



The Regional Municipality of Durham

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

November 22, 2019

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There are no Early Release Reports

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2019-INFO-87](#)
Date: November 22, 2019

Subject:

Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in Durham Region

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the recommendations of the Toronto Board of Health regarding a strategy to address vaccine hesitancy, developed by Toronto Public Health.
- 1.2 To provide a summary of vaccine statistics in Durham Region.
- 1.3 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) activities to address vaccine hesitancy in Durham Region.

2. Background

- 2.1 Boards of health are required to enforce the [Immunization of School Pupils Act](#) (ISPA) which requires that children and adolescents attending elementary or secondary school be appropriately immunized against nine designated diseases (diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, meningococcal disease, and for children born in 2010 or later, varicella) unless they have a valid exemption.
- 2.2 In accordance with the [Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014](#) (CCEYA), child care centres are required to ensure that all children are immunized, as directed by the local medical officer of health.

- 2.3 The Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability require that boards of health assess, maintain records and report on the immunization status of children enrolled in licensed child care centres and schools, as defined in the CCEYA and in accordance with ISPA.
- 2.4 Public Health Ontario prepares an annual Immunization Coverage Report for School Pupils in Ontario. The [most recent report](#) for the 2017-2018 school year was released in May 2019.
- 2.5 Valid exemptions include medical reasons or nonmedical reasons due to conscience or religious belief. To obtain a medical exemption a written statement from a physician or a nurse practitioner outlining medical reason(s) why the child should not be immunized must be provided to DRHD.
- 2.6 To obtain a conscience or religious exemption the parent/guardian must attend an in-person immunization education session at DRHD and complete a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit form.

3. Durham Region Statistics

- 3.1 Immunization rates for diseases identified in ISPA are assessed at ages 7 to 8 (Grade 2) and ages 16 to 17 (Grade 11).
- 3.2 For the 2018-19 school year, the immunization rate for ISPA diseases was 93.2 per cent in children ages 7 to 8. For youth aged 16 to 17, the immunization rate was 90.3 per cent. All neighbourhoods had immunization rates similar to Durham Region.
- 3.3 For school-based vaccines, the immunization rates for the 2018-19 school year in Grade 7 students were: 70.0 per cent for human papillomavirus (HPV); 77.1 per cent for hepatitis B; and 91.6 per cent for meningococcal disease. All neighbourhoods had immunization rates similar to Durham Region. Of the school-based vaccines, immunization against meningococcal disease is required in accordance with ISPA.
- 3.4 Immunization rates for all ISPA diseases and school-based vaccines have improved since the 2017-2018 school year, with the greatest improvement being an increase of 2.2 percentage points in ISPA immunization rates at ages 7 to 8.
- 3.5 Of the 113,531 elementary and secondary school students enrolled in Durham Region, 0.1 per cent had a valid medical exemption and 2.5 per cent had an active conscience or religious exemption in the 2018-19 school year.
- 3.6 National immunization coverage goals have been identified as part of the [National Immunization Strategy Objectives for 2016-2021](#), where available. National immunization coverage goals to be achieved by 2025 are 95% for all childhood vaccines and 90% for all adolescent vaccines.

4. Vaccine Hesitancy

- 4.1 Vaccine hesitancy is the reluctance or refusal to vaccinate despite the availability of vaccines. As it relates to childhood immunizations, some parents avoid vaccination altogether while others agree to some vaccines but not all.
- 4.2 In Ontario, as well as across Canada and the United States, nonmedical exemptions continue to steadily increase. However, the percentage of Ontario students with any exemption classification (medical or nonmedical) remained low at less than 2.5 per cent (as of 2013).
- 4.3 In Ontario there is ongoing surveillance of adverse events following immunization (AEFIs) to monitor vaccine safety and maintain confidence in immunization programs. The [Annual Report on Vaccine Safety in Ontario, 2018](#), recently released by Public Health Ontario, reported there were no unexpected safety issues identified for the 8.6 million doses of publicly funded vaccine provided in Ontario in 2018.
- 4.4 The most commonly reported AEFIs were mild (e.g., injection site reactions). Serious AEFIs were very rare and the majority of individuals had recovered at the time of reporting.
- 4.5 As vaccine hesitancy can lead to a resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases, there are ongoing attempts to counter vaccine hesitancy. In September 2019, the Toronto Board of Health adopted the report [Moving to Acceptance: Toronto Public Health's Strategy to Address Vaccine Hesitancy](#) which is a comprehensive strategy that involves health care providers, parents, students, educators, and government agencies at the provincial and national levels to address vaccine hesitancy.
- 4.6 The Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health Immunization of School Pupils Act Working Group is currently studying nonmedical exemptions across Ontario, with a plan to report on these findings when complete.
- 4.7 On October 15, 2015, a Whitby resident presented correspondence to the Health & Social Services Committee (HSSC) to advocate that parents who wish to enroll children up to one year of age in publicly funded programs should be required to produce an up-to-date immunization card, which will be recorded by a registrar. Failure to comply should result in the inability of such children to be enrolled in and to participate in any of these programs.
- 4.8 At that time, given the high compliance rates in the region, it was the recommendation of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health that it would be unfair and unjust to bar un/under-immunized children from enrolling and participating in publicly funded programs. HSSC accepted this advice and no further action was taken.

4.9 Recently, an Ajax resident has contacted the Mayor of Ajax to request that immunization records be collected and analyzed for children and youth registered in recreation programs. The resident has requested that Ajax Council support Toronto Public Health's recommendation for the Province to consider banning conscientious or religious exemptions.

5. Improving Immunization Rates

5.1 DRHD uses various strategies to improve immunization rates throughout the region. Strategies are used to improve immunization rates of children in child care centres and in schools by making vaccines more accessible for hard to reach populations and addressing vaccine hesitancy.

5.2 In accordance with CCEYA and ISPA, vaccination records are maintained in child care centres and schools through DRHD's annual assessment of children's immunization status. Vaccination records are used to calculate compliance rates across the region.

5.3 In child care centres, DRHD staff conducts annual meetings with operators to review immunization recommendations and to provide relevant strategies and resources. Each child care centre has an assigned public health nurse (PHN) to support immunization assessment and maintenance throughout the year.

5.4 Immunization notices are generated and sent to families for children missing immunizations, which improves immunization rates significantly. Notices explain ISPA requirements and parents' responsibilities to comply with the Act.

5.5 In 2018, of the 1,363 children sent an immunization notice in licensed child care centres, only 11 remained overdue for at least one vaccination in June 2018.

5.6 PHNs continue to follow up with child care centre operators and parents of children that are missing required vaccines to resolve compliance issues.

5.7 Data have shown that a greater number of notices are sent to parents/guardians of children in licensed child care centres in priority neighbourhoods than in other licensed child care centres in the region.

5.8 While PHNs continue to follow up with child care centre operators and parents as required, they are working on targeted strategies to support improved immunization rates in priority neighborhoods. Some of these strategies include greater direct follow up with parents/guardians and additional in-person visits with child care centre staff to provide support.

5.9 Other strategies to increase vaccination rates include improving accessibility to immunization services for priority populations such as providing clinics in Welcome Centres and providing publicly funded immunizations through DRHD community clinics to residents without OHIP coverage or access to a healthcare provider.

- 5.10 DRHD clinics are held throughout the year by appointment, typically at Regional Headquarters. Additional clinics are added throughout the school year to align with immunization-related school suspensions, which are enforced in compliance with ISPA, and to provide students who missed vaccines offered through the school-based immunization program in Grades 7 and 8. Catch-up clinics are also provided in schools to improve immunization rates for school-based vaccines provided in Grades 7 and 8.
- 5.11 In 2018, DRHD held 113 immunization clinics varying from large catch-up clinics, one-to-one clinics and ad hoc clinics at Regional Headquarters. A total of 842 clients were seen, and 1,503 doses of publicly funded vaccines were administered.
- 5.12 DRHD staff is reviewing client data to identify which clients are accessing catch-up clinics at Regional Headquarters to determine if additional targeted strategies are required to increase accessibility to priority populations.
- 5.13 DRHD is also exploring opportunities to leverage partnerships with stakeholders within the community.
- 5.14 DRHD staff offered off-site, "Suspension Prevention Support Day" clinics in high schools identified as requiring additional support to decrease the number of high school students that would be suspended.
- 5.15 Additional strategies to improve immunization rates in certain neighbourhood schools include: collaborating with existing healthcare providers to ensure vaccine availability; forming new partnerships with other healthcare providers such as walk-in clinics to offer ISPA vaccines; connecting families to healthcare providers in their neighborhood; collaborating with school staff to provide additional support to families experiencing barriers to receiving vaccines; and providing immunization in schools for those unable to access healthcare providers.
- 5.16 Education and communication are also key strategies to improve immunization rates in the region. The importance of immunization in children is promoted routinely through social media posts and through durham.ca.
- 5.17 PHNs provide health teaching to prepare students for school-based clinics and dispel common misconceptions about vaccines, provide privacy at school clinics, and invite parents to school clinics to support students. When clinically relevant, students can be offered a one to one immunization appointment at DRHD sites.
- 5.18 PHNs address concerns with parents/guardians on an individual basis and work to explore their understanding of vaccine safety. PHNs use motivational interviewing to assess parents' knowledge and to provide them with information in a caring and non-threatening manner. Evidence-based key educational messages during client interactions include vaccine safety, vaccine ingredients and debunking myths of the relationship between vaccines and autism.

6. Conclusion

6.1 In conclusion, DRHD monitors local immunization rates and trends to identify community needs and inform program planning.

6.2 PHNs employ a number of strategies to improve immunization rates and address vaccine hesitancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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November 14, 2019

Lisa Trevisan, Director, Central Region
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Dear Ms. Trevisan:

**RE: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
Ambient Air Monitoring 2019, Third Quarterly Report (Q3)
(Environmental Assessment Condition 11)
MECP File #: EA-08-02**

In accordance with the approved Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' (MECP) Ambient Air Monitoring Guideline, the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York (Regions) submit the Third Quarterly (Q3) Ambient Air Monitoring Report for calendar year 2019, covering the period from July to September 2019.

The report has been prepared by RWDI Air Inc. who was awarded the ambient air monitoring and reporting contract for the Regions. The Regions are available to discuss the report at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Gioseph Anello for:

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Director, Waste Management Services

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Enclosure



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October 30, 2019

Hon Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation
Authority Levy

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 29, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of Springwater, adopted the following resolution:

"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:

Administration: (705) 429-3844
Fax: 429-6732
Planning: 429-3847

Building: 429-1120
By-Law: 429-2511
Parks & Rec: 429-3321

Arena: 429-0412
Public Works: 429-2540
Fire Department: 429-5281

- (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 services(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."

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely



George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure.

c. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservations, and Parks
County of Simcoe
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Ontario Conservation Authorities
All Ontario Municipalities

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);

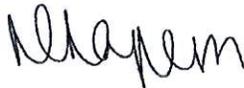
(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(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
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Ontario Conservation Authorities

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November 1, 2019

Dear Head of Council:

Our government understands that municipalities are closest to the people. We also know that each municipality is unique, and one size does not fit all. This approach is reflected in a number of announcements that we have made recently, which are summarized below.

Regional Government Review

After careful consideration of the feedback we heard through the course of the Regional Government Review that was launched in January 2019, and in consultation with my Cabinet colleagues, our government is committed to partnering with municipalities without pursuing a top-down approach. We will work collaboratively and in partnership, and we will not impose any changes on municipalities.

Renewal of funding programs to identify efficiencies

The government has announced \$143 million in funding for municipalities across the province to help lower costs and deliver important services to residents over the long term. The new programs include:

Audit and Accountability Fund

- We will extend funding for 39 large urban municipalities, by providing up to \$6 million annually for three years beginning in fiscal year 2020-21. More information on the application process will follow in the coming months.

Municipal Modernization Program

- Building on Ontario's previous investment to modernize municipal service delivery, 405 small and rural municipalities will have access to an application-based program, which will provide up to \$125 million until 2022-23. The first round of funding under this program will be available in the current provincial fiscal year to support service delivery reviews, similar to the types of reviews eligible under the Audit and Accountability Fund. Details on eligibility and application process for this year's funding are coming soon.

Municipal Fiscal Year

The government is committed to consulting with the municipal sector in 2020 on the alignment of the municipal fiscal year with the Province's. We believe municipalities will be able to provide valuable input regarding how the current budget cycles affect funding allocations for their programs – and if aligning the municipal and provincial budget cycles could enhance public transparency and improve program and service delivery.

Voters' List

Our government is also proposing to work with Ontario's Chief Electoral Officer to eliminate duplication by combining the provincial and municipal voters' lists and giving Elections Ontario the responsibility of managing one voters' list.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

In addition, I would like to highlight that the Minister of Finance recently sent out letters to all Heads of Council regarding the 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations. This is the earliest that OMPF allocations have ever been announced. As indicated in that letter, the government is maintaining the current structure of the OMPF for 2020.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to delivering efficient, effective and modern services to the people of Ontario. I look forward to continuing to work together to help the people and businesses in communities across our province thrive.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance

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1 novembre 2019

Aux présidents et présidentes de conseil municipal,

Notre gouvernement sait que les municipalités sont les plus proches de la population. Nous savons également que chaque municipalité est unique et qu'une solution uniforme ne fonctionne pas pour toutes. Cette approche sous-tend certaines de nos récentes déclarations, qui sont résumées ci-dessous.

Examen des administrations régionales

Après avoir examiné soigneusement les commentaires reçus au cours de l'Examen des administrations régionales lancé en janvier 2019, et en consultation avec mes collègues du Conseil des ministres, notre gouvernement s'engage à s'associer aux municipalités sans poursuivre une approche de haut en bas. Nous travaillerons de façon collaborative et en partenariat, et nous n'imposerons aucun changement aux municipalités.

Renouvellement des programmes de financement visant l'efficience

Le gouvernement a annoncé des fonds de 143 M\$ pour les municipalités de la province afin de contribuer à diminuer les coûts et à fournir des services importants aux résidents sur le long terme. Les nouveaux programmes comprennent :

Fonds pour la vérification et la responsabilisation

- Nous étendrons le financement pour 39 grandes municipalités urbaines en versant jusqu'à 6 M\$ par année pendant trois ans à compter de l'exercice financier 2020-2021. De plus amples renseignements sur le processus de demande suivront au cours des prochains mois.

Programme pour la modernisation au niveau municipal

- Pour donner suite à l'investissement antérieur de l'Ontario visant à moderniser la prestation des services municipaux, 405 municipalités rurales ou de petite taille auront accès à un programme de demandes qui versera jusqu'à 125 M\$ jusqu'à 2022-2023. Nous rendrons disponible la première série d'affectations dans le cadre de ce programme pendant l'exercice financier provincial en cours pour appuyer les examens de la prestation des services, lesquels examens ressemblent à ceux qui sont admissibles au Fonds pour la vérification et la responsabilisation. Des renseignements sur l'admissibilité et le processus de demande pour les fonds de l'exercice en cours suivront bientôt.

Exercice financier des municipalités

Le gouvernement s'engage à consulter le secteur municipal en 2020 au sujet de l'alignement de l'exercice financier des municipalités sur celui de la province. Nous croyons que les municipalités pourront fournir de précieux commentaires concernant l'effet des cycles budgétaires actuels sur les affectations de fonds destinés à leurs programmes, ainsi que la question de savoir si l'alignement des cycles budgétaires municipaux et provincial pourrait accroître la transparence publique et améliorer la prestation des programmes et des services.

Liste d'électeurs

Notre gouvernement propose également de collaborer avec le directeur général des élections de l'Ontario pour éliminer les chevauchements en combinant les listes d'électeurs provinciale et municipales et en donnant à Élections Ontario la responsabilité de gérer l'unique liste d'électeurs.

Fonds de partenariat avec les municipalités de l'Ontario

En outre, j'aimerais souligner que le ministre des Finances a récemment envoyé à chaque président ou présidente de conseil municipal une lettre concernant les affectations de 2020 du Fonds de partenariat avec les municipalités de l'Ontario (FPMO). Les affectations du FPMO n'ont jamais été annoncées si tôt. Comme l'indiquait cette lettre, le gouvernement maintient la structure actuelle du FPMO en 2020.

Merci de l'engagement dont vous continuez à faire preuve envers la prestation de services efficaces, efficaces et modernes à la population de l'Ontario. J'ai hâte de poursuivre notre collaboration pour aider les personnes et les entreprises des collectivités de notre province à prospérer.

Veillez agréer l'expression de mes meilleurs sentiments.

Le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement,



Steve Clark

c : L'honorable Rod Phillips, ministre des Finances

communities, and will specifically help to inform the ongoing “Envision Durham” comprehensive review process and future municipal official plan updates.

What: While the original watershed plans remain as living supportive documents, the updated watershed plans incorporate a refined, science-based framework for watershed planning that is in line with provincial guidance. This framework provides a systematic, comprehensive, and consistent process that links actions to results and ultimate outcomes. Highlights include:

- Update to the watershed plan Vision
- Expansion of watershed health Targets and Indicators, and identification of corresponding Goals and Objectives that are both measurable and actionable
- Update of current existing conditions, natural heritage system, imperviousness and corresponding mapping
- Identification of a Water Resource System
- Assessment of change in status of watershed health indicators between 2012 and 2017 relative to established goals
- Updates to recommended policies for municipal official plans, and new recommendations for asset management planning and operating guidelines
- Identification of a suite of actions and tools for CLOCA, Municipalities, and the broader Community that are clearly linked to achieving watershed health goals and objectives

When, Where & How: Seeking our stakeholder’s input is a vital step in finalizing the updated watershed plans. The review period assumes that staff will not have to seek Council approval for their comments on the draft watershed plans, which is in keeping with the process established in 2012/2013. Please review the applicable draft watershed plan(s) for your municipal jurisdiction by visiting <http://bit.ly/2NYkKZm> and complete the attached Discussion / Comment Workbook. **We ask that comments and / or workbooks be submitted to jdavidson@cloca.com by Friday December 13, 2019.**

In conjunction with our stakeholder consultation, the public will also be invited to comment on the draft watershed plan updates. A new online Virtual Public Open House will be made available to members of the public through www.cloca.com/watershed-plan-review-and-updates no later than November 25, 2019 and be open until December 20, 2019. CLOCA will also be hosting one in-person Public Information Centre at our main office at 100 Whiting Ave, Oshawa on:

Wednesday December 11, 2019

1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, presentations at 1:30 PM and 6:00 PM

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the draft watershed plans or the consultation process. I look forward to receiving your comments.

CLOCA Draft Watershed Plan Updates: Discussion Questions / Comments Workbook – Stakeholder Consultation

Please use this series of discussion questions to help you structure your review of CLOCA's draft watershed plan updates. Returning your comments in this format will assist us in ensuring that all feedback is considered as we finalize the updated watershed plans. Please submit your comments and/or completed workbooks to idauidson@cloca.com by **Friday, December 13th**. Thank you in advance for your input.

- The comments below relate to the review of which Watershed Plan(s)?
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Section 1 - Planning for watershed health:

Introduction:

- Do you have any comments about this sub-section?

Watershed Planning Framework:

- Do you support the watershed plan vision?
- Three strategies have been selected to focus the actions of CLOCA, municipal partners and the watershed community, and objectives have been categorized according to these strategies. Are the strategies appropriate?
- Is the written description of the watershed planning framework clear and understandable?
- Do you have any other comments about this sub-section?

Watershed Existing Conditions:

- Are there any existing conditions that are not represented here but should be?
- Do you have any other comments about this sub-section?

Section 2 – Evaluating Watershed Health:

Introduction

- Is the role of Targets, Attributes, and Indicators as the basis for setting watershed health goals clearly articulated in this introduction?
- Do the descriptions provided for each attribute and Indicator in Appendix A Table 1 help with the understanding of these measures of watershed health?

Target 1: Natural Cover

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 1: Natural Cover?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 1: Natural Cover?

Target 2: Forests

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 2: Forests?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 2: Forest?

Target 3: Streams

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 3: Streams?

- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 3: Streams?

Target 4: Coastal Wetlands

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 4: Coastal Wetlands?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 4: Coastal Wetlands?

Target 5: Human Health

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 5: Human Health?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 5: Human Health?

Target 6: Community Engagement

- Is the information (target summary, goals and status) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the goals for any of the indicators for Target 6: Community Engagement?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding the status of any of the indicators for Target 6: Community Engagement?
- Do you have any other general comments or questions regarding Section 2 – Evaluating Watershed Health?

Section 3 – Achieving Watershed Health

Introduction

- Is the role of Strategies, Objectives and Actions as a means of achieving the watershed health goals clearly articulated in this introduction?

- Does the detailed information regarding strategies, objectives, status, and actions in Appendix A Table 2 help support the text in this section and with the understanding of how the short-term objectives help to achieve the long-term goals established for watershed health in the watershed plan?

Strategy 1: Conserve, enhance and restore ecosystems of the watershed

- Is the information (strategy and objectives) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding Objectives 1-6 under Strategy 1?

Strategy 2: Promote responsible land use practices to protect ecological and human health

- Is the information (strategy and objectives) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding Objectives 1-3 under Strategy 2?

Strategy 3: Encourage, acquire, and expand stakeholder support for the watershed plan

- Is the information (strategy and objectives) that is presented in this sub-section clear?
- Do you have any questions or comments regarding the complete list of recommended policies for municipal official plans, asset management planning, and operating guidelines presented in Appendix D – Recommended OP policies and operating guidelines?
- Do you have any comments or question regarding Objectives 1-10 under Strategy 3?

Actions: Achieving the Objectives

- CLOCA Actions - Do you have any questions or comments on how the series of actions described under this section contribute to achieving the relevant objectives introduced earlier?
- Municipal Actions - Do you have any questions or comments on how the series of actions listed under this section contribute to achieving the related objectives introduced earlier?
- Community Actions - Do you have any questions or comments on how the series of actions listed under this section contribute to achieving the related objectives introduced earlier?
- Do you have any other general comments or questions regarding Section 3 – Achieving Watershed Health?

Next Steps

- Do you have any questions or comments regarding the Next Steps section?

 - Are there any other topics that are of interest to you municipality that CLOCA should consider when finalizing the watershed plan update process?
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Please provide your name and contact number so that we may contact you if we require any clarification on any of your feedback.

Name:

Municipality:

Email:

Phone:

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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JOINT FORUM OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

A Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Regional Headquarters, LL-C Boardroom, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 5:10 PM

Present: Region of Durham AAC
C. Boose, Ajax
D. Campbell, Whitby
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS
R. Purnwasie, Ajax
M. Roche, Oshawa
M. Sutherland, Oshawa, Chair
S. Sones, Whitby, Vice-Chair
S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

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

Township of Brock
Lesley Donnelly
Maralee Drake
Jolene Munro

Municipality of Clarington
Janice Jones
Shea-Lea Latchford
Tim Van Leeuwen
Jeannette Whynot

City of Oshawa AAC
Lisa Hart
Lisa Knowlton
Lynda Lawson
Rosemary McConkey
Julie McCrea
Dorothy McFarland

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Steven Moenster
Linda Tamburro
Gino Vendetti

City of Pickering AAC

Syeda Saima Fatima
Tim Higgins
Peter Bashaw

Township of Scugog AAC

Julie Harris

Township of Uxbridge AAC

Margaret McCreath
Niko Pupella

Town of Whitby AAC

Jeffrey Beaton
Michele Cotton
Jim Lawrie
Ayse Yuksel
Liam Lacy

Other Attendees

Joanne Archer
David Billham
Candace Bitton
J. Christianson
Candace Cross
Cora Cunningham
Pam DeWilde
L. Dunn
Loretta Karikari
Sharon Milton
Devin Poole
Pat Rose
Tracy Roulston
Dave Simpson
Alf Spencer
Benito Suppa
Brianna Synyard
Tony Tamburro
Amanda Wilson
Regional Councillor Steve Yamada

1. Registration & Dinner

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

2. Welcome/Opening Remarks

S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, welcomed new and returning members to the 16th Annual Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees. She acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island.

3. Presentation – Pam DeWilde and Loretta Karikari re: Welcome Centre Immigrant Services

S. Austin introduced P. DeWilde and L. Karikari, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services in Ajax/Pickering. S. Austin stated that P. DeWilde brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in understanding the multiple barriers newcomers face when they come to Canada. She advised that as the manager of the Pickering Welcome Centre, P. DeWilde collaborates with over 40 organizations to respond to the needs of newcomers, immigrants and refugees accessing the services of the welcome centre while managing the core services of the Job Search Workshop and the TRIEC Mentoring Partnership programs for immigrant professionals. S. Austin stated that as a social worker with a background in health, L. Karikari is passionate about enhancing the individual and collective well-being of individuals and the community. She advocates for social justice, human rights, and equitable access to health and social services and endeavours to stimulate conversation that brings awareness of accessibility.

P. DeWilde and L. Karikari provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Welcome Centre Immigrant Services (Ajax and Pickering) and the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW).

P. DeWilde stated that the mission of the Welcome Centre is to provide a welcoming, positive, safe and inclusive environment that addresses and supports the complex and changing needs of newcomers by providing integrated services through community alliances. She advised that there are two welcoming centres in Durham Region, the Ajax Welcome Centre and the Pickering Welcome Centre and advised that the following core services are offered at both locations: case management; language assessments; language classes; employment help; resource centre; and settlement services. She stated that it is important that the services are accessible and ongoing. She further advised that the Welcome Centres are conveniently located near the GO stations and offer child care;

evening and Saturday hours of operation; multi-lingual staff and access to interpretation services; services regardless of immigration status; and access to the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW).

L. Karikari stated that the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW) was established in 2017 and is comprised of service providers from different sectors who work together to acquire new skills and knowledge in areas related to service provision, inclusion, and accessibility for people of all abilities and diversities. She advised that their aim is to enrich local agencies by becoming more aware of what organizations need to do to provide accessible and inclusive services. L. Karikari stated that the best way to work together is through an integrated approach consisting of employment services, recreation supports, municipalities, family supports, business community, health services, and settlement services. She stated that in moving forward, DRAAW will continue to establish criteria by which barrier removal can be prioritized by service providers; create community events that stimulate conversation on accessibility and the removal of physical and systematic barriers; and raise awareness of their services throughout Durham Region.

S. Austin thanked P. DeWilde and L. Karikari for their presentation.

4. Presentation – Alfred Spencer re: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

S. Austin introduced A. Spencer, Director of the Public Education and Outreach Branch at the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. S. Austin stated that A. Spencer is responsible for educating Ontarians about the advantages of inclusion and developing a network of strategic partnerships that help Ontario organizations become accessible. She advised that A. Spencer has overseen the implementation of over 100 community projects related to creating awareness of accessibility issues, including programs for early childhood educators, elementary school teachers, and post secondary students and professionals. His approach to community development has touched all aspects of social inclusion from places of faith to workplaces and sporting events. S. Austin further advised that A. Spencer has been named to the Canadian Paralympic Inclusion Committee and is an advisor/panelist to the newly announced Canadian Universities Association Leed Competition, a national competition dedicated to the development of tools and resources to improve accessibility across Canada.

A. Spencer provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Inclusion by Design". He stated that the Ministry's efforts currently addresses the needs of the following main audiences: Ontario communities; obligated organizations, businesses, broader public sectors, non governmental organizations; people with disabilities; and older adults. He advised that the Ministry's goal is to make Ontario more accessible for everyone and promote the benefits of accessible workplaces and communities where everyone is able to participate.

He provided the following key points with regards to Ontario's future:

- An inclusive lens is used at all levels of decision making
- Everyone enjoys high levels of participation in key areas of life
- Individuals are empowered to advocate for themselves
- Accessibility is a cultural norm
- There are increased employment rates for people with disabilities

He stated that the Ministry has had over 200 partners and is currently looking at partnering with the City of Pickering Accessibility Advisory Committee with regards to a project about service animals and comfort animals in businesses. He reviewed the roles of Accessibility Advisory Committees and provided examples of what they have done with regards to raising awareness.

Sandra thanked A. Spencer for his presentation and wished him all the best on his retirement on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

The Committees recessed at 7:15 PM and reconvened at 7:30 PM.

5. Accessibility Awards Presentation

S. Austin stated that The Regional Municipality of Durham recognizes the importance of an accessible community and that a key goal in the Regional Strategic Plan is to create a caring and fully inclusive environment. She stated that each year the Regional Municipality of Durham honours individuals, services or local businesses that have improved accessibility in their community. Nominations for the Awards are made by the local Accessibility Advisory Committees of the municipalities within Durham Region. S. Austin stated that each award recipient has succeeded in removing or preventing barriers and their efforts have helped to ensure that citizens have access to meaningful involvement and full participation in their community.

M. Sutherland, Chair and S. Sones, Vice-Chair joined S. Austin to present the awards and thank each recipient.

Town of Ajax – Jolie Café

S. Austin advised that Jolie Café is a small eatery/bakery with a warm and welcoming environment. She stated that the owners, Ms. Michelle McIntosh and Ms. Sandra Valentine, as well as staff, provide stellar customer service. They strive to get to know the customers and their needs so they can ensure their experience at the café is a positive one. They embrace feedback and continue to make their business more accessible. They recently eliminated a step at the entrance of the Café so there is a smooth transition from the sidewalk to the front door.

Ms. Sarah Moore, Town of Ajax AAC, accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC on behalf of Ms. Michelle McIntosh and Ms. Sandra Valentine of Jolie Café.

Township of Brock – Beaverton Town Hall Players

S. Austin advised that the Beaverton Town Hall Players believes in making their theatre accessible to everyone. She advised that the theatre purchased 8 hearing assisted devices in 2018 as many of their patrons are elderly and it is sometimes difficult for the volunteer actors to project their voices loud enough. These devices will assist the patrons to hear the voices on stage no matter where they sit in the theatre. A number of years ago, an elevator was also installed to access the second-floor auditorium.

Ms. Pat Rose of the Beaverton Town Hall Players accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Municipality of Clarington – Brianna's Sweet Treats

S. Austin advised that Brianna's Sweet Treats believes in meaningful and inclusive employment for persons with autism and has demonstrated this commitment by hiring Carley, who works part time at Brianna's Sweet Treats. With Brianna's support and mentorship, Carley's skills have improved, and her confidence has grown. She is a valued member of the team and the Bowmanville community. It is through this kind of leadership that barriers to employment are removed, biases challenged, and positive changes made.

Ms. Brianna Synyard of Brianna's Sweet Treats accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Oshawa – LivingRoom Community Art Studio

S. Austin advised that the LivingRoom Community Art Studio is a charity that provides supportive opportunities for individuals and families living in and around Central Oshawa to express themselves and connect with others through experiences of art making, skill sharing and dialogue. The studio services are offered at no or low cost in order to ensure that all members of the community are included. Staff at the LivingRoom believe that everyone is an artist and that art making is an activity enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities and walks of life.

Ms. Mary Krohnert of the LivingRoom Community Art Studio accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Pickering – Team Frozen Foods

S. Austin advised that Team Frozen Foods is a team that participated in the Durham Region Police Services 2nd annual Polar Plunge in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on March 22, 2019. Team Frozen Foods raised \$12,425.00 in support of Special Olympics which was almost 60% of the event's annual grand total of \$21,000.00. S. Austin advised that The Torch Run engages law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

Ms. Sharon Milton and Mr. Devin Poole of Team Frozen Foods accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Town of Whitby – Durham Escape Room

S. Austin advised that Durham Escape Room has built all their games to be completely accessible. They have also built their employee areas to physical accessibility standards to position them to be able to hire anyone. They are also working towards translating clues in different ways to accommodate patrons who are hearing or vision impaired by incorporating braille, audio and visual clues. By doing this, the Durham Escape Room is setting the bar high and ahead of the curve.

Mr. Benito Suppa of Durham Escape Room accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

S. Austin thanked all the recipients for their leadership and commitment in making Durham a more inclusive and accessible region.

6. Presentation – Challenger Baseball Field Project, Whitby

S. Austin introduced Tracy Roulston and David Billham. She advised that T. Roulston is a volunteer with Challenger Baseball. T. Roulston joined the league when there was 12 players and it now has over 90. She oversees the creation of their social media presence as well as rallied support and fundraising for approximately \$400,000 for a new accessible and inclusive baseball diamond.

S. Austin advised that D. Billham is a registered landscape architect with over 25 years of professional experience. D. Billham has been responsible for the design and management of numerous recreational and institutional projects throughout Ontario and the United States.

T. Roulston provided an overview of her involvement and background with challenger baseball and S. Billham provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Accessible Baseball Diamond.

T. Roulston advised that Challenger Baseball is a program that provides an opportunity for children, youth and adults with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in baseball at a level structured to their abilities. The program aims to teach the core life skills inherent to baseball, including teamwork, communication, determination, resiliency, inclusion, independence, confidence, self-esteem, social skills and courage. T. Roulston advised that the challenger league field concept includes:

- Fully accessible soft surface field
- For all ages of players with special needs
- Social development through baseball
- Foster peer relationships
- Interact with buddies

T. Roulston stated that the Challenger League game format includes:

- 10 players per team of various ages
- Each player has a volunteer buddy to help with hitting and running bases
- Everyone bats, runs bases and scores
- Provides a level playing field

D. Billham provided examples of various accessible baseball diamonds and advised that the newly constructed Durham Region Accessible Baseball Diamond is located at Willow Park in Whitby. He advised that the site was unused with ample space and benefited from a connection to accessible restrooms, parking, tennis courts, lacrosse, senior baseball field and an accessible playground. He stated that the construction of the accessible baseball diamond started in July 2019 and was completed in October 2019.

7. Closing Remarks

S. Austin recognized the Accessibility Advisory Committee volunteers for their time, commitment and hard work. She stated that municipalities far exceed other organizations in the implementation of the accessibility standards and that progress is due to the dedication and input from the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

M. Sutherland acknowledged all the achievement and progress made so far and thanked the attendees for their hard work and dedication as well.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.