



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-77](#)
Date: October 25, 2019

Subject:

Durham Tourism Celebrates Culture Days

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to highlight the marketing and event support that Regional staff provided to the Culture Days program and the various activities that were hosted in Durham Region. Culture Days is a Canada-wide program that took place from September 27 to 29, 2019, and this year the organization celebrated ten years of connecting arts and culture in communities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Culture Days is a registered charity that is led by the Canadian Arts Summit and is supported by national partners and funders. The purpose behind Culture Days is to raise awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities.
- 2.2 There were over 60 events hosted this year throughout Durham Region, including Culture Days hubs and their corresponding activities.
- 2.3 The cultural celebration featured free, hands-on interactive activities that invited the public to participate in “behind-the-scenes” experiences. Participants discovered the

work of artists, historians, musicians, creators, architects, curators, designers and other creative people that drive arts and culture development in Durham Region.

- 2.4 Municipalities, local art councils, businesses and other volunteer community organizers play an increasingly vital role in the implementation of Culture Days activities in their municipalities.

3. Marketing and Communication

- 3.1 Durham Tourism implemented a strong marketing and communication campaign to assist in the promotion of Culture Days. In addition to media releases, online advertising and social media, Durham Tourism partnered with Culture Days on a Culture Trek marketing campaign.
- 3.2 For the second consecutive year, Durham was selected by Culture Days as one of three communities across Ontario to create Culture Treks. Culture Treks build on the desire to explore our communities while uncovering the arts and culture stories that make each place unique. The itineraries pinpointed key Culture Days events along recommended travel routes, while highlighting local restaurants and accommodation providers.
- 3.3 The Culture Trek marketing campaign online saw 4,842 views with 3,768 individual users. The online Durham Culture Trek specifically had an additional 528-page views with 384 individual users. The Culture Trek Facebook ad reached 5,654 people and the pre-weekend e-newsletter reached 2,669 views.
- 3.4 View the Durham Region Culture Trek at <https://culturedays.ca/on/trek/durham-region>.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Durham Tourism continues to see strong value in partnering with Culture Days on the marketing and promotion of activities taking place in Durham Region. Durham Tourism is planning for continued involvement in 2020, through a robust advertising and community outreach campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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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-78](#)
Date: October 25, 2019

Subject:

Durham Tourism E-Newsletter wins Economic Developers Association of Canada Award

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Council that the Durham Tourism Visitor E-newsletter recently won an Economic Developers Association of Canada Marketing Award in the Single Publication Under 4 Pages category.

2. Background

2.1 The Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) is Canada's national industry association for economic development professionals, with a membership of over 1,000 members representing both the private and public sectors.

2.2 The Marketing Canada Awards took place at the EDAC Conference in Edmonton, Alberta in September 2019. The competition is open to organizations that promote and market Canadian provinces, territories, and municipalities, and the awards recognize organizations for effectively achieving improved economic wellbeing of their residents through promoting and marketing their communities for investment attraction and tourism opportunities.

3. Durham Tourism E-Newsletter

- 3.1 A core objective of Durham Tourism is to create successful, sustainable, cost-effective digital marketing content. Strategies include the use of social media, an enhanced website and a monthly e-newsletter. With the increasing need for destination marketing strategies to be far-reaching, current, and environmentally conscious, the Durham Tourism e-newsletter provides a useful avenue to communicate with the Region's tourism stakeholders, local residents and visitors.
- 3.2 From its inception in 2008, to the redesign in late 2018, the e-newsletter has grown to a monthly reach of 8,548 subscribers, an average open rate of 35.4% and a click through rate of 16.9% each month. The e-newsletter has a subscriber base that accesses the e-newsletter via desktop (54.3%) and mobile (45.7%).
- 3.3 The monthly e-newsletter is used to promote the local festivals and events, seasonal initiatives, business profiles and unique happenings taking place across the Region.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Durham Tourism won a national marketing award from EDAC in the Single Publication Under 4 Pages category. As part of an integrated digital marketing strategy, Durham Tourism will continue to grow the e-newsletter readership and ensure that its content continues to be current and effective.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: [#2019-INFO-79](#)
Date: October 25, 2019

Subject:

Contract Amendments Funded Within Approved Capital Project Budgets and Emergency Expenditures for Period from May 1, 2019 Ending August 31, 2019

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides details related to eleven contract amendments for which the increased financial commitment has been funded within an approved capital project budget for the period from May 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019, in accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy.
- 1.2 It also provides details related to one emergency expenditure in accordance with Section 11 of the Region's Purchasing By-law 68-2000 (Amended).
- 1.3 Dollar amounts followed by an asterisk (*) are before applicable taxes.

2. Contract Amendments Funded within the Approved Project for the Period of May 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019

- 2.1 For the period of May 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019, amendments to six engineering or consulting services agreements with increased financial commitments exceeding the limits set out in Section 10 of the Budget Management Policy were processed. In addition, five construction contracts were amended that exceeded the limits prescribed in Section 12.1 of the Budget Management Policy. Funding for these amendments were available from contingencies within the approved capital budgets for each project.

Project	Contract Cost *	Total Revised Contract Cost*	Total Increase*
<u>Additional Engineering and Consulting Services:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aecom Canada Limited – Construction of Phase 3 Bloor Street Feedermain, City of Oshawa (O1908) 	\$694,505	\$920,919	\$226,414
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aecom Canada Limited – Construction of Simcoe Street from Conlin Road to Winchester Road (R1201) 	\$795,060	\$918,395	\$123,335
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Municipal Infrastructure Group Limited – York Durham Line Modifications from Regional Road 8 to Vivian Road (R1525) 	\$113,312	\$153,271	\$39,959
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSP Canada Inc. - Refurbishment of the Raleigh Facility, City of Oshawa (H1718) 	\$64,550	\$89,180	\$24,630
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malroz Engineering Inc. – Remediation of Contamination at 710 Raleigh Avenue, Oshawa (H1022) 	\$688,500	\$776,566	\$88,066
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aecom Canada Limited. – Whitby Water Supply Dechlorination Equipment & Fittings, Whitby (D1703) 	\$160,000	\$183,669	\$23,669
Additional Construction:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KAPP Infrastructure Inc. – Construction of Athol Street Watermain, Sanitary Sewer and Cycle Track, City of Oshawa (O1710) 	\$983,308	\$1,181,385	\$198,077
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KAPP Contracting Inc. – Preloading and Structural Culverts for Consumers Drive Extension, Town of Whitby (R1639) 	\$3,889,352	\$4,280,665	\$391,313
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coco Paving Inc – Construction of Watermain on Concession Road 6, Township of Brock (K1701) 	\$325,025	\$406,349	\$81,324
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard-Co Construction Limited – Trunk Sanitary Sewer & Watermain on Tilling's Road 7 Taunton Road, City of Pickering (D1018) 	\$6,551,573	\$6,925,092	\$373,519
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfield Construction Limited – Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Facility Improvements, Municipality of Clarington (G1602) 	\$939,026	\$1,034,692	\$95,666

3. Emergency Expenditures to August 31, 2019

3.1. On an emergency basis, expenditures totaling \$60,000* were incurred as follows:

Month	Emergency	Vendor Retained	Funding Source	Amount*
July	Repair of Cooling Tower at Hillsdale Terraces including Rental temporary AC unit, City of Oshawa (R190000011/12)	Ainsworth	Long Term Care and Services for Seniors (Hillsdale Terraces) Operating Budget, related to repairs and maintenance.	\$60,000

4. Conclusion

4.1 In accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy, Regional Council is to be informed on a quarterly basis when it is estimated that expenditure limits specified in Section 10 (Consulting) and 12.1 (Capital Projects) will be exceeded and funding is available within the project. This report has been reviewed by the Works Department and the Social Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2019-INFO-80](#)
Date: October 25, 2019

Subject:

Program Reports

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) programs and services.

2. Highlights

2.1 DRHD reports for July – September 2019 include the following key highlights:

- a. Health Analytics, Research & Policy – Health Analytics Information Products;
- b. Health Protection – Food Safety, Part 8 Ontario Building Code (Sewage Systems) and Safe Water updates;
- c. Healthy Families – Healthy Families (including Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Prenatal and Newborn) updates;
- d. Healthy Living – Healthy Living and *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* updates;
- e. Infectious Diseases – Immunization and Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control updates;
- f. Paramedic Services – Administration, Logistics, Operations and Quality and Development updates.

2.2 Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health

concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA). Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups (including performance reports), business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

ABBREVIATIONS

- AGCO – Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
- BBI – Blood-Borne Infection
- BHV – Blended Home Visiting
- BOH – Board of Health
- BORN – Better Outcomes Registry and Network
- CBT – Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
- CCC – Child Care Centre
- DCYPN – Durham Child and Youth Planning Network
- DDSB – Durham District School Board
- DHF – Durham Healthy Families
- DPHS – Diseases of Public Health Significance
- DRHD – Durham Region Health Department
- DRPS – Durham Regional Police Service
- DRWD – Durham Region Works Department
- ED – Emergency Department
- EOCFC – EarlyON Child and Family Centre
- FHT – Food Handler Training
- FV – Family Visitor
- HBHC – Healthy Babies Healthy Children
- HCP – Healthcare Provider
- HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HMCA – *Healthy Menu Choices Act, 2015*
- HPD – Health Protection Division
- HPV – Human Papillomavirus
- IDA – In-Depth Assessment

- iGAS – Invasive Group A Streptococcal Disease
- IPAC – Infection Prevention and Control
- LD – Lyme Disease
- LSPA – *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008*
- LTC – Long-Term Care
- MBN – Municipal Benchmarking Network
- MOE – Ministry of Education
- MOH – Ministry of Health
- MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
- NAS – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- OBC – Ontario Building Code
- OPHS – *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability*
- OSCMHS – Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
- PCOP – Primary Care Outreach Program
- PEP – Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
- PHI – Public Health Inspector
- PHN – Public Health Nurse
- PHOL – Public Health Ontario Laboratory
- PHU – Public Health Unit
- PMD – Perinatal Mood Disorder
- PSS – Personal Services Settings
- Q & D – Quality and Development
- Rablg – Rabies Immune Globulin
- RDPS – Region of Durham Paramedic Services
- RL – *Rowan’s Law (Concussion Safety), 2018*
- RLD – Rowan’s Law Day
- SDWS – Small Drinking Water Systems

- SHC – Sexual Health Clinic
- STI – Sexually Transmitted Infection
- SVS – Specialty Vape Stores
- TEO – Tobacco Enforcement Officer
- VBD – Vector-Borne Diseases
- VPD – Vaccine Preventable Diseases
- WNV – West Nile Virus



Health Analytics, Research & Policy

Report for July – September 2019

Health Analytics Information Products

[Chlamydia in Durham Region Infographic](#)

Between 2014 and 2018 an average of **1,882** cases of chlamydia were reported each year with **50 per cent** more cases in 2018 (**2,292**) than in 2014 (**1,485**). There were more female cases (**60 per cent**) than male and **50 per cent** of the female cases reported having no symptoms. Having a new sexual partner in the last two months (**18 per cent**) and multiple sexual partners (**13 per cent**) were commonly reported risk factors for chlamydia.

[Enteric Diseases in Durham Region Infographic](#)

Enteric diseases are diseases that affect the stomach and intestines. Between 2014 and 2018 an average of **438** cases of enteric disease were reported each year, with **70 per cent** of cases caused by campylobacter and salmonella. Diarrhea was the most common symptom reported by **94 per cent** of cases, followed by abdominal pain reported by **57 per cent** of cases.

[Invasive Pneumococcal Disease in Durham Region Infographic](#)

Between 2014 and 2018 an average of **46** cases of invasive pneumococcal diseases were reported each year with **73 per cent** of these cases occurring among adults ages 55 and older. Almost three-quarters of cases (**72 per cent**) reported a chronic illness or underlying medical condition and almost half (**48 per cent**) reported being unimmunized.

[Influenza in Durham Region 2018-2019 Season Infographic](#)

There were **455** lab confirmed cases of influenza reported in the 2018-2019 influenza season. One third (**33 per cent**) of these cases occurred in January. The majority of cases (**92 per cent**) were influenza A. Almost one third of respiratory outbreaks in institutions (**31 per cent**) were caused by influenza. In late December, **seven per cent** of ED visits were associated with influenza-like illness.

[West Nile Virus in Durham Region Infographic](#)

Between 2010 and 2018 there were **26** cases of WNV reported with most cases occurring in August and September (**85 per cent**). Three quarters of cases (**76 per cent**) reported camping, hiking, working or other outdoor activities as a risk factor. There is currently no treatment or vaccine to prevent WNV.

[Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Rate and Substance Use During Pregnancy](#)

NAS is defined as neonatal withdrawal symptoms from maternal use of drugs or addiction. The information comes from hospitalization data. In 2018 there were **40** deliveries of infants with NAS in Durham Region for a rate of 5.7 for every 1,000 births. This represents a **120 per cent** increase in the rate since 2009. The incidence of NAS in Durham Region was generally lower than Ontario's rate.

Information about substance use during pregnancy comes from the BORN Information System. In 2018, **1.7 per cent** of women who gave birth (117 pregnancies) reported using recreational drugs while pregnant. This was a slight increase from the rate in 2014 at **1.3 per cent**. Similarly, **1.9 per cent** of women who gave birth (134 pregnancies) reported using alcohol during pregnancy. This was also a slight increase from the rate in 2014 at **1.3 per cent**. Durham's rate was consistently lower than Ontario.

[ED Visits for Benzodiazepine Overdoses](#)

This report examines trends in ED visits for benzodiazepine overdose in local residents by age and sex with comparisons to Ontario. Benzodiazepines belong to the tranquilizer family of drugs. Between 2009 and 2018, the rate of ED visits in the region increased by **58 per cent** for females and by **66 per cent** for males. In comparison, the rates increased in Ontario by only 12 per cent in females and 8 per cent in males. Rates were higher in females than males. The ED visit rate for local youth aged 15 to 19 tripled in the last 10 years. Youth had the highest ED visit rate for benzodiazepine overdose in 2018 and the

highest rate of increase. Durham Region rates were higher than Ontario rates for both males and females and for all age groups examined.

Population at a Glance

The estimated population in Durham Region in 2018 was **683,600**. Ajax had the largest population growth between 2008 and 2018, with an increase of **22 per cent**, followed by Clarington (**18 per cent**), Oshawa (**14 per cent**) and Whitby (**12 per cent**). Aging of the population is apparent with growth occurring in ages 55 and older. In particular, seniors 90 years and older had the highest population growth in Durham Region with an overall increase of **114 per cent**.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



Health Protection

Report for July – September 2019

Food Safety

In the third quarter of 2019, staff instructed **10** FHT courses and conducted **four** proctoring sessions. **Five (50 per cent)** of these courses were taught in priority neighbourhoods. To expand DRHD services while minimizing the impact to resources, **three** community partners were brought on as proctors in their own environments, including Schoolhouse Playcare, Canadian Hearing Society, and Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School. Outside partner proctors conducted **nine** proctoring sessions during this period.

Vlogs continue to be an engaging way for food safety messaging to reach the community. A vlog on “Food Safety & Special Events” premiered in July 2019 and has had over **6,000** views. Another vlog was filmed on the HMCA and how to use the information to make informed choices while visiting local restaurants. This vlog will premiere in the last quarter.

Food waste diversion continues to be a focus for Food Safety staff, with a series of **seven** vlogs filmed in collaboration with the WD. The vlogs are aimed at high school and post-secondary students and teaches them how to reduce food waste safely. HPD also reviewed storyboards for video content on food waste reduction, being developed by DRWD (to be filmed in the fourth quarter).

DRHD’s newly implemented special events process continues to increase efficiencies. To date, the new risk-based assessment tool has trimmed **15** onsite inspection days from events around the region, while education and communication have ensured food safety is still at a premium level. During the third quarter, **six** special events were inspected (in accordance with DRHD’s risk assessment tool), and a HPD staff member operated

displays at **six** events around the region. Plans are to continue to evaluate the new process throughout the duration of 2019.

Part 8 OBC (Sewage Systems)

The OBC was amended by O. Reg 315/10 which establishes and governs mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs to be administered by principal authorities (i.e., BOHs, conservation authorities and/or municipalities) in certain areas.

Inspections were initially required in specific areas located within 100 metres of the Lake Simcoe shoreline. Phase II of the LSPA extends to land located within 100 metres upland of other lakes or ponds and permanent rivers and streams in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

The inspections of properties affected by mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs are required every five years. Thus, the properties where inspections were conducted in 2014 required reinspection in 2019. A total of **67** properties were inspected in 2019 as part of Phase I, round 2 of the LSPA.

The Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge entered into agreements with DRHD for the management of this program within their respective jurisdictions. Three summer students conducted inspections in the Townships of Brock and Uxbridge between May and August 2019. A total of **155** inspections were conducted in the Township of Uxbridge, **97** in Brock Township and **81** in the Township of Scugog for a total of **333** inspections in 2019. Two sewage systems in the Township of Brock required subsequent inspection and follow-up due to a potential sewage system malfunction.

The mandatory sewage system maintenance program will resume in 2020 in all three Townships. All mandatory on-site sewage system maintenance inspections for the current phases must be completed by January 1, 2021.

Safe Water

Bathing Beach Monitoring Program

During the 2019 monitoring and sampling season, from June 3 to August 26, a total of **14** public beaches were tested and **870** samples were sent to the PHOL to determine *E. coli* levels. The results are analysed and compared to the provincial standard of 200 *E. coli*/100 ml. Test results are posted on durham.ca, distributed via social media and to members of the media to assist with public notification of beach postings every week. A

total of **18** postings were issued for **eight** beaches indicating that a beach was unsafe for swimming due to *E. coli* levels during the 2019 season. In 2019, new signs advising the public of precautions to take for blue-green algae were posted at all 14 public beaches. Blue-green algal blooms were not identified at any public beaches in the region in 2019.

Small Drinking Water Systems

SDWS include public facilities with a non-municipal water supply such as, food service establishments, trailer parks/campgrounds, marinas, recreational camps, places of worship and any place where the general public has access to a washroom. Locally there are approximately **251** SDWS. All have been inspected, assigned a risk category and re-inspected according to the risk category assigned by PHIs with specialized training. After the initial inspection and assignment of a risk category, each SDWS is issued a site-specific directive which identifies water sampling and testing frequency, the types of samples to be taken, the need for treatment and treatment equipment. In 2019, **47** SDWS have been inspected to date.

The OPHS, relevant guideline and protocol identify the monitoring and inspection requirements for SDWS. DRHD has issued **37** warning notices to SDWS owners that were not in compliance with the directive to date in 2019. When compliance is not achieved following the issuance of a warning notice, legal action is taken and owners are charged under O. Reg 319/08. **One** conviction has been registered and **two** charges are pending for offenses under O. Reg 319/08 in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Lisa Fortuna
Director, Health Protection Division



Healthy Families

Report for July – September 2019

Healthy Families

Healthy Babies Healthy Children

The HBHC program is administered by PHUs across Ontario and consists of universal screening with targeted assessments and interventions for families and children, from the prenatal period until their transition to school. As part of the HBHC program, PHNs and lay FVs provide supportive intervention to families identified with risk through a BHV model.

Between May 1 and August 31, **1,772** clients were screened by nurses in hospital and midwives in private practice and **977 (55 per cent)** scored with risk for compromised child development and/or parenting capacity. DRHD staff attempts to contact all clients identified at risk within 48 hours following discharge from hospital to offer a home visit and IDA. **Six hundred and twenty-three (64 per cent)** clients responded to DRHD's calls and **266 (43 per cent)** agreed to a home visit by a PHN. **Two hundred and fifteen (81 per cent)** IDAs were completed by PHNs between May 1 and August 31. **One hundred and thirty-eight (64 per cent)** of these clients were confirmed with risk following the IDA and were offered referral to the BHV program.

PHNs and FVs work in partnership with identified families in the BHV program to address goals related to healthy child development and effective parenting. Between May 1 and August 31, **2,347** home visits were made to clients by PHNs and/or FVs. Since January 1, **92** clients have completed one or more of their service plan goals and of those goals, **97 per cent** were achieved or partially achieved.

As part of the HBHC program clients participate in assessments and activities to foster parent-child interaction and attachment. Between May 1 and August 31, **156**

assessments were completed. Following assessment, PHNs and FVs provide education and hands on activities aimed at strengthening the parent-child interaction in areas where they did not score well on the assessment. During this time clients participated in **157** activities facilitated by FVs. Those clients who participated in a repeat assessment between May 1 and August 31 showed a **13 per cent** score improvement over time.

Prenatal and Newborn

Collaborative Perinatal Mood Disorder Group

PMDs include depression and/or anxiety and are the most common complication of pregnancy, affecting one in five childbearing women. These conditions are often under diagnosed and under treated. The negative impact of PMD is far reaching, affecting the whole family. PMD has been linked to adverse outcomes including poor breastfeeding rates, poor maternal-infant bonding, lower infant immunization rates and maternal suicides that account for up to 20 per cent of postpartum deaths. PMD can also pose a significant risk to the healthy social, cognitive and emotional development of an infant. These negative influences can affect a child's future development, including its mental and physical health.

Timely and effective treatment is key to mitigating these adverse outcomes, however waitlists for treatment are often long, particularly if a woman does not have additional health benefits.

DRHD and OSCMHS have partnered to pilot a collaborative health education/CBT PMD group. The pilot consists of two, 14-week sessions, beginning mid-October 2019. Each group will support **12** women impacted by PMD symptoms. The group will be facilitated by CBT-trained staff from OSCMHS and a PHN. OSCMHS will provide the therapy component of the group, whereas DRHD will provide health education on topics such as infant sleep, feeding, growth and development, attachment and self-care. These topic areas, if not addressed, are known to trigger anxiety in mothers with PMD. The group will be evaluated pre and post sessions using validated mental health screening tools. Additionally, the degree of confidence in participants' capacity to effectively cope with identified health topics will be assessed.

Another important partnership associated with this project is with EOCFCs. The collaborative PMD groups will be held at an EOCFC site, with staff providing child care to older children as needed. As part of this collaboration, the EOCFC has established a weekly 'play to learn' drop-in group that is designed specifically for parents experiencing PMD. This supports parents who often feel alienated in mainstream groups to interact with their baby and other parents in a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment. To

support the EOCFC staff members as they begin this new program, a PHN provided a capacity building session to better support their ability to work with parents experiencing PMD, deal with a mental health crisis and learn of community supports available for this population.

Free Online Prenatal Classes Launched July 2019

Prenatal education can decrease fears around labour and birth, help partners feel involved, prepare for bringing baby home and help families make informed decisions. It is positively associated with increased likelihood of a vaginal birth and arriving at the hospital in active labour, which results in decreasing the need for medical interventions. Additionally, prenatal education is associated with increased breastfeeding initiation and duration, which is known to decrease health care costs. It was reported that in 2018, only 39 per cent of first-time parents participated in prenatal classes, either online or in-person.

DRHD collaborated with **10** other PHUs to launch online prenatal classes that are consistent with evidence-based content from Health Canada, Best Start and the Society for Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada. The free online classes cover information related to pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, newborn care, substance use, mental health and local supports and services for families. Videos, voice-over, 3D animations and activities are utilized to support various learning styles.

The classes are mobile-friendly and provide a convenient way for expectant families to access up-to-date and evidence-based information. Offering no cost, online access to prenatal education promotes a universal approach and removes many barriers to accessing high quality prenatal education such as affordability, time and transportation, increasing access for vulnerable populations.

Various avenues have been used to advertise the new online classes, including a news release that was picked up by **three** media outlets and resulted in a TV interview, a radio interview and two newspaper articles published. From September to December 2019, a staged communication campaign is being implemented to increase awareness of the online prenatal classes through such avenues as online advertising, interior bus cards in priority neighbourhoods and movie theatre ads. Promotional messages will also be disseminated via DHF and DRHD social media accounts. A Child Health Newsletter article was completed, as well as distribution of promotional posters to family physicians and health and social service providers.

The intended outcome of the online prenatal class campaign is to see an increase in both the number of first-time parents and all expectant parents who take prenatal classes during each pregnancy. To date, **163** users have registered for the online classes.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Healthy Living

Report for July – September 2019

Healthy Living

As a part of its commitment to injury prevention, DRHD supports concussion awareness, education and early identification. RL received Royal Assent in March 2018, with its corresponding regulation released in May 2019. In response to this new legislation, DRHD implemented **two** workshops on June 25 (Oshawa) and June 26 (North Durham) for local amateur sports organizations to support them to implement mandatory requirements by the July 1, 2019 deadline.

A media release was distributed on June 10, resulting in an article that was published in the Oshawa Express on June 11. Social media posts were implemented leading up to the workshops with a combined reach of **33,891** people. Additionally, a DRHD news video was posted to the Durham Region YouTube platform. A total of **45** people attended the workshops representing **16** sport organizations and **two** DDSB schools. Evaluation post workshop indicated that **95 per cent** of participants felt the workshop increased their knowledge about concussions, increased their understanding of RL, and provided them with practical information to assist in implementing RL. In addition, a PHN supported a local school board with updating its concussion policy to align with RL and the MOE's school board policy on concussions.

The new legislation established a declaration proclaiming the last Wednesday of September RLD. This year RLD was celebrated on September 25 and in recognition of this day, DRHD implemented a concussion awareness communication campaign. A poster detailing the common signs and symptoms of a concussion was developed and distributed to **45** local recreation centres and **228** local schools. A FaxAbout was sent to all local clinics, hospitals, nurse practitioners, pediatricians and primary care physicians. A news blast was submitted to the DCYPN and was released on September 3.

Advertising was secured at **four** local recreation centres, and included rink board ads, backlit displays and digital lobby ads. In addition, **two** advertisements were placed in the Ajax and Pickering recreation guides for the 2019-2020 season. Social media posts to promote concussion awareness and RLD generated a combined reach of **10,011**.

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017

TEOs have been completing their local youth test shopper surveillance for the year. All tobacco and vapour product vendors are test shopped during the year by a young student under the age of 19 who attempts to purchase products. If the vendor proceeds to sell the tobacco or vapour products to the minor, the operator and owner of the store are subsequently charged with selling or supplying tobacco or vapour products to a person who is less than 19 years old. To date, **957** test shopper inspections have been completed with results indicating a **94 per cent** compliance rate. In addition, the TEOs have conducted **877** tobacco and e-cigarette display and promotion compliance inspections.

The new Regional Smoking and Vaping By-law #28-2019 has been in effect since June 24, 2019. The new by-law expands the number of public places and workplaces in the region where smoking or vaping of any substance, including cannabis, is prohibited. Prohibited places include, hookah and vape lounges, any municipal building and the property around it, post-secondary campuses and any public park and 20 m beyond the park. A communication plan was implemented on September 16, including a media release and social media platforms to increase awareness and provide information on the requirements in the new by-law to the public and other key stakeholders throughout the region. Information on the by-law is posted on durham.ca. Staff in the tobacco enforcement program continues to work with various local enforcement agencies to plan and implement an enforcement strategy for the by-law.

TEOs have also been responding to a significant number of complaints and concerns regarding vaping by students within schools and on school property. To date, TEOs have issued **115** warnings and **18** charges to students vaping on school property and have investigated **120** complaints. In 2018, only **eight** warnings, **one** charge and **17** complaints were received regarding smoking and/or vaping on school property.

To date, two licensed cannabis retailers have opened in Ajax and Oshawa. The licensed cannabis retail outlets are licensed and inspected by the AGCO. TEOs have been directed by the MOH to only attend these premises in response to a complaint and to work in collaboration with the AGCO inspector during the complaint investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Infectious Diseases

Report for July – September 2019

Immunization

School Based Immunization Clinics for Grades 7 and 8

In accordance with the OPHS, DRHD promotes and provides provincially funded immunization programs to eligible students in Durham Region through school-based clinics, with the aim to reduce or eliminate the burden of VPDs.

The goal of the school-based immunization program is to reduce the incidence of VPDs by providing hepatitis B, Men-C-ACYW-135 (to prevent meningococcal disease) and HPV9 vaccines to eligible Grade 7 students through school-based immunization clinics.

PHNs attended **187** schools, twice during the 2018-19 school year to provide immunizations.

In the fall, clinics were scheduled from September 24 to December 14, 2018. Grade 7 immunizations included the first dose of hepatitis B and HPV9 vaccines and Men-C-ACYW-135 vaccine. Grade 8 immunizations included catch-up doses for any students that missed hepatitis B, HPV9 or Men-C-ACYW-135 vaccines in Grade 7. In the spring, clinics were scheduled from April 24 to June 14, 2019. Grade 7 immunizations included the second dose of hepatitis B and HPV9 vaccines and catch-up doses for any missed doses from the fall. Grade 8 immunizations included catch-up doses for any students that missed hepatitis B, HPV9 or Men-C-ACYW-135 doses in Grade 7.

There was a total of **8,239** Grade 7 students for the 2018-19 cohort. **Seventy-eight per cent** of eligible Grade 7 students were fully immunized for hepatitis B. A total of **11,087** hepatitis B doses were administered to Grade 7 students at school clinics. An additional **988** hepatitis B doses were administered to Grade 8 students who had not previously

completed the series in the 2017-18 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, **76 per cent** of students were fully immunized for hepatitis B. By the end of Grade 8 in the 2018-19 school year, **87 per cent** of these students were fully immunized for hepatitis B.

Ninety-two per cent of eligible Grade 7 students were fully immunized for Men-C-ACYW-135. A total of **7,392** Men-C-ACYW-135 doses were administered to Grade 7 students at school clinics. An additional **190** Men-C-ACYW-135 doses were administered to Grade 8 students who had not previously received the publicly funded dose. By the end of Grade 8, **97 per cent** of these students were fully immunized for Men-C-ACYW-135, which is an increase from the **91 per cent** immunization rate in their Grade 7 year.

Of the 2018-19 cohort, **70 per cent** of eligible Grade 7 students were fully immunized for HPV9. A total of **12,290** doses were administered at school clinics. An additional **1,164** HPV doses were administered to Grade 8 students who had not completed the series during the previous year. In the 2017-18 school year, **68 per cent** of grade 7 students were fully immunized for HPV9. By the end of Grade 8, **80 per cent** of these students were fully immunized for HPV9 in the 2018-19 school year, which is a significant increase from their Grade 7 year.

For the past two years, the philosophical exemption rate of Grade 7 students has been approximately **three per cent**.

Vaccine Hesitancy

Vaccine hesitancy is defined as a reluctance to receive immunizations. PHNs work in their respective communities to develop and implement tailored strategies that aim to support immunizations for those who are vaccine hesitant. Some of these strategies include but are not limited to delivering consent forms to Grade 7 classes to provide health teaching and prepare students for the clinic, providing privacy at school clinics, inviting parents to school clinics to support students and providing health teaching to dispel common misconceptions on vaccines. When clinically relevant, students can be offered a one to one immunization appointment at DRHD sites.

Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control

Child Care Centres

The Wee Care newsletter will now be an e-newsletter in the effort to decrease printing and mailout costs.

The child care absenteeism reporting project re-started in September. This program allows DRHD to be aware of illness in the child care community. Twenty-three of approximately 280 CCCs participate in this project.

Diseases of Public Health Significance

Between July to September, **189** DPHS were reported to HPD. As expected during the summer months, enteric diseases dominated the investigations. The most common enteric diseases in this period were campylobacter enteritis (**70** cases), salmonellosis (**16** cases), giardiasis (**13** cases) and cryptosporidiosis (**10** cases). Lyme disease was another dominant disease during this period with **30** cases investigated.

A new infographic on influenza was created to summarize the 2018-19 influenza season. This infographic will be highlighted during the 21st Annual Flu Event, scheduled on October 22, 2019 where hospital, LTC and retirement homes infection control staff can learn about this year's influenza vaccine and the previous influenza season. The goal of the event is always to increase health care worker flu immunization rates by providing the vaccine and relevant, timely information.

Group A Streptococcal infections are caused by a common bacterium that is present world-wide. The invasive form of the disease (iGAS) commonly presents as skin or soft tissue infections, bacteremia, pneumonia, streptococcal toxic shock syndrome and necrotizing fasciitis (also known as flesh eating disease). There is risk of transmission of the disease from person to person through contact with nasal, oral, throat, or wound secretions of an infected person. Symptoms of iGAS may be vague and can include chills, diarrhea, fever, joint pain, muscle aches, rash, and vomiting. The main complications associated with iGAS are rapid spread of necrotizing fasciitis and rapid progression to multi-organ failure, shock and death.

All cases of iGAS in the region are immediately reportable to DRHD. PHNs follow-up as soon as possible to prevent the spread of Group A Streptococcal infections in the community. In 2019, PHNs managed **25** cases of iGAS and followed-up with **50** contacts. Managing the case includes locating the individual who is diagnosed with iGAS, assessing the individual's health status to determine the severity of the infection and ensuring correct treatment. The PHN provides health teaching to the case about transmission of the infection and will identify the people who have had the most contact with the case during the infectious period. Follow-up with contacts of the case includes health education about the signs and symptoms of Group A Streptococcal infections, risk factors for transmission and advice about when to seek medical care. The PHN may also make recommendations for chemoprophylaxis, a preventative ten-day course of oral antibiotics, of close contacts of a clinically severe case of iGAS.

Between 2013 and 2017, an average of **24** cases of iGAS were reported each year. Of the cases reported, **14 per cent** were fatal, **63 per cent** had chronic or underlying medical conditions, **20 per cent** had existing skin conditions, **19 per cent** had weakened immune systems, **16 per cent** used injection drugs, and **9 per cent** abused alcohol.

PHNs collaborated with the PCOP to follow up with cases and contacts of iGAS who were homeless or underhoused. This collaboration resulted in reaching **three** individuals who were affected by iGAS and required follow-up. PHNs were able to deliver important health messages and the PCOP outreach worker was able to facilitate access to community supports and other health care services for the cases and contacts.

Infection Prevention and Control Lapses

PSS are still being investigated for complaints. A vein clinic was recently investigated and posted for an IPAC lapse.

Outbreak Summary

Between July to September, **six** outbreak investigations were launched. Of those, **five** were respiratory and **one** enteric. Group A Streptococcus was the only identified causative agent. The child care population was affected most during this period with **four** respiratory outbreaks occurring in CCCs.

Personal Services Settings

DRHD continues to create vlogs for PSS owners and operators to increase community engagement with this group. The response rates to the vlog have been encouraging.

Rabies Prevention and Control

To date **1,328** reports of animal bites have been investigated compared to only **1,076** reports during the same time period in 2018. DRHD also issued **126** anti-rabies treatments to victims until the end of August which is an increase from a total of **115** treatments issued in all of 2018.

HPD has submitted a total of **39** animals for rabies testing in 2019 to date, compared to **39** animal submissions in total for 2018. There have been **three** rabies positive bats to date. In 2018 **one** bat tested positive for rabies.

In August, MOH issued a memorandum to all PHUs in Ontario advising them that the use of Rablg has increased significantly due to a recent Canadian human rabies case from a bat exposure, resulting in limited availability of Rablg within Ontario and across Canada.

In an effort to ensure Rablg availability, the MOH developed a new Rablg-sparing protocol for HCPs administering rabies PEP. HPD distributed the new protocol to local HCPs, provided information about the pending shortage of rabies biologicals in the province and reinforced the importance of appropriate risk assessment. DRHD has not experienced a shortage of Rablg and has a full supply of rabies PEP at this time.

HPD continues to collaborate with local stakeholders to assist in the establishment, promotion, and delivery of low-cost rabies vaccination clinics. To date a total of **five** low-cost rabies vaccination clinics have been held during 2019.

Sexual Health

From July 1 to September 27, SHCs in Oshawa and Pickering provided service to **762** new clients. This resulted in a total of **3,059** client interactions of which **351** occurred with individuals residing in priority neighbourhoods.

Testing for STIs included **1,353** urine tests, **35** rectal swabs and **90** throat swabs for chlamydia and gonorrhea. This testing identified **120** confirmed chlamydia and **24** confirmed gonorrhea cases. As well, nurses also performed **388** blood tests to screen for hepatitis C, HIV and syphilis.

To prevent the spread of STIs and associated health risks, the SHC staff provides clients with treatment at no cost. Between July 1 and September 27, PHNs administered **212** chlamydia, **58** gonorrhea, **14** syphilis and **seven** trichomoniasis treatments. Additionally, **119** genital wart, **70** molluscum, **50** bacterial vaginosis and **11** herpes treatments were provided. The SHC provides clients with the opportunity to receive vaccines that prevent STIs and BBIs including hepatitis A and B, and HPV. In the past three months PHNs provided **104** immunizations to SHC clients.

Vector-Borne Diseases

The WNV prevention and control program has completed its surveillance and larviciding activities for the 2019 season. Over **1,900** standing water sites were assessed by DRHD staff resulting in over **150** larvicide treatments. Adult mosquito trapping during the season resulted in only one positive WNV mosquito pool being identified compared to **seven** positive pools in 2018. The scheduled three rounds of regional roadside catch basins were completed by the end of July 2019. Private backyard catch basins were larvicided in June 2019. No human cases of WNV have been reported in 2019 to date, compared to **five** human cases in 2018.

LD surveillance activities are continuing into the fall which include ticks being submitted to DRHD from the public for identification and testing and active tick surveillance at various locations throughout the region. This season, a total of **191** ticks have been submitted by the public compared to **125** ticks submitted during 2018. There was a total of **35** confirmed human cases of LD reported in 2019 compared to **29** confirmed human cases in 2018.

DRHD has completed a [West Nile Virus in Durham Region](#) infographic poster which provides information to the health care community, for the period of 2010 to 2018, on the average number of WNV cases reported, the gender and average age of cases, risk factors, symptoms and treatment. The poster will be distributed to local HCPs and is posted on [durham.ca](#).

Respectfully submitted,

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Paramedic Services

Report for July – September 2019

Administration

RDPS is pleased to announce the appointment Shaun Fitzsimons to the position of Resource Coordinator. Shaun will be responsible for gathering required data through RDPS' analytics database for reporting to the MOH and MBN.

Logistics

All front-line ambulance replacements have been deployed. Cyclical ambulance equipment certifications have been completed.

Operations

DRPS and RDPS' amended tiered response MOU has been implemented. This will allow for a better use of RDPS resources in the community.

Quality & Development

The Q & D team has been mobile throughout the region, engaging with paramedic staff and providing off-site training and education as it relates to new MOH Basic Life Support Standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Chief/ Director



October 21, 2019

To Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council

RE: Nuclear Public Alerting System Fall Testing

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The Region of Durham Emergency Management Office will be carrying out the semi-annual fall testing of the nuclear public alerting system. This test is part of the system's maintenance program and helps to raise public awareness.

Testing will take place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. over two days:

- On **Monday, November 25, 2019** there will be a test of the automated telephone notification system. People and businesses who receive this phone call will hear a message explaining the test.
- On **Tuesday, November 26, 2019** there will be a test of the outdoor sirens. The sirens will sound for up to one minute (sirens would sound for at least three minutes in the event of an actual nuclear emergency). The sirens are located within three kilometres of the nuclear generation stations.

This only a test; no action is required.

Cell phone, radio and TV alerts are tested separately by the Province of Ontario and will not be part of the November 25 and 26 tests but scheduled to occur later in the same week.

Corporate Communications is conducting an awareness campaign to advise the public of the fall test, including a public service announcement, public notice and social media campaign.

In the month leading up to the test, information will be posted on the Region's website, and Twitter and Facebook accounts. We encourage staff from your respective organizations to monitor these channels and share the information through your own accounts as appropriate.

If you hear from members of the community who have questions about the test, the Durham Emergency Management Office would be happy to speak with them. Our team can be reached at 1-866-551-5373.



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For more information about the nuclear public alerting system, visit durham.ca/NuclearPreparedness.

Please feel free to distribute this information as you deem appropriate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

James Kilgour
Director, Emergency Management Office

cc: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, C.A.O.

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Notice of Completion of Environmental Study Report New Highway 401 Road Crossing from Notion Road to Squires Beach Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Study Overview

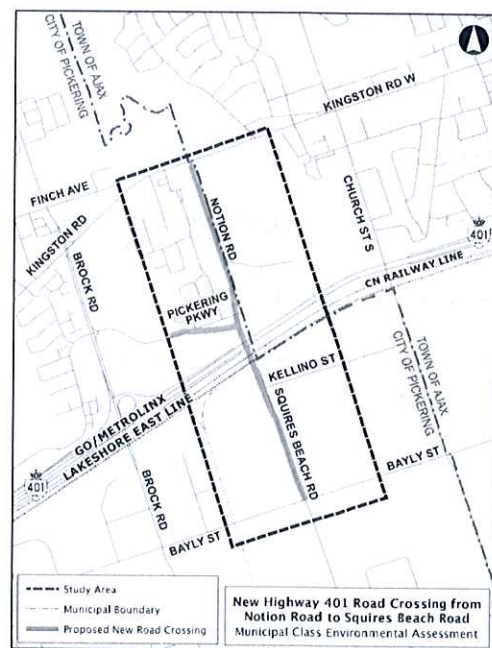
The City of Pickering and Pickering Developments Inc. have completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new Highway 401 crossing to connect Notion Road and Squires Beach Road, in the City of Pickering, Region of Durham (see map). The need for a new road crossing to link Notion Road with Squires Beach Road for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists was identified in the City of Pickering Official Plan, Edition 8 (2018), the Town of Ajax Official Plan (2016), the Region of Durham Official Plan (2017), and the Region of Durham Transportation Master Plan (2017).

The aim of this Project is to provide improved road network connectivity, capacity and active transportation to support continued growth in the City of Pickering and bring relief to the existing road infrastructure. The study also supports the development of lands located south of Highway 401 and the rail corridor, west of Church Street South, east of a Canadian National Railway spur line, and north of Bayly Street.

The Process and Outcome

This Study was conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects, as outlined in the Municipal Class EA process (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18). An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared. It describes the need for the Project, the evaluation of alternative solutions, evaluation of alternative design concepts for the preferred solution, and recommends a preferred design concept for the new road crossing. Potential impacts associated with the preferred design concept, and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts have also been assessed. The ESR also provides a record of consultation undertaken throughout the Study.

The preferred design concept is a bridge crossing of Highway 401 and the rail corridor, with a sidewalk and a multi-use path. Notion Road and Squires Beach Road will be realigned slightly to the west and elevated on the approaches to the bridge. Pickering Parkway will be realigned slightly to the south on the approach to Notion Road.



Environmental Study Report Review

This Notice places the ESR on the public record for review and comment for thirty (30) calendar days from October 18 to November 18, 2019 at the locations indicated below.

Review Locations:

Pickering City Hall – Clerk's Office

One The Esplanade
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7
Tel: 905.683.2760

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Pickering Public Library (Central)

One The Esplanade
Pickering, ON L1V 6K7
Tel: 905.831.6265

Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The ESR is also available on the Project webpage at: pickering.ca/hwy401crossing

Interested persons may provide written comments to the Project Team representatives listed below within the review period.

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Part II Order Requests

If concerns regarding the Project remain unresolved after consulting with the Project Team, a person can request that the Project be subject to a Part II Order (elevated to an Individual EA) by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Part II Order requests must be made by completing the Part II Request Form. The form can be found at the following link by searching "Part II Order Request" under Quick Search for Forms: www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca

The completed form and any supporting information you would like to provide must be provided to the following contacts by November 18, 2019:

Minister, Honourable Jeff Yurek

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Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Project Team representatives as noted above.

Issue Date: October 17, 2019

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

To: Corporate Services Committee

From: Tracy Adams, Commissioner,
Corporate Services Department

Report Number: CORP-19-71

Date of Report: September 4, 2019

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2019

Subject: Licensing of Tobacco Retailers

File: D-2200

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Corporate Services Committee's ("Committee") direction on January 14, 2019:

"That Correspondence CORP-19-04 dated November 29, 2018 from the Canadian Cancer Society requesting the City implement a licensing regime for tobacco retailers be referred to staff for a report back to the Corporate Services Committee in June 2019 including cost factors."

2.0 Recommendation

That the Corporate Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report CORP-19-71 dated September 4, 2019 concerning a licensing system for tobacco retailers be received for information.

3.0 Executive Summary

Not applicable.

4.0 Input From Other Sources

The following stakeholders were consulted in the preparation of this report:

- Durham Region Public Health
- Ministry of Finance – Account Management and Collections Branch
- Town of Oakville

5.0 Analysis

5.1 Background

At its January 14, 2019 meeting, Committee considered correspondence CORP-19-04 (**Attachment 1**) from the Canadian Cancer Society requesting that the City implement a licensing system for tobacco retailers. This report responds to Committee's January 14, 2019 direction:

"That Correspondence CORP-19-04 dated November 29, 2018 from the Canadian Cancer Society requesting the City implement a licensing regime for tobacco retailers be referred to staff for a report back to the Corporate Services Committee in June 2019 including cost factors."

5.1.1 Regulatory Framework: Tobacco Sales and Consumption

The sale and consumption of tobacco is regulated by a robust provincial framework established primarily within the Tobacco Tax Act, 1990 (T.T.A.) and the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 (S.F.O.A.). The current regulatory framework for the sale and consumption of tobacco is detailed below.

a) Tobacco Sales: Provincial Tobacco Licensing System

The Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Finance, regulates tobacco activities pursuant to the T.T.A. and related Regulations. Such activities include: manufacturing; mark cigarettes and fine cut tobacco; wholesale; retail; import; export; interjurisdictional transport; and purchasing, possessing, storing or selling unmarked cigarettes or unmarked fine cut tobacco. Specific to sales, the Ministry of Finance administers a permitting system for:

- **Tobacco wholesalers:** "[any] person who sells in Ontario tobacco products for the purpose of resale, and includes a person who operates or maintains one or more cigarette vending machines in, at or upon premises owned or occupied by another person."¹
- **Tobacco retailers:** "any person who sells tobacco products to a consumer."²

In addition to establishing a permitting system, tobacco retailers must comply with the province's operating standards, some of which are prescribed in the S.F.O.A. These standards include but are not limited to:

- selling legal tobacco products only;
- having a valid tobacco retail dealer's permit belonging to the owner of the tobacco product for each location that tobacco products are sold;

¹ Tobacco Tax Act, 1990

² Ibid

- only buying tobacco products from Ontario-registered tobacco wholesalers;
- keeping, at their principal place of business, records and books of account for all tobacco product purchases and sales for seven years;
- not selling tobacco products to a person less than nineteen (19) years old;
- requiring identification from anyone that appears to be less than twenty-five (25) years old;
- posting applicable health warning and age restriction signs; and,
- selling legal packages of cigarettes and fine cut tobacco that are marked with the appropriate “duty paid” tobacco stamp.

Ministry of Finance tobacco inspectors are responsible for enforcing the standards established in the T.T.A. and Durham Region (“the Region”) Public Health’s Tobacco Enforcement Officers are responsible for enforcing standards in the S.F.O.A. There are approximately one-hundred and twenty (120) tobacco retailers and one (1) tobacco wholesaler in the City of Oshawa.

b) Consumption: Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and Regional Smoke-Free By-law

The consumption³ of tobacco, which includes cannabis, is regulated pursuant to the provincial S.F.O.A. and associated regulations. Additionally, the consumption of tobacco is further regulated by the Region’s new Smoking and Vaping By-law 28-2019. Both the S.F.O.A. and the Smoking and Vaping By-law 28-2019 are administered and enforced by Durham Region Public Health’s Tobacco Enforcement Officers.

5.1.2 Municipal Benchmarking: Tobacco Licensing

Staff conducted a municipal scan to determine the municipal regulatory landscape. The scan determined that there are varying approaches to regulating tobacco retailers at the local level. Some municipalities, such as Clarington, Ajax, Whitby and Pickering, do not license tobacco retailers. The Canadian Cancer Society has submitted similar correspondence to the Town of Ajax regarding the licensing of tobacco retailers and City Council received it for information. Other municipalities, such as Brampton, Hamilton, Kingston, Oakville, Toronto and Vaughan, have established licensing regimes. Highlights of the licensing regimes established by municipalities scanned that license tobacco retailers are detailed in **Table 1**.

³ Includes smoking and/or vaping

Table 1 Municipal Benchmarking: Licensing of Tobacco Retailers

Municipality	Compliance with Existing Legislation/ Statutes	Signage Standards	Age Standards	Other Standards ⁴	Licensing Fee(s)
Brampton	✓		✓	✓	\$228.00/year
Hamilton	✓	✓		✓	Initial Processing fee:\$75.00 Licence fee: \$435.00 Health inspection: \$215.01 E-Cigarette Health Fee (if applicable): \$70.00 Zoning Verification: \$242.00 Renewal Licence fee: \$435.00 Health Inspection: \$215.01 E-Cigarette Health Fee (if applicable): \$70.00
Kingston	✓				\$283.00/year
Markham	✓			✓	\$391.00/year
Mississauga	✓			✓	Initial: \$311.00 Renewal: \$225.00
Oakville	✓	✓			\$184.00/year
Ottawa	✓			✓	\$909.00/year
Toronto	✓	✓		✓	Initial: \$645.53 Renewal: \$315.17
Vaughan	✓	✓	✓	✓	Initial: \$349.00 Renewal: \$240.00

⁴ May include application requirements or operating standards

5.1.3 Standard Licensing Model Application and Operating Requirements

The general requirements of the standard licensing model established by municipalities scanned are detailed in **Table 2**. Should Council direct staff to develop a licensing system for Tobacco Retailers, the framework detailed in Table 2 would be recommended.

Table 2 Standard Tobacco Retailer Licensing System Model

Tobacco Retailer Licence	Details
Application Requirements	Submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Incorporation • Master Business Licence • Tobacco Retail Dealer's Permit • Insurance Certificate • Comply with Zoning By-law
Operating Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a provincial Tobacco Retail Dealer's permit in good standing • Where an automatic prohibition order is issued by the Minister of Health for the sale of tobacco, the Licence issued by the City is automatically suspended for the period of time specified in the automatic prohibition order. There shall be no appeal under this By-law for a Licence suspended under this section.
Duration	Annual licence

5.2 Recommendation

As detailed in Section 5.1.1 the tobacco retailers are subject to a robust regulatory framework enforced by Ministry of Finance tobacco inspectors and the Region's Tobacco Enforcement Officers. Staff assessed the creation of a municipal licensing system and have determined that enforcement should remain with the Ministry of Finance and Region's Public Health Department. Additionally, while a proposed licensing system would seek full cost recovery related to the administration and enforcement of the system, full cost recovery is not guaranteed. Therefore, it is recommended that a municipal licensing system not be pursued at this time.

6.0 Financial Implications

Based on the number of tobacco retailers currently operating in the City of Oshawa, it is estimated that the annual costs associated with a licensing regime in line with the standard licensing model described in Section 5.1.3 would be approximately \$30,000 which would potentially be offset by the application and licensing fees.

7.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

The recommendation in this report respond to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Goal of Accountable Leadership.



Brenda Jeffs, Interim Director,
Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services



Tracy Adams, Commissioner,
Corporate Services Department

Attachments

CORP-19-04

From: Sarah Cruickshank <sarah.cruickshank@cancer.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 2:23 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Municipal Tobacco Retail Licences

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, I am writing to urge that the City of Oshawa require that all tobacco retailers in the municipality be licensed and pay an annual licence fee, as other municipalities in Ontario have done. Attached please find a summary list of municipal tobacco licence fees in Canada, as well as an accompanying rationale.

We also recommend that electronic vendors be required to have a licence and to pay a licence fee, as has been required in Hamilton and London.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Best regards,
Sarah Cruickshank



Sarah Cruickshank
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Ontario Municipal Tobacco Retail Licence Fees Should be Increased

November 2018

Issue Overview

Municipalities in Ontario have the ability to require municipal licences for tobacco retailers and to determine licence fees. The Canadian Cancer Society believes that all Ontario municipalities should require tobacco retail licences and that municipalities should substantially increase tobacco retail licence fees.

Why Implement a Retail Licence Fee?

1. Increase revenue

Licensing is an opportunity to generate revenue for municipalities. For example, for every 100 retailers, a \$500 annual licence fee would raise \$50,000 per year.

2. Assist with enforcement

Without licences, there is no record of who is selling tobacco products in the community. Knowing the location of all retailers assists inspectors efficiently enforcing laws regarding tobacco sales to minors, tobacco displays/promotion, flavoured tobacco products and contraband. Furthermore, if there is a violation of the law, the possibility of suspending a licence provides enforcement officers with an effective tool.

3. Ensure responsibility

Given the addictive nature of the product, it is perfectly reasonable to require that a licence be necessary to sell tobacco products and that a licence fee be required.

4. Cost recovery

Revenue from tobacco licences can offset municipal costs, such as those related to enforcement and to litter.

Municipalities have the opportunity to increase revenue and to assist with tobacco control enforcement activities. Many municipalities have already adopted licencing systems, as summarized on the next page.

Retailers selling electronic cigarettes (vaping products) should also be required to have an annual licence and to pay an annual fee, as Hamilton and London have required. The rationale for such a requirement is similar to the licence requirement for tobacco retailers.



List of Municipal Tobacco Retail Licence Fees (Annual Fees)

Ontario		Alberta	
Ottawa	\$893	Lloydminster, AB/SK (if flavoured tobacco sold)	\$1100
Hamilton	\$637	Lloydminster, AB/SK (if flavoured tobacco not sold)	\$750
Markham	\$383	St. Albert	\$714
Richmond Hill	\$297	Edmonton	\$479
London	\$277	Hinton	\$160
Kingston	\$275	Calgary	\$146
Brampton	\$228		
Mississauga	\$220		
Vaughan	\$222		
Windsor	\$191		
Greater Sudbury	\$150		
Chatham-Kent	\$150		
Burlington	\$145		
North Bay	\$50		
Cornwall	\$40		

Municipal Licence Fees for E-Cigarette Retailers (Annual Fees)

Hamilton	\$559 (or \$68 additional fee if also have tobacco retailer licence)
London	\$277

Municipal tobacco retailer licensing fees are not known to have been required in premises outside Ontario and Alberta.

For more information, please contact:

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Senior Coordinator, Public Issues
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Tel: 416-323-7112



The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Box 490, Rodney Ontario N0L 2C0

October 11, 2019

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 10, 2019, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-520

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Whereas The government of Ontario is consulting on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) to support the government's Housing Supply Action Plan and other land use planning related priorities. This consultation period closes on October 21, 2019;

And Whereas The Provincial Policy Statement is a consolidated statement of the government's policies on land use planning and is issued under section 3 of the Planning Act. The PPS applies province-wide and sets out the provincial policy direction for, among other things: The efficient use and management of land and infrastructure; Protecting public safety, the environment, and important resources including farmland;

And Whereas Municipalities are the primary implementers of the PPS through policies in their local official plans, zoning by-laws and other planning related decisions;

And Whereas The proposed draft policies would enhance agricultural protections to support critical food production and the agricultural sector as a significant economic driver;

And Whereas The proposed draft policies would direct large ground-mounted solar facilities away from prime agricultural and specialty crop areas, except for on-farm diversified uses;

And Whereas The Municipality of West Elgin is primarily an agriculture-based economy, and large grid-connected industrial wind turbine projects could also remove large portions of prime agricultural land from use, and are therefore not an appropriate use of prime agricultural land;

Therefore West Elgin Council supports the above policy statement with regard to large ground-mounted solar facilities; and recommends that PPS policies also include

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language to direct wind turbine facilities away from prime agricultural and specialty crops, except for on-farm diversified use;

And That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to send a copy of these comments prior to the October 21/19 deadline, to The Provincial Planning Policy Branch at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0279>; with copies to Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, and MPP, Jeff Yurek.

And Further That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario; The County of Elgin; and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Disposition: Carried

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TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Town Centre

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the County of Oxford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Michael Graves
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk-Deputy CAO
Town of Ingersoll

Cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman; Oxford County MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.



October 18, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Policy Statement Review – Proposed Policies

Submitted via the Environmental Registry of Ontario

RE: 2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 16, 2019, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

That the County of Wellington report regarding the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement be received; and

That Council supports the County of Wellington's position with respect to the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement; and

That Council directs staff to submit the County of Wellington comments to the EBR and to endorse the County of Wellington's comments by way of forwarding the comments to all municipalities.

On behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, please accept the Township of Puslinch comments with respect to the Provincial Policy Statement Review of Proposed Policies.



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COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
Subject: **2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review**

1.0 Background

To further support its Housing Supply Action Plan and other priorities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Comments are requested prior to October 20, 2019 (EBR Registry Number #019-0279).

The current PPS, which came into effect April 30, 2014, provides overall policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development across Ontario. Where provincial plans are in effect (such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan in Wellington), such plans:

- provide additional, and in some cases, more specific land use planning policies
- take precedence over the policies of the PPS in the event of a conflict

Where policies in the PPS do not overlap with policies in provincial plans, the policies of the PPS must be independently satisfied.

This report provides an overview of the key policy changes and responds briefly to questions posed by the province in the consultation documents.

2.0 Key Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Many of the proposed changes appear to have little impact on the County as they:

1. harmonize the PPS with the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") which already applies to Wellington; or
2. the Growth Plan policies are more specific/restrictive than the draft PPS.

In other respects, staff have identified the following key areas with the greatest impact on land use planning in Wellington County.

Agriculture

Current PPS policies allow for planning authorities to permit non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas subject to meeting specific criteria. Some examples of non-agricultural uses include manufacturing, automobile sales, golf courses, and campgrounds. The draft policies remove the criterion that the proposed use "complies with the minimum distance separation formulae" (MDS). Instead, impacts on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are to be "informed by provincial guidelines". This is more permissive when compared to language used elsewhere in the PPS, such as "in accordance with provincial guidelines". While the wording would allow for consideration of guidelines in addition to MDS, such as the "Guidelines on Permitted Uses in

Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas" we have questions about what these changes mean for MDS implementation.

Mineral Aggregates

Changes to subsection 2.5.2.4 include additional policy direction that depth of extraction be addressed through processes under the Aggregate Resources Act. The intent of the new wording is unclear and we are concerned that it may be meant to remove the ability of municipalities to continue to use vertical zoning to regulate extraction below the water table.

For gravel pits outside of the Greenbelt area and subject to satisfactory long-term rehabilitation, draft policies allow consideration of extraction in provincially significant wetlands (applies to areas outside of the County), woodlands, valleylands, wildlife habitat, areas of natural and scientific interest; fish habitat; and habitat of endangered species and threatened species. The Growth Plan is more restrictive for some features, but overall, the more permissive draft policies would appear to allow interim negative impacts to features and areas in favour of potential long-term environmental benefits through rehabilitation.

Indigenous Consultation

New requirement for planning authorities to:

- engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters; and
- engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

Extension of Planning Horizon

The planning horizon is extended from 20 to 25 years. We do not know whether the province intends to address this change in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which provides a growth forecast to 2041.

Housing

The province has changed housing policies and related terms in an effort to encourage a greater mix and supply of housing. For example, a new term "housing options" provides more specific policy direction about housing types. The draft policies increase the required supply of land for residential growth from ten years to twelve years. Municipalities are also given the option to maintain land with servicing capacity to provide a five-year supply of residential units (up from three). Overall, these changes appear to be positive, but we will continue to assess as more information becomes available.

Servicing Hierarchy and Private Communal Services

The draft PPS clarifies that the servicing hierarchy supports protecting the environment, human health and safety. With that in mind, upper-tier municipalities are required to work with lower-tier municipalities to assess long-term impacts of individual services on environmental health and character of rural settlement areas and the feasibility of full municipal services or private communal services. Policies specify that communal services are preferred for development of multiple residential units/lots where municipal services are not available, planned or feasible.

Land Use Compatibility

Stronger protection is provided for existing or planned major facilities (including industries, manufacturing uses, other facilities and infrastructure) from proposed sensitive lands uses (such as residences, day care centres, etc.).

3.0 Comments

Questions from Ministry	Response
<p>1. Do the proposed policies effectively support goals related to increasing housing supply, creating and maintaining jobs, and red tape reduction while continuing to protect the environment, farmland, and public health and safety?</p>	<p>The PPS has become much less relevant to Wellington because of the more specific, more restrictive, same or similar policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>The Province should consider fully implementing the PPS in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through one policy document - the provincial Growth Plan. This would reduce red tape by eliminating policy duplication and streamline the review of development applications.</p>
<p>2. Do the proposed policies strike the right balance? Why or why not?</p>	<p>The policy changes for mineral aggregate resources do not effectively balance the need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for local Council input regarding depth of extraction as below water table extraction is a permanent change to the landscape • to protect the environment by allowing extraction to be considered within natural heritage features and areas <p>We do not support these permissive aggregate policies in the draft PPS, particularly in areas of the County where there is a high concentration of gravel pits.</p>
<p>3. How do these policies take into consideration the views of Ontario communities?</p>	<p>See response to question 1.</p>
<p>4. Are there any other policy changes that are needed to support key priorities for housing, job creation, and streamlining of development approvals?</p>	<p>See response to question 1.</p>
<p>5. Are there other tools that are needed to help implement the proposed policies?</p>	<p>The province should support municipalities and housing developers by researching and sharing best practices to facilitate a greater mix of housing options and increase the supply of affordable rental accommodations.</p>

We have reported on the PPS review at this time to ensure that County Council may consider these comments prior to the October 20, 2019 deadline. We will be attending an information session with the province September 9 and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is working on a response. Planning staff may augment this report if we become aware of new information of relevance to Wellington.

Recommendation

That the report “2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review” be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and be circulated to member municipalities in Wellington County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Wilhelm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Wilhelm, BES, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy Planning

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Moore

Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

(1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

(2) The costs of each as determined under (1);

(3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

(4) The costs of each as determined under (3);

(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
Conservation Ontario
Ontario municipalities
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Afreen Raza

From: Cassidy Payne <cassidy.payne@springwater.ca>
Sent: October-21-19 2:31 PM
To: Cassidy Payne
Subject: Township of Springwater Resolutions Re: Conservation Authority Levies
Attachments: 2019-10-16 Township of Springwater Resolution - NVCA Levy.pdf; 2019-10-16 Township of Springwater Resolution -Conservation Authority Levies.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached resolutions from the Township of Springwater regarding Conservation Authority levies.

Thank you,



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October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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RE: Conservation Authority Levies

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C456-2019

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Cabral

Whereas the Township of Springwater supports the objects of balance on conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability to anchor its operations, planning, services, and strategic vision;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater understands the need for both the Province and its municipalities to deliver clear, costed, and sustainable programs and services for taxpayers;

And Whereas both tiers of government must assess all programs and services to eliminate duplication and balance costs on tests of affordability, health, safety, and environmental stewardship;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 of a need for conservation authorities to re-focus their operations related to core mandates as currently defined in the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 that Conservation Authorities should not proceed with any increases to fees or levies;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services;

And That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario, signaling the Township of Springwater's

support of the Province's review, consultations and development of an updated Conservation Authorities Act and the willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

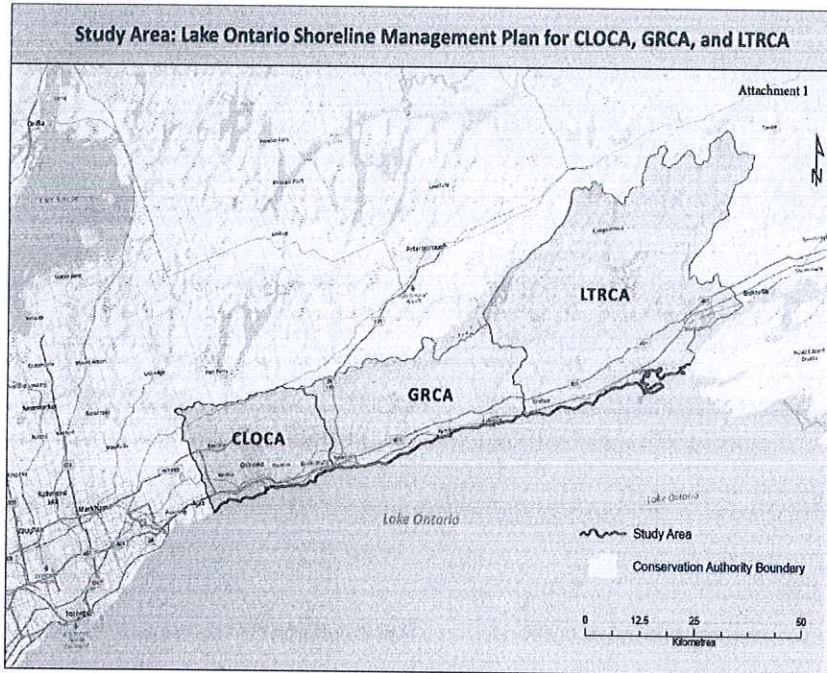
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Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
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cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
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In 1990, the Central Lake Ontario (CLOCA), Lower Trent Region (LTRCA) and Ganaraska Region (GRCA) Conservation Authorities completed a Shoreline Management Plan for the Lake Ontario Shoreline to guide shoreline management within their respective jurisdictions.

Zuzek Inc. has been retained to update the 1990 Plan. The major goal of the Shoreline Hazards Management Plan is to provide the necessary scientific and engineering analysis to manage the Lake Ontario Shoreline. Effective shoreline management means that residents, landowners, municipalities and conservation authorities have the information and tools to:

1. Minimize danger to life and property damage from flooding, erosion and associated hazards along the shoreline;
2. Ensure that shoreline development adequately addresses hazards through a combination of public and private management and development alternatives; and,
3. Ensure that new development does not impact the environmental features and functions of the shoreline.

A public Open House has been scheduled to present progress of the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazards Management Plan to-date and obtain public input and feedback on information presented.

When: November 6th, 2019 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Doors will open at 6:30; presentation by Zuzek Inc. at 7:00; followed by Q&A until 8:00

Where: Venture13 Lecture Hall, 739 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg

Further Information:

Cory Harris, P.Eng., CAN-CISEC

Watershed Services Coordinator

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

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Please note that the CLOCA and LTRCA Open Houses will take place on November 5th and 7th respectively. Contact these partners for meeting times and locations.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority: 905.579.0411

Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority: 613.394.4829



October 21, 2019

Sent via email

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At Board of Directors Meeting #8/19, of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), held on September 27, 2019, Resolution #A175/19 in regard to the item of New Business was approved as follows:

WHEREAS the Province is undertaking a Regional Government Review that includes eight regional governments and their lower-tier municipalities including the municipalities of Durham, York, and Peel within TRCA's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the Regional Government Review findings are planned to be released later this Fall;

WHEREAS the Regional Government Review may have implications on TRCA's work with its partner municipalities including ongoing discussions related to the preparation of multi-year budgets, and the preparation of updated or new Memorandums of Understanding and Service Level Agreements as per the recent requirements of the recently amended Conservation Authorities Act;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Province be requested to release updated Conservation Act regulations related to the above matters after the Regional Government Review findings are released so they can be considered as part of the preparation of budgets, Memorandums of Understandings and Service Level Agreements involving TRCA and its partner municipalities.

Here is a [link to the minutes](#) for your information and any action deemed necessary, containing the report as approved by the Board of Directors. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at 416-661-6600 extension 5381, alisa.mahrova@trca.ca

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alisa Mahrova".

Alisa Mahrova
Acting Clerk and Manager, Policy

cc. John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1 PM.

Present: M. Sutherland, Oshawa, Chair
S. Sones, Whitby, Vice-Chair
R. Atkinson, Whitby
C. Boose, Ajax
D. Campbell, Whitby
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS, left the meeting at 3 PM
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, attended the meeting at 2 PM
M. Roche, Oshawa
L. Schisler, Whitby

Absent: Councillor R. Mulcahy

Staff

Present: J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by R. Atkinson, Seconded by M. Roche,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting
held on June 25, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

A) Jack Phalen, Transit Planning and Scheduling, and Jamie Austin, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit, regarding New Initiatives and Service Planning

J. Phalen, Transit Planning and Scheduling, and J. Austin, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint Presentation titled, "Stop Planning & Accessibility; September Service Changes". A copy of the presentation was provided after the meeting to committee members via email.

Highlights of the Presentation are as follows:

- Stop Planning & Accessibility
 - Stop Planning: Spacing
 - Stop Planning: Intersections
 - Distances from intersections
 - Open Bus Bays
 - Roundabouts
 - Stop Design: Clearance Area
 - Stop Design: Front-Door
 - Stop Design: Waiting Area
 - Stop Design: Alternatives
 - Stop Design: Rural Cross-Section
 - Shelters
 - Hard Surface Retrofitting
- September 2019 Service Changes
 - Earlier and later service
 - How often the bus arrives
 - Rural Durham Improvements
 - Rural Transit Review
 - Service Reliability and Connections
 - Upcoming Service Changes – December 2019

J. Phalen and J. Austin provided an overview of the Transit Assistance Program (TAP). They advised that the program will be effective November 1, 2019 and will be open to all beneficiaries of the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works.

J. Phalen and J. Austin responded to questions with regards to the Transit Assistance Program; whether the PRESTO card will work with taxis; obtaining a PRESTO card; whether cash payments will be accepted; roundabouts and accessibility; whether bus stops coincide with GO Transit stops; and whether passengers can request their bus driver to be let off somewhere more accessible.

R. Atkinson inquired about an incident from 2016 when specialized transit placed a curfew on return trips on Christmas Day. J. Austin advised that he will look into the rationale behind the implementation of that curfew and advise R. Atkinson.

4. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

The committee recessed at 1:45 PM and reconvened at 2:00 PM.

5. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

J. Traer advised that staff from the Traffic Division will be at the November 26, 2019 meeting to discuss accessible pedestrian signals. She advised that she plans to reach out to the Works Department with regards to more information on roundabouts and accessibility.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

M. Roche advised that the TAC update from the May 21, 2019 and September 17, 2019 TAC meetings was emailed to members on September 19, 2019. He advised that the Low-Income Transit Assistance Program (LTAP) is a 17-month project and not a 5-month project as stated in his email.

Discussion ensued with regards to the PRESTO machine and the benefits of having the committee test the machines prior to launches.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

J. Traer provided the following update:

- The Annual Joint AAC Forum is scheduled for October 30, 2019 from 5 to 8:30 PM and will be held in the Lower Level Boardroom at Regional Headquarters. She requested that members register on Event Brite or advise her if they will be attending.
- Every month the Region presents staff with an Accessibility Document Champion Certificate. The Certificate is an opportunity where employees are recognized for their dedication, passion and hard work in the identification, removal and prevention of accessible barriers at the Region.
- The Annual Metrolinx Public Meeting will be held at The Abilities Centre in Whitby. The date has not yet been confirmed.
- K. Galloway has resigned from her position at Kerry's Place and as a member of the AAC. J. Traer is currently looking for a replacement from the same organization.

6. Discussion Items

A) Review of the Proposed Changes to the Accessible Information and Communications Standard

J. Traer provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Proposed Changes to the Information and Communications Standard of the Ontario's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).

J. Traer reviewed the following proposed recommendations:

1. Feedback requirements
2. Usage of Portable Document Format (PDF)
3. Final review of regulatory language
4. Products and product labels
5. Determination of suitability
6. Timely manner
7. Agreement between people with disabilities and organizations
8. Harmonization of Section 12
9. On-demand conversion ready formats
10. On-demand ASL and LSQ translations
11. Emergency requirements
12. Unacceptable emergency outcomes and preparedness
13. Mobile applications and new technologies
14. Procurement
15. Differentiating organizations/high impact organizations
16. Significant refresh
17. Practicability
18. Harmonization and application across requirements
19. Extranet exemption
20. Intranet exemption
21. Pre-2012 exemption
22. Live captioning and audio description
23. Web hosting location
24. Purchase of accessible teaching/training materials
25. Definition of educational and training institutions
26. Increasing captionist capacity
27. Accessibility in education
28. Accessibility in information and communications tools and systems
29. Accessibility in provincially regulated professions
30. Education standards
31. Government's broader use of the Accessibility Ecosystem model

A comment was provided with regards to the lack of consistency between private and public organizations.

J. Traer advised that feedback through the online survey has been extended until October 18, 2019. She also advised that the link to the survey was previously provided to members via email.

7. Reports

There were no reports to consider.

8. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 1 PM.

10. Adjournment

Moved by C. Boose, Seconded by D. Campbell,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM

M. Sutherland, Chair
Accessibility Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk