Kitchener
200 King Street West, P.O. Box 1118
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Subject: Producer Requirements for Packaging in Ontario
 Corr. 27-19
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Yours truly,



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September 6, 2019

Dear Municipal Colleagues:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 26, 2019, passed the following resolution regarding producer requirements for packaging in Ontario:

“WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, has posted a discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”; and,

WHEREAS producer responsibility has not been adequately addressed by the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS a successful deposit/return program for single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers has been in existence in other Provinces in Canada including Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and British Columbia; and,

WHEREAS these successful programs have eliminated many of these containers from the natural environment; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener is committed to climate action and understanding our role as a municipality in a globalized world and the need to be prepared for the effects of climate change; and,

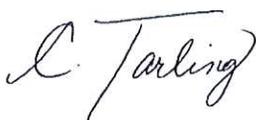
WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has declared a climate emergency with the directive to provide continued support to corporate and community climate action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener call upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”, to review and implement a deposit/return program for recycled plastics, aluminum and metal drink containers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be requested to review producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Region of Waterloo and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario."

Yours truly,

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C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

Sent by Email

September 30, 2019

Judy Smith
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King St. W.
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Subject: Resolution Regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario
Corr. 29-19
File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on September 23, 2019 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 29-19, dated September 12, 2019, from Judy Smith, Director Municipal Governance, Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario, be endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

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:rm

Enclosure

Copy: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Chief Administrative Officer

September 12, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2S9

Re: Resolution Regarding Provincial Funding Cuts to Legal Aid Ontario

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on September 9, 2019 endorsed the following resolution;

"Whereas, the Chatham-Kent Legal Clinic (the "Clinic") has delivered legal services in Chatham-Kent (the "Municipality") for over 38 years to area residents who cannot afford legal assistance because of financial hardship – including those who are disabled, on social assistance, pensioners, the unemployed, or those with low income;

And Whereas, the Clinic's services are aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to meet their most basic needs, which in turn gives them the ability to live with health and dignity as active members of their community;

And Whereas, like other community legal clinics across the province, the Clinic carries out this invaluable work through funding provided by Legal Aid Ontario ("LAO");

And Whereas, the provincial government's 2019 Budget has cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario by \$133 Million – which is a 35% reduction in provincial funding – retroactive to April 1, 2019, with cuts rising to \$164 Million (45%) by 2021-22;

And Whereas, these significant cuts will result in a reduction of critical legal clinic services to low income residents in our community resulting in adverse social and economic consequences for the Municipality served by the Clinic – from

- increased reliance on municipal services including increased homelessness resulting from avoidable evictions,
- increased poverty resulting from lack of income supports and employment supports and

- increased reliance on social assistance administration resulting from people being denied appropriate supports

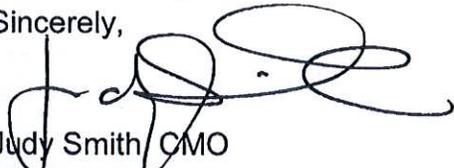
And Whereas, the Council of the Municipality believes all levels of government should provide fair, economically-sound, and evidence-based programs and supports to help low-income residents, vulnerable people, and other equity-seeking individuals escape poverty, precarious housing, and systemic disadvantage, realize their full potential by living healthy and safe lives.

Be it therefore resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent forward a letter to local MPPs, the Attorney General and the Premier of Ontario (and all municipalities in Ontario)

- expressing its strong support for Legal Aid Ontario and its funding of Ontario's community legal clinics, and specifically the Chatham-Kent Legal Clinic, which provides legal services to low income and vulnerable Ontarians;
- expressing its strong opposition to the funding cuts imposed on Legal Aid Ontario by the provincial government;
- calling upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice and to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and
- urging the province to restore full funding to these critical services to ensure that all the residents of Chatham-Kent have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at 519-360-1998 Ext # 3200.

Sincerely,



Judy Smith CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

C
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario

Sent by Email

September 30, 2019

Charlene Touzel
City Clerk
City of Brantford
P.O. Box 818
Brantford, ON N3T 5R7

Subject: Endorsement of LUMCO Resolution regarding Retail Cannabis Stores
Corr. 20-19
File: A-1400-001-19

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on September 23, 2019 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 20-19, dated July 3, 2019, from the City of Brantford, regarding the Endorsement of LUMCO Resolution regarding Retail Cannabis Stores, be endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

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:rm

Enclosure

Copy: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer
Director, Corporate Services & City Solicitor



July 3, 2019

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

Dear Premier:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held June 25, 2019 adopted the following:

Endorsement of LUMCO Resolution regarding Retail Cannabis Stores

- A. THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario be advised that Brantford City Council ENDORSES the following Resolution adopted by LUMCO (Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario) at its May 24, 2019 Meeting:

WHEREAS in April 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, and Bill C-46, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, outlining plans to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario responded with corresponding legislation, the Cannabis Control Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, the Cannabis License Act, 2018, and Bill 36- Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018; and

WHEREAS collectively, this legislation created a regulatory regime effective October 17, 2018 that allows Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older to: 1. Purchase recreational cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store 2. Possess up to 30 grams of cannabis 3. Grow up to four (4) cannabis plants per household 4. Purchase cannabis from a provincially approved private retail supplier as of April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario were given until January 22, 2019 to choose if retail cannabis stores will be prohibited within their borders and those that "opted out" may at a later date by resolution of their respective Council, lift the prohibition and permit them in the future; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 468/18 permits limited municipal regulatory control over location and zoning, licensing and spatial separation to sensitive land uses other than a school as defined by the Education Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) recommends that additional local regulatory controls be approved by the Province of Ontario around retail cannabis stores that would: A. Provide a municipality with the unrestricted ability to control the location of retail cannabis stores through zoning; and, B. In the alternative to A; 1) Limit the concentration and number of cannabis retail stores in any one municipality by introducing a minimum distance separation measure between retail stores (minimum 500 metres); and, 2) That cannabis stores be restricted to a Commercial Zone or Area which permits retail stores; and 3) Clearly defining sensitive land uses, in addition to schools, which would be impacted by having a retail cannabis store located adjacent to them. Such other sensitive land uses would include, but not be limited to, day cares, colleges and universities, community centres, nursing homes, libraries and actively programmed municipal parks; and, 4) That the current minimum distance separation of 150 meters from a cannabis retail store to a school be increased to a minimum of 500 metres from any sensitive land use to be defined as noted in paragraph 3 above; and C. That all municipalities that have approved retail cannabis stores to be located in their jurisdictions receive 50% of ALL excise tax collected by the Province of Ontario on the sale of cannabis; not limited to revenues in excess of \$100 million; and

THAT upon adoption of this Resolution by LUMCO, it be presented to all Ontario Municipal Councils with a request to endorse and that the municipally adopted resolutions then be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario's office;

Further, THAT members of the LUMCO Retail Cannabis Committee request a meeting with Minister Doug Downey regarding this resolution and to also request the AMO Board add this topic as an agenda item for discussion at the August 2019 AMO Annual Conference.

- B. THAT a copy of this Resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Your attention with regard to this important matter is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Charlene Touzel
City Clerk

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Phil McColeman, MP, Brantford-Brant
Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Other Municipalities in the Province of Ontario



Town of Whitby

Office of the Town Clerk

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September 27, 2019

Via Email:

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk

Region of Durham

clerks@durham.ca

Re: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 25-19
Commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)

Please be advised that at a meeting held on September 23, 2019 the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 252-19:

1. That Council endorse in principle the commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), including pledging to reduce and avoid GHG emissions, prepare for the impacts of Climate Change, increase access to sustainable energy, and track progress towards these objectives;
2. That the Mayor of Whitby endorse the Global Covenant of Mayors on behalf of Council; and.
3. That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution and a copy of Report CAO 25-19 to the Region of Durham, Whitby's M.P. and M.P.P and all major party candidates for Whitby in the upcoming federal election.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Initiatives Division of the Chief Administrative Officer Office at 905.430.4338.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Narraway".

Kevin Narraway

Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Attach: CAO 25-19

Copy: S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives

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Town of Whitby Staff Report

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**Report Title: Commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors
 (GCoM)**

Report to: Committee of the Whole

Date of meeting: September 16, 2019

Report Number: CAO 25-19

Department(s) Responsible:

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Submitted by:

Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives

**Acknowledged by M. Gaskell, Chief
Administrative Officer**

For additional information, contact:

Jade Schofield, Project Manager,
Sustainability and Climate Change Ext
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Niki Van Vugt, Summer Student

1. Recommendation:

- 1. That Council endorse in principle the commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), including pledging to reduce and avoid GHG emissions, prepare for the impacts of Climate Change, increase access to sustainable energy, and track progress towards these objectives.**
- 2. That the Mayor of Whitby endorse the Global Covenant of Mayors on behalf of Council.**

2. Highlights:

The Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) Canada is a collaboration between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, ICLEI Canada, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat and the International Urban Cooperation Project supported by funding from the European Union. Mayors and local leaders committed to the GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impacts to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy in their respective communities. To follow this vision,

mayors and local municipalities pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to:

- Reduce and avoid greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- Prepare for the impacts of Climate Change;
- Increase access to sustainable energy; and
- Track progress towards these objectives.

3. Background:

The Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) for Climate & Energy was created for Mayors and local governments to accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement. Thirty cities in Canada have adopted the GCoM to date including, Ajax, Toronto, Burlington, and Oakville.

Within three years of this commitment, the Town of Whitby would pledge to develop, adopt, use and regularly report on the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidelines;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure sustainable and affordable energy; and,
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

4. Discussion:

1. Alignment with Council's Decision to Declare a Climate Emergency in the Town of Whitby
 - a. With Council's recent decision to adopt the Climate Emergency Declaration, the Town of Whitby has acknowledged the significant threat climate change poses to both the current and future social, economic, and environmental well-being of the community.

- b. Council shares a unanimous understanding that there is a need for immediate action and drastic reductions to greenhouse gas emissions. Without these changes, the future community in the Town of Whitby will face significant impacts.
2. Alignment with Whitby's participation in the Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP)
 - a. The Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP) seeks to accelerate the transition to clean energy economy in Durham, while simultaneously achieving multiple economic, environmental and social benefits.
 - b. The Town of Whitby is an active partner in the DCEP and has made the commitment to reduce overall Greenhouse Gas emissions by 80% by 2050. This target can be achieved through the adoption of the Low Carbon Pathway scenario, which considers 22 actions that will be implemented across the region.
 - c. The Town of Whitby continues to work with the Region and the DCEP partners to further develop the six programs identified in the DCEP as well as develop a framework for implementation.
3. Alignment with Whitby's involvement with Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)
 - a. The Town of Whitby is an active member of the Partners for Climate Change protection. In 2019, the Town participated in the PCP program by inputting Community and Corporate data for the year of 2017.
 - b. Through the Town's submission, Staff will be able to measure the success rate of different Town initiatives and programs. The PCP program allows the municipality to take action and have the opportunity to save money in municipal operations, increase investment in local economy, and lower energy cost for residents and businesses.
 - c. The PCP program incorporates a series of five milestones and the Town of Whitby currently sits at Milestone 3 for the Corporation. Within the Corporate Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan is an emissions reduction target of 19% by 2022. This target is solely corporate and focuses on facilities, fleet, waste, and lighting. The Town of Whitby adopted this target for the Corporate participation in the Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP) led by FCM.
4. Alignment with Whitby's first submission to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
 - a. This is the first year that the Town of Whitby participated in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). On July 31st, 2019, Town Staff submitted the online questionnaire that required general information relating to the Town of Whitby (population, geography, size), Governance and Data Management, Climate Hazards and Vulnerability, Adaptation Actions and

Goals, Community and Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2017), Emission Reduction Targets, Mitigation Actions, and Opportunities to address Climate Change. The CDP runs the global disclosure system that enables companies, cities, states and regions to measure and manage their environmental impacts.

- b. Through the Town's disclosure, staff will be able to benchmark actions against our peers, understand where improvements can be made when it comes to engagement, and track progress as Staff moves forward with different community and corporate plans.

5. Alignment with the Town of Whitby's Corporate Sustainability Plan (CSP)

- a. In 2017, Council approved a new Corporate Sustainability Plan (CSP) that outlines goals related to sustainability for the Town as a Corporation. It is focused on the understanding of the challenges and opportunities the Town faces today and in the future.
- b. The CSP outlines strategic goals and the commitment to being Green Leaders that integrate sustainability into everything that is done, sustain well-managed and cost effective assets, and support a healthy, safe and inclusive community that respects the natural environment.
- c. The Town of Whitby set out key priorities for the year of 2018/2019. These have related to the creation of Sustainable Development Standards, reductions to energy consumption by greening facilities, corporate emissions management plan, annual energy reporting, Staff Rewards program, Durham Community Energy Plan, Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan (DCCAP), and developing a Climate Change Plan.

5. Financial Considerations:

The Climate Change Plan has been identified in the 2020 Capital Budget and will be reviewed through the 2020 Budget Process. In consideration of this item, it is of greater significance that the Town of Whitby commit with other local leaders and municipalities to take responsibility for their actions towards addressing the effects of climate change.

6. Communication and Public Engagement:

Staff will work with Corporate Communications Division to share GCoM through the appropriate communication channels.

7. Input from Departments/Sources:

Region of Durham

The Durham Community Energy Plan was created in partnership with all local municipalities, Region of Durham and local stakeholders.

8. Strategic Priorities:

a. Council Goals

This initiative aligns with a number of Council Goals (2018 to 2020), specifically:

- To enhance the transparency and accessibility of Town Hall and ensure effective public consultation and engagement, including greater opportunities for voter engagement through the municipal election process.
- To deliver local jobs and prosperity through strategic planning and promotion that builds resilience and economic diversity.
- To make workplace morale a priority by building a collaborative, inclusive, respectful and creative work environment that engages the abilities of all staff to solve problems, accomplish new things and deliver the best outcomes to residents.
- To continue the Whitby tradition of responsible financial management and respect for taxpayers; and to understand the importance of affordability and sustainability to a healthy, balanced community.
- To ensure Whitby is clearly seen by all stakeholders to be business and investment friendly and supportive; and to continuously improve the customer experience and the effectiveness and efficiency of communications, service delivery and approvals.
- To accelerate the pedestrian focus of our historic downtown cores; to leverage municipal tools and resources to generate downtown supportive investments; to facilitate the continued growth of our Innovation District; and to gain care and control of Baldwin Street through downtown Brooklin.
- To make our streets and neighbourhoods safer through innovative and best-practice design standards and traffic calming measures that reduce traffic speeds; to increase citizen involvement in building Complete Streets; to effectively manage parking on residential streets and in our downtowns; and to reduce the traffic impact of new developments on existing neighbourhoods.
- To remain the community of choice for families and become the community of choice for seniors and job creators; and to focus new growth around the principles of strong, walkable and complete neighbourhoods that offer mobility choices.
- To become the destination of choice for visitors; to realize the economic, cultural and social potential of our downtowns, waterfront, green spaces and major attractions; to support and facilitate new community events and increase recreational opportunities along our waterfront.

b. Corporate Strategic Plan and Strategic Priorities

In addition, this proposal aligns with the following Corporate Strategic Plan Priorities:

1. People

We will foster an inclusive environment where employees can experience job satisfaction and rewarding careers.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1.1 Recognize and celebrate successes
- 1.3 Empower staff
- 1.4 Attract and retain top talent
- 1.5 Become the organization that people want to join

2. Organization

We will be a high performing, innovative, effective and efficient organization.

OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1 Continually improve how we do things by fostering innovation and focusing on making our processes better
 - 2.2 Leverage technology and information to modernize our business practices
 - 2.3 Develop and utilize comprehensive business and financial planning processes
3. **Customer** (note: customer is defined as both external and internal)

We will provide a consistent, optimized and positive customer service experience.

OBJECTIVES:

- 3.2 Define clear service levels
- 3.3 Modernize and improve customer interaction tools
- 3.5 Measure results in pursuit of ongoing improvements to the customer service experience.

9. Attachments:

Attachment 1: Global Covenant of Mayors Commitment Letter Template.PDF



Appendix C: Proposed New Global Committed Letter

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Commitment of

Town of Whitby

Ontario, Canada

WHITBY

ONTARIO • CANADA

I, Don Mitchell, Mayor of the Town of Whitby commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

GCoM envisions a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, we pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / avoidⁱ greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives.

Specifically, within three years of this commitmentⁱⁱ, we pledge to develop, adoptⁱⁱⁱ, use and regularly report on the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidance;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; and
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national unconditional^{iv} commitments defined through the UNFCCC (Intended) Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The targets and action plans should be in line with National Adaptation Plans, where these exist; and should be consistent with the

principles around energy access and urban sustainability embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We will explore the allocation of adequate staff resources and institutional arrangements. This includes governance processes, municipal structures and budget allocations to deliver on this commitment and secure continuity.

We acknowledge that there may be additional regional- or country-specific commitments or requirements that we commit to follow, and that may be agreed through our city networks or through our direct engagement with local partners of GCoM.

The Town of Whitby of Durham Region, Ontario, Canada acknowledges that continued engagement in GCoM and associated Regional or National Covenants, as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

Name and title of person signing this commitment

575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 2M8

<https://www.whitby.ca/en/>

Don Mitchell, mayor@whitby.ca, 905.706.3168

128,377 people live in the Town of Whitby, within a regional land area of 146.66 sq. km

Ontario, Canada

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

Mandated by the **[Responsible officer or municipal council]** on **[DATE]**.

ⁱ "Avoid emission" via low emission development

ⁱⁱ Flexibility is allowed to suit differentiated local circumstances and needs.

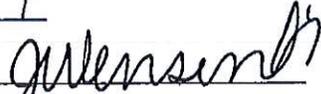
ⁱⁱⁱ According to the city and local government's procedures

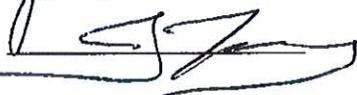
^{iv} Many countries have submitted two sets of NDC targets: unconditional targets, to be implemented without any explicit external support; and conditional targets. The latter are more ambitious than unconditional targets and require external support for their fulfilment. The cities and local governments committing to the GCoM are required to commit at least to the equivalent of their country's unconditional targets, but are encouraged to be more ambitious where possible.

**CORPORATION OF
THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

RESOLUTION # 7

DATE: September 23, 2019

MOVED BY: 

SECONDED BY: 

WHEREAS, the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) in 2016 ignored important considerations.

And WHEREAS, Glengarry District High School and Maxville Public School in the Township of North Glengarry were reviewed for possible closure in 2016.

And WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario is currently working on new PARG guidelines.

Be it resolved that the Education Subcommittee of the Community Development Committee of the Township of North Glengarry proposes the following changes to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline:

1. That the economic impact of a school closure on a municipality be considered before a school is closed.
2. That there be proven value to the student when considering a school closure, including greater access to amenities, services, and learning opportunities (i.e., after school work, coop programs etc.)
3. That multiple options be allowed to be considered during the Pupil Accommodation Review Process.
4. That students being removed from their community be the absolute last resort, with all efforts being exhausted for school boards to share amenities and space before a child is transported out of their community.

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

| | YEA | NEA |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor: Jacques Massie | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor: Brenda Noble | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor: Jeff Manley | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor: Michel Depratto | _____ | _____ |
| Councillor: Johanne Wensink | _____ | _____ |
| Mayor: Jamie MacDonald | _____ | _____ |

Section 9 Item a

Afreen Raza

From: Cassidy Payne <cassidy.payne@springwater.ca>
Sent: September-26-19 2:14 PM
To: Cassidy Payne
Subject: Joint and Several Liability Consultations - Township of Springwater
Attachments: 2019-09-26 Township of Springwater - Comments re Joint and Several Liability.pdf

Please see the attached comments from the Township of Springwater regarding Joint and Several Liability. We kindly ask that this be circulated to your members of Council or placed on an agenda for information.

Thank you,



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September 26, 2019

Ministry of the Attorney General
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Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation

Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

a. No Requirement of Proof

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

2. *What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?*

a. Ethical Standard of Due Diligence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

b. Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

c. Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

d. Triage System for Claims

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent of frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

e. Law Society of Ontario Charges

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

3. *Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?*

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| \$234,942 | \$247,262 | \$254,388 | \$274,936 | \$304,688 |

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?

As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,



Jeff Schmidt, CPA, CGA, B.A.S.
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

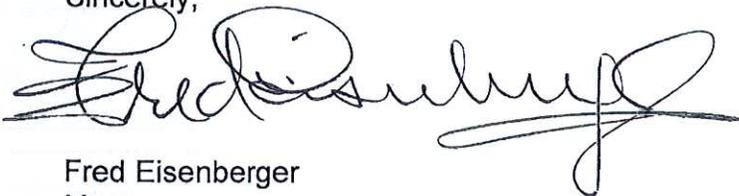
WHEREAS Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system costing municipalities hundreds of millions of dollars in additional repairs and maintenance costs each year to municipal sewer systems across the country; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the City of Kitchener lobby the Federal Government, to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; the Region of Waterloo; and, all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Eisenberger". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Cc:

Minister Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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October 2, 2019

Hon Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier;

RE: Resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene – Municipal Amalgamation

As you are aware, the Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tay and Township of Tiny provided a joint letter response on June 5, 2019 regarding the Regional Governance Review.

Please also be advised that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene, during their September 25, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of McKellar, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via, shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;



AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting "consultation" and "demand" that the Provincial Government do the following:

1. Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.
2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit.
3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition.
4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of



Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cooper, Clerk
Town of Penetanguishene

- c. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
- MPP's in the Province of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- All Ontario Municipalities

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Dear Regional Chair Henry and Durham Region Council,

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the resolution passed by the Durham Region Council, on July 5th, 2019 and stating concerns regarding the regulation of Lake Ontario outflows.

The Commission and its International Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Board (the Board) are acutely aware of the tremendous harm to shoreline properties and local economies on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River resulting from the unprecedented conditions this year. The Board has regulated Lake Ontario outflows to reduce high-water impacts on the lake and river from Lake Ontario to the extent possible, while considering consequences for all affected interests. Outflows from June 13 to August 21 were the highest sustained outflows on record and continue to be as high as conditions on the St. Lawrence River allow. The Board manages outflows from Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River levels in the context of many interests including safe navigation, and the need to avoid causing ice jams or exposing municipal water intakes on the St. Lawrence River.

This past year has been unprecedented and the facts bear this out. All of the Great Lakes have reached record or near-record high water levels this spring as a result of heavy precipitation throughout the basin. This has resulted in record high inflows from Lake Erie into Lake Ontario and above-average runoff from within the Lake Ontario basin. The highest ever supplies into Lake Ontario were recorded in the six months from February to July 2019. These inputs, combined with record outflows from the Ottawa River into the St. Lawrence River, have caused record high water levels both upstream and downstream of the Moses-Saunders Dam. In consideration of the current naturally high water conditions upstream and downstream of the dam, the Board is working tirelessly to maximize Lake Ontario outflows to reduce high water levels there and in the St. Lawrence River. The Board has consistently passed very high flows from Lake Ontario since the spring of 2017 and between June 13th and August 21st this year; they were the highest sustained Lake Ontario outflows on record.

Plan 2014 is the current regulation plan used by the Board to manage Lake Ontario outflows at the Moses-Saunders dam. The dam is the sole control point of outflows into the St. Lawrence River, and although it can be operated to manage many conditions, it cannot fully address all consequences of the record natural inflows experienced this year. The record high water events that occurred in 2017 and 2019 would have occurred under any regulation plan.

Plan 2014 replaced the previous regulation Plan 1958-DD which would have acted very similarly to the current plan in the conditions received in 2017 and 2019. Without regulation of outflows at the Moses-Saunders dam,

modelling has shown that 2019 water levels would have been exceeded by 40cm. Further information on Plan 2014 can be found [here](#).

As a result of the sustained record-high outflows and drier weather, Lake Ontario continues to decline from its June 2019 peak. The Commission has requested that the Board investigate alternative regulation options for further reducing levels prior to next spring to reduce the risk of flooding in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River in 2020. While we anticipate that each of the options will likely cause impacts in the St. Lawrence River and provide only limited reduction in the risk to Lake Ontario, the Commission is committed to providing all possible relief to riparians upstream and downstream consistent with the Order of Approval that was approved by the Governments of the United States and Canada.

The Commission has also asked its Great Lakes Adaptive Management (GLAM) Committee to expedite their ongoing review of Plan 2014, and investigate possible modifications to the Plan that may provide additional relief to shoreline communities. Because of the risk of ongoing extreme variability in the future, the Commission also believes that building greater long-term infrastructure, housing and floodplain resiliency and enhancing flood protection measures will be essential to successfully minimizing the impacts of future extreme floods.

Over the past several months, Commissioners have visited many communities along the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River shoreline on both sides of the border to meet with locals and witness the effects that the high waters have had on their lives. The IJC, the Board and GLAM are currently organizing a webinar for elected officials in early November to explain 2019 conditions and regulation, describe the actions taken to reduce lake levels in advance of the 2020 freshet, and answer questions and concerns that attendees might have. More information on this will be available on our website and advertised through social media soon.

Sincerely,



Jane Corwin
Chair
US Section



Pierre Béland
Chair
Canadian Section

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 12, 2019

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM.

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
P. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
M. Gibbons, Scugog
C. Kobelka, Clarington
S. Lee, Regional Councillor, Ajax, Alternate
J. Martin, Brock

Absent: J. Bate, Oshawa
K. Haines, Ajax
A. Heywood, Pickering
R. Kerr, Regional Councillor, Oshawa

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
S. Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Works Department
C. Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation, Planning and Economic Development
E. Sparks, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by M. Gibbons,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on June 13, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

A) Sonya Hardman, Manager, Corporative Initiatives, Office of the CAO, re:
Durham's Region's New Strategic Plan – Facilitated Discussion

S. Hardman provided an overview on the development of the new Strategic Plan for the Region of Durham to guide the Region through the next four to five years. She advised that as part of the Region's efforts to reach out to the community and its stakeholders, staff is looking to the Committees for its expertise and input on priorities for the new five-year Strategic Plan.

Key highlights of the presentation included:

- Strategic Planning Process
 - Four Main Steps or Components
 - Analyzing Our Current State
 - Defining Our Preferred Future State
 - Determining Our Key Objectives and Strategies
 - Implementation and Evaluation

S. Hardman explained that currently the Region is at Step 1 and Step 2 of the four main components for the Strategic Plan process. She presented the following three (3) key questions and the Committee provided the following input:

1. What challenges are we currently facing as a Region?
 - Distribution of resources/services between the southern and northern municipalities; north residents not getting a fare value for their tax dollars
 - Require a dedicated funding model for Active Transportation and multi-use paths, funding needs to be expedited prior to the year 2022;
 - A percentage of the developers' development charges for residential areas should be allotted to, and include the building of, AT infrastructure including cycling lanes and multi-use paths in the urban sprawl subdivision
 - Road and multi-use paths and the AT network system is not keeping up with the growth in the Region
 - Road and AT infrastructure: cross-jurisdiction is a major issue particularly in Uxbridge; residents feel that the Region is arms length away - inaccessible
 - Gaps in our economic development: the Region needs to shift its focus for employment to include white collar Tech jobs and working remotely; diversify our local employment to reduce our transportation issues
 - Cross jurisdiction: Oshawa Waterfront Trail is a shared responsibility
 - Still building car-friendly neighbourhoods as opposed to AT and transit friendly subdivisions

- Re-evaluate how we develop the Region to serve its residents, and protect Greenfields
 - Climate change mitigation strategies
2. Given these challenges, what are the top priorities or most pressing issues that we need to focus on over the next 5 years?
- Provide and promote diverse safe modes of Active Transportation as an alternate option to vehicles
 - Explore our Greenbelt protected space resources
 - Focus on providing 'work remotely' opportunities
 - Identify gaps for broadband service connectivity
 - Dedicated budget allocations for Active Transportation (AT)
 - Regional and local area municipalities must work to collaborate on a common goal
 - Remove the layers of governmental bureaucracy that inhibits implementation; make it easier to get things done
3. What do we want Durham Region to be known for?
- A friendly community
 - Its economic importance as an agricultural and garden Region;
 - An accessible Region; physical accessibility rather than vehicular
 - A Region that we can work in rather than commuting
 - Focus on our natural resources such as our lakes and lake shores; access to waterways and trails; and promote accessibility for our resources and active transportation opportunities

S. Hardman advised of opportunities for the community to become involved which includes a new Digital Engagement Platform for 24/7 Feedback at durham.ca/yourvoice; and the Strategic Plan Community Survey which will be open until September 20, 2019.

- B) Kevin Arsenault, Capital Project Technologist, Township of Scugog, and Gene Chartier, Vice-President and Chief Development Officer, Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd., re: The Township of Scugog's Active Transportation & Transportation Master Plans
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G. Chartier provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Township of Scugog's Active Transportation & Transportation Master Plans. K. Arsenault, Capital Project Technologist, Township of Scugog, was also in attendance.

Key highlights of the presentation included:

- Study Goals
- Plan Goals
- Plan Objectives
- Active Transportation Aims

- What Will the Plan Include?
- Work Plan and Schedule
- Engagement Events
- Program Structure
- What We've Heard So Far
- Available Data
- Next Steps

G. Chartier stated that the objectives of the Plan are to achieve a “made in Scugog” approach which would allow people to walk, cycle and roll for work or play within Port Perry and along the shoreline of Lake Scugog; be accessible for all ages and abilities; and, allow for growth and development.

G. Chartier advised that the aim is to provide a continuous, interconnected system of cycling and walking routes to major activity and employment areas and public transit.

G. Chartier explained that as it relates the Active Transportation (AT), the Plan will include pedestrian and cycling policies and guidelines; a network of active transportation facilities that optimizes existing infrastructure; a cost-effective implementation framework; standards for infrastructure design, end-of-trip facilities and maintenance; address financing, risk management and liability issues; and, an updated GIS map.

G. Chartier outlined the proposed workplan and program schedule for Scugog's Active Transportation and Transportation Master Plans. He also provided a brief overview on the program engagement events/activities to-date; program structure; and feedback on what staff has heard so far with respect to events, active travel, road infrastructure and transit.

G. Chartier presented the following question for the Committee's consideration:

- Do you/your organization have or are aware of any data relevant to the study?
 - GIS data
 - Previous reports
 - Cycling/pedestrian count/use
 - Cross regional and municipal connections

G. Chartier advised that the next steps include the compilation and summarization of the engagement findings; finalization of the Phase 1 deliverables; completion of the Phase 2 technical analysis, network development and policy formulation; and, community engagement.

The Committee was asked to email Steve Kemp with any comments or suggestions regarding the Township of Scugog's Active Transportation and Transportation Master Plans.

The Committee inquired into the status of the Region utilizing the data collected from the Strava global heat map phone app; and how the cost was funded. Discussion followed on whether the app could be used to recognize counts for people pushing a stroller, students walking to school or residents utilizing the multi-use paths.

G. Chartier responded to questions regarding the issues arising from the congestion and noise during the events that are held on the main streets in Port Perry; and how the Region of Durham's Active Transportation (AT) and Transportation Master Plans (TMP) can facilitate and coordinate with Scugog's Active Transportation and Transportation Master Plans.

C) Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development, re: Envision Durham Review: Transportation System Discussion Paper

C. Leitch provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Envision Durham Review: Transportation System Discussion Paper".

Key highlights of the presentation included:

- Discussions Paper Context
- Transportation Trends and Observations in Durham
 - Changing commuting and travel patterns
 - Mode share for transit and other modes should continue to increase
 - Infrastructure (2006 to present) has increased significantly
 - Regional Transportation System
- Overview of Current Transportation Policies and Guidelines
 - Provincial Policies, Plans and Guidelines for Transportation Planning
 - Regional Policies, Plans and Guidelines
 - Area municipal Policies, Plans and Guidelines
- Policy Considerations
 - Land Use and Transportation
 - Public Transit
 - Active Transportation
 - Roads and Corridor Protection
 - Travel Choices
 - Goods Movement

C. Leitch advised that the next steps include the release of the Transportation System Discussion Paper targeted for the October 1, 2019 Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting. Comments on the Discussion Paper are requested by December 30, 2019. He suggested that the Members visit the Envision Durham website for more information on the work to date on other discussion papers and project updates.

C. Leitch responded to questions regarding Federal and Provincial funding opportunities for AT initiatives including the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

4. Information Items

A) Anthony Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development, re: Regional Cycle Plan Update

A. Caruso provided an update on the Regional Cycling Plan (RCP). He reviewed the various cycling initiatives including the procurement process to retain a consultant to assist in updating the RCP; cycling experiences and engagement in Durham Region; and, the release of the Transportation System Discussion Paper targeted for October 1, 2019.

A. Caruso advised that he will be providing follow-up emails to the Committee regarding the upcoming RCP consultation opportunities.

5. Other Business

A) Establish Sub-Committee to Explore Opportunities for Signage at Cross Rides Intersections and Trail and Pedestrian Crossings

Chair Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Cross Rides ". He displayed pictorials depicting multi-use path (MUP) non-signalized crossings and signalized crossings at various intersections in the Town of Whitby, Municipality of Clarington and York Region.

Chair Lalonde advised that the next steps include looking at developing a Regional rollout of signalized cross rides in partnership with the local area municipalities in the fall of 2019. Opportunities will be explored to access the required budget dollars for the completion of signalized cross rides in the year 2020, which promotes safe Active Transportation and supports Vision Zero initiatives within Durham Region.

Chair Lalonde suggested that DATC establish a sub-committee to explore opportunities on how to assist the Region of Durham to accelerate and move forward with the painting of signalized cross rides, trail crossings and pedestrian multi use paths, and report back to DATC with the sub-committee's findings and recommendations.

Moved by P. Smith, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

That a Cross Rides sub-committee comprised of M. Gibbons, C. Kobelka, Chair Lalonde, and P. Smith be formed to explore initiatives for the Region of Durham to accelerate and move forward with the painting of the signalized cross rides, and the signage for the trail crossings and pedestrian multi use paths; and report back to DATC with the sub-committee's findings and recommendations.

CARRIED

B) Glossary of Cycling Terminology

P. Smith inquired whether staff could provide DATC with an overview of cycling terms; and, how the Region and local municipalities manage the risks / liabilities associated with providing AT services and infrastructure.

A. Caruso advised that staff will arrange for a presentation on these matters at the December 12, 2019 meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM

7. Adjournment

Moved by J. Martin, Seconded by C. Kobelka,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation
Committee

C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

September 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, September 20, 2019 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:01 PM.

Present: D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member, Chair
Regional Chair Henry
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
Councillor Highet, Planning & Economic Development Committee
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee attended the meeting at 1:27 PM
C. Mee, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member

Absent: Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee
B. Cochrane, Citizen Member
T. Hall, Citizen Member
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
J. Koke, Citizen Member
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member
R. Plaza, Citizen Member
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair

Also present: Councillor Dies

Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development
C. Drimmie, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, CAO's Office
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Planning and Economic Development Department
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Walton, Director of Legislative Services, Regional Clerk

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by K. Shadwick,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on May 17, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

A) Kristy Kilbourne and Aneesah Luqman, Durham Region Planning and Economic Development, re: Overview of Municipal Comprehensive Review and Discussion Papers: Climate Change and Sustainability and Environment and Greenlands System

A. Luqman provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the Climate Change & Sustainability Discussion Paper. Highlights from her presentation included:

- Envision Durham
 - Agriculture & Rural System
 - Climate Change & Sustainability
 - Growth Management
 - Environment & Greenlands System
 - Transportation System
 - Housing
- Provincial Planning Policy Context
- Regional Initiatives
- Provincial Plans Conformity
 - Required Policies
 - Additional Considerations
- Trends
- Policy Considerations
 - Built form
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Natural Environment
- Policy Considerations
 - Adaptation
 - Mitigation

K. Kilbourne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the Environment and Greenlands System Discussion Paper. Highlights from her presentation included:

- Durham's Environment
- Durham's Greenlands System
- Trends and Influencing Factors
- Policy Considerations
- Mapping Considerations
- Consultation and Engagement

K. Kilbourne advised that comments on the Discussion Paper are requested by December 2, 2019.

4. Items for Action

There were no items for action to be discussed.

5. Items for Information

A) Introduction of Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability

I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding his climate and sustainability field background and experience. He also went through his plan for the implementation of Durham Region's climate change plans, including the Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan (DCCAP) and the Durham Community Energy Plan (DCEP).

Highlights from the presentation included:

- From Planning to Implementation
- Suggested Guiding Principles for Implementation
- Durham's Low Carbon Pathway
- Two-Pronged Implementation Focus
 - Deep Retrofit Program (existing buildings)
 - "Green" Standard (new development)
- Deep Retrofit Program
 - Key Considerations
 - Implementation Pathway
- "Green" Standard for New Development
 - Key Considerations
 - Implementation Pathway
- Questions/Discussion

I. McVey responded to questions from the Committee regarding linking action that is supportive to Durham Region's long-term directions; improving affordability for residents by reducing costs, and addressing current/future risks; enhancing local economies; improving public health; creating resilient communities and infrastructure; and funding that has been allocated to implementation programs.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,
That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to allow a
representative from the Fridays for Futures Whitby group to speak
as a delegate regarding the current Climate Change crisis.
CARRIED on a 2/3rds vote

Two representatives from the Fridays For Future (FFF) Whitby group (a mother and daughter) appeared before the Committee to express their concerns regarding climate change and to ensure that any government funds that are received, are being used correctly. They noted the Region's award-winning Climate Change Plans that contain a number of recommendations on climate change adaptation and mitigation and expressed concerns that only two of the initiatives have been implemented so far. They asked what the Region's priorities are in order to implement the other initiatives in Durham's climate plans.

The two representatives responded to questions from the Committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow further representatives from the group to ask questions of staff. The questions included:

- How can multiple activist groups get involved?
- How do we reconcile the climate emergency with the construction of another airport?
- Is there any awareness or discussion of the proposal from workers in the City of Oshawa to have the General Motors (GM) facility changed to an electric vehicle production facility?
- How do we stop building houses that use gas and fossil fuels to heat homes?
- What is Durham's most important issue, and will the budget reflect that?
- If the new federal government is not supportive of Durham's more ambitious plans, what do you plan to do to deal with that?
- What is happening with the funding received from the now cancelled Cap and Trade program?

In response to a question, S. Austin encouraged those in attendance to provide their input through the Municipal Comprehensive Review as well as through the Strategic Planning process. She stated that Durham Region has several award-winning plans and staff are currently working towards implementation. She also stated that economic development and moving forward with local job creation is a priority for Regional Council.

S. Austin advised that Durham staff are working closely with the Mayor of Oshawa in terms of economic development potential for the General Motors (GM) lands.

In response to a question, E. Baxter-Trahair advised that climate change is a priority for Durham Region, among many other initiatives such as affordable

housing and increasing the transit network. She also advised that the challenge is to balance all Regional priorities including climate change and move them all forward.

6. Other Business

A) "Improved Transportation: Moving Together!" Workshop

Chair Hoornweg stated that on October 16, 2019 there is a workshop being held at 2000 Simcoe Street North in the City of Oshawa, titled "Improved Transportation: Moving Together!". He noted that topics to be discussed include: Healthy, Inclusive Cities; Electrification and Automation; The Role of Ridesharing; and the Big Picture. He invited everyone in attendance to register for the workshop.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 starting at 1:00 PM in Room LL-C, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by Councillor Highet,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

D. Hoornweg, Chair, Durham Region
Roundtable on Climate Change

S. Penak, Committee Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in Room LLC, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

Present: G. Rocoski, Oshawa, Chair
S. Elhajjeh, Clarington, Vice-Chair
W. Basztyk, Brock
W. Bracken, Clarington
A. Burrows, Ajax
T. Farrell, Brock
C. McLean, Ajax
K. Meydam, Clarington

Absent: H. Sukhu, Clarington

Non-Voting Members

Present: F. Langmaid, Manager of Special Projects
Councillor Joe Neal, Regional Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
attended the meeting at 7:32 PM
M. Neild, Facility Manager, Covanta attended the meeting at 7:57 PM
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department,
Durham Region

Staff

Present: M. Januszkiewicz, Director, Waste Management Services
G. Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, Works
Department, Durham Region
M. White, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology,
Durham Region
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative
Services, Durham Region

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by W. Bracken, Seconded by A. Burrows,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on
Thursday, May 28, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

The Committee requested that the wording be clarified on Page 3, of the May 28, 2019 EFW-WMAC minutes under Item 4, Paragraph 1, second sentence to now read as follows:

G. Anello informed the Committee that the Environmental Assessment (EA) includes: the intent of the EA; what it is; the participants; the estimated timelines; and a consultation plan. He advised that staff asked for approval in January 2019 to commence the streamlined EA to go from 140,000 tonnes to 160,000 tonnes and \$60,000 for consulting assistance for drafting the Terms of Reference for the 250,000 tonnes expansion which was deferred by Council until June 26, 2019 and that staff report back to Committee.

3. Announcements

There were no announcements made.

4. Presentations

A) Presentation by Gio Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: the 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study (2019-COW-3)

G. Anello provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study. A copy of his presentation was provided at the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Solid Waste Management
- 2019 and Forecast: Solid Waste Management
 - Priorities
 - Risks & Pressures
- Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study
 - 80% of the budget non-discretionary (Contracts)
 - 15% of the budget on staffing
 - 5% of the budget discretionary (Managed by Waste Management Services)
- Drivers:
 - Facility Capacity
 - Growth
 - Regional Council Direction for 70% Diversion

- Legislation Changes
- Budget Operational Pressures
- Financial Risks
- Financial Next Steps
- Conclusion – 2019 Servicing and Financing Study
- 2019 Servicing and Financing Study

G. Anello responded to questions regarding Report #2019-COW-3 that states that exceedances can be expected; concerns with tightening regulations for ambient air monitoring of sulfur dioxides and nitrogen oxides; the Municipality of Clarington air shed and the incinerator being an emitter of nitrogen oxides; Durham's population increasing since 2010 along with the associated garbage generation; and the capital requirements for drafting the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the future 250,000 tonne expansion of the DYEC.

M. Januszkiewicz responded to questions regarding the extended producer responsibility (EPR) program and requirements of foreign producers. She advised that the new EPR program applies to all producers of packaging, tires, and electronic waste in Canada, but also applies to first importers.

G. Anello advised that he could provide the following documents to the Committee and will ensure they are posted on the DYEC website:

- The Ministry report regarding the air shed quality in the Municipality of Clarington;
- Baseline monitoring report at the time of the original EA, that assessed the ambient air at the Courtice Station;
- The agency review completed at the time of the original EA, that was sent out to individual experts such as Health Canada for their input.

In response to a question from W. Bracken, regarding there being no per capita statistics over the years presented at the first Public Information Centre (PIC) held on August 21, 2019, M. Januszkiewicz advised that staff will calculate this amount and get back to her directly.

Discussion ensued regarding diversion costing more than disposal; how effective the education programs have been with the public; and concerns with the lack of by-law enforcement in Durham Region. Staff advised that a key component in education promotion is about changing attitudes of the public which can be difficult to measure. Staff also advised that this year the education and promotion

program has been re-branded to focus more on reaching the community through modern means (i.e. social media).

- B) Presentation by Gio Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: The Durham York Energy Centre Streamlined Environmental Assessment (140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year)
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G. Anello provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Durham York Energy Centre Streamlined Environmental Assessment (140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year). A copy of his presentation was provided at the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Presentation Outline
 - Durham York Energy Centre History
- Capacity Amendment to 160,000 Tonnes Per Year
- Durham York Energy Centre 140,000 to 160,000 Tonnes Per Year
- Impact on Emissions
- Environmental Screening Process (140,000 to 160,000)
- Benefits
- Durham Region's Share of Operating Costs
- Timelines

G. Anello advised that the environment assessment (screening process) is a proponent driven, self-assessment process available to waste management projects that requires:

- A completion of a detailed Screening Criteria Checklist that verifies potential environmental effects;
- A written report that details if any potential environmental effects will need to be mitigated; and
- Notification to the public of the commencement of the screening, consultation on issues or concerns, consultation on mitigation measures, and public notice of completion.

G. Anello responded to questions regarding the lack of supporting information at the last Public Information Centre (PIC) with respect to the environmental impact's checklist; projected environmental savings; concern over Ontario Regulation 419/05 being outdated; and comparing the ambient air values with up-to-date values for nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide.

In response to a question referencing the Emissions Summary Dispersion Model used for the 140,000-tonne assessment, G. Anello

advised that he will follow-up with the consultant to confirm how they used the waste heat values in the two scenarios.

W. Bracken stated that she will gather the following information for nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide ambient air levels and forward it to the Committee: the date Ontario Regulation 419/05 levels came into effect; the new Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) standards; and what should be used by Owners in the emissions assessment.

In response to a question, M. Januszkiewicz advised that staff would follow-up with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to determine what constitutes a standard and an objective and bring this information to the next EFW-WMAC meeting.

C) Presentation by Gio Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: The Draft Terms of Reference for the Durham York Energy Centre Expansion to Process 250,000 tonnes per year

G. Anello provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for the Durham York Energy Centre Expansion to Process 250,000 tonnes per year. A copy of his presentation was provided at the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Region Disposal Needs (Update June 2019)
- Process for Terms of Reference
- Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference
- Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Oversized Components for 250,000 Tonnes Per Year
- Conclusions

G. Anello advised that a Terms of Reference is not an environmental assessment (EA) but outlines what work and studies will be done during the EA stage. He also advised that the proponent does not need to do the work or studies at the Terms of Reference stage.

G. Anello responded to questions regarding next steps once the Terms of Reference have been drafted and expected timelines for completion; public consultation on the draft Terms of Reference; building flexibility into the Terms of Reference with respect to possible future legislative and regulatory changes; and the importance of including all necessary and required information in the draft Terms of Reference.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

7. Administrative Matters

A) EFW-WMAC Budget

G. Rocoski advised that the EFW-WMAC has a small budget and asked if there was interest in touring any of Durham's waste facilities. The consensus of the Committee was that they would like to tour as many sites as possible.

G. Rocoski advised that he could put a list of facilities together and circulate it to the Committee for review.

M. Januszkiewicz advised that the best day for staff to visit any facility would be on a Monday. She advised that there is no collection on Mondays, just regular maintenance taking place.

8. Other Business

A) Update by Gio Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: The Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)

G. Anello provided an update regarding the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).

G. Anello advised that the Spring source test report has been finalized now and the results were well below standards. He also advised that the Fall source test occurred the week of September 9, 2019, and preliminary results should be available in a few weeks.

Detailed discussion ensued with respect to concerns expressed that Durham Region staff do not receive the monthly AMESA data. G. Anello advised that once the AMESA cartridge data becomes correlated with the stack test results, it is used for trend analysis. Prior to the correlation, the AMESA data would be considered invalid.

B) Update by Gio Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: Organics Management

G. Anello provided an update regarding Organics Management.

G. Anello advised that staff are currently working with the consultant, GHD Ltd., to put together the schedule, the legislation review, commence the siting exercise, and development of the RFQ. He advised that staff will be reporting back to Council this Fall with an update.

M. Januszkiewicz responded to questions regarding how the Organics Management Strategy would impact the incinerator. In response to a question, G. Anello advised that staff have not created another projection on growth analysis, but that will most likely occur in Spring 2020.

With respect to forthcoming negotiations with Epcor and details regarding the City of Edmonton facility, M. Januszkiewicz advised that Report #2019-COW-22: Organics Management Solution – Expression of Interest Process and Next Steps Including Site Identification Criteria and Anti-Lobbying Protocol, and Report #2019-WR-10: City of Edmonton Waste Management Centre will be on the September 25, 2019 Regional Council agenda for consideration. She also advised that another report with respect to Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and the Request for Qualification (RFQ) planning is scheduled for November/December 2019. Details of this report will include Durham's processes; recommendations on a preferred site; and the RFQ process.

It was noted that the EFW-WMAC motion that was passed at the May 28, 2019 EFW-WMAC meeting was presented to the Works Committee on September 4, 2019 and received for information.

It was also noted that at the June 26, 2019 Council meeting an amendment was made to Part C) of Report #2019-COW-3: 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study so that it now reads as follows:

“That staff be authorized to commence **drafting the Terms of Reference** for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the DYEC expansion to process 250,000 tonnes per year, including retaining consulting assistance at a cost not to exceed \$60,000”.

C) Update by Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham, re: The transition of the Blue Box to Extended Producer Responsibility

M. Januszkiewicz provided an update regarding the transition of the blue box to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

M. Januszkiewicz advised that the biggest shift in the waste industry is EPR. She also advised that there are different elements of EPR.

She stated that tires are subject to EPR already, and regulations will be coming forward for electronics and batteries.

M. Januszkiewicz advised that first importers will have to pay to process and collect the materials, and then make them into new products. She also advised that the blue box program will be 100% funded by the producers will no longer be under municipal jurisdiction. Staff are currently working on how the Region of Durham will transition to EPR because it will impact the collection, processing and marketing of Durham's recyclables. She advised that the Province will make the standard with respect to what goes in the blue box and what else will be subject to this program.

M. Januszkiewicz advised that a comprehensive report is anticipated to go to Council in January 2020, that will be consistent with other regions about how the strategy will move forward. She also advised that she will bring another update to the November 26, 2019 EFW-WMAC meeting, and at that time hopefully have a discussion about compostable plastics.

M. Januszkiewicz responded to questions regarding the EPR timelines from the Province; public consultation organized by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and negotiations with Epcor to establish a joint venture/partnership with the Region on its long-term organics waste management solution.

M. Januszkiewicz advised that she will put a chart together of the projected timelines for EPR that was shared by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and bring it back to the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the EFW-WMAC taking a position on compostable plastics and the possibility of the Committee hosting a public information session to invite speakers from AMO, specifically Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, Waste Diversion, to discuss this issue. M. Januszkiewicz advised that the closest public consultation session is being held in Smith Falls.

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by T. Farrell, Seconded by C. McLean,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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

S. Penak, Committee Clerk