



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Durham Municipalities Correspondence

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1. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) - re: Central Lake Ontario Conservation's Seasonal Newsletter, Spring 2020

Advisory Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-35
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report provides a summary of each drinking water system including test results from the reporting period, summary of adverse test results as well as a description of major expenses as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.
- 1.2 A copy of the [2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report](https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/about-water.aspx#2019-annual-water-quality-reports) can be found on the Regional Municipality of Durham's website (<https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/about-water.aspx#2019-annual-water-quality-reports>).

2. Durham Water Drawing Challenge

- 2.1 In celebration of Imagine a Day Without Water on October 23, 2019, the Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) launched a water drawing challenge. This annual day of awareness is recognized by water utilities and industry partners throughout North America.
- 2.2 The challenge was open to Durham residents 18 years of age and under. A picture of what water means to individuals or their family was asked to be drawn or painted. The Region received more than 50 submissions from Durham residents and classrooms, of which 13 were selected to be featured within the Annual Water Quality Report.

2.3 The winning contestants for the front cover was Celiya and Jillian, students from Oshawa and their drawing is included in Attachment 1.

3. Conclusion

3.1 For additional information, please contact Tavis Nimmo, Technical Support Supervisor, at (905) 668-7711 ext. 3737.

4. Attachment

Attachment #1: Front Cover for 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

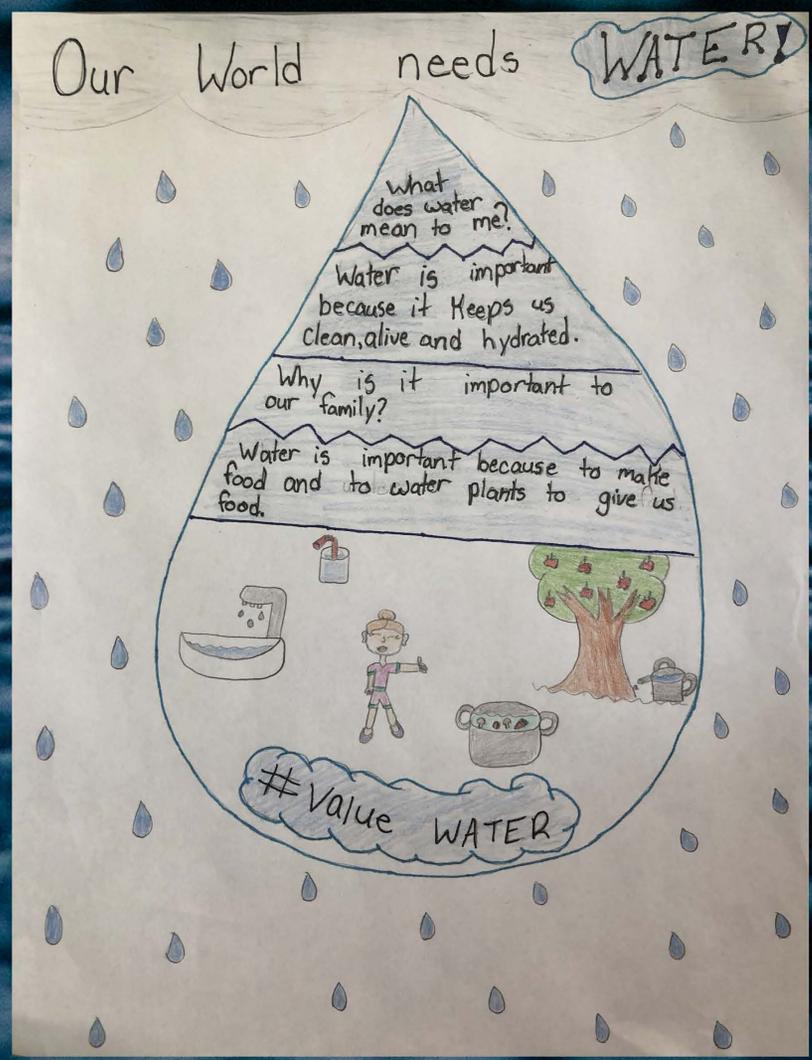
Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works



DRINKING WATER QUALITY



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-36
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

2019 Annual Performance Reports - Water Pollution Control Plants

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The 2019 Annual Performance Reports are designed to provide staff, stakeholders and customers a performance overview of the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) Water Pollution Control Plants (WPCP). The Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), requires that the owner of a municipal wastewater system shall ensure that, not later than 90 days following the end of the period being reported, a report shall be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) containing, but not limited to, the information identified within the respective ECAs.
- 1.2 A copy of the [2019 Annual Performance Reports](https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/wastewater-and-sewers.aspx#WPCPannualreports) can be found on the Regional Municipality of Durham's website (<https://www.durham.ca/en/living-here/wastewater-and-sewers.aspx#WPCPannualreports>).

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- 2.3 The winning contestant for the front cover was Ashna, a student from Pickering and her drawing is included in Attachment 1.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 For additional information, please contact Tavis Nimmo, Technical Support Supervisor, at (905) 668-7711 ext. 3737.

4. Attachment

Attachment #1: Front Cover for 2019 Annual Performance Reports

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Original signed by:

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Commissioner of Works



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANTS



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-37
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

Durham York Energy Centre Operations Emergency Amendment to Environmental Compliance Approval

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This information report provides background and details regarding potential implications from COVID-19 on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) as well as contingency measures being employed. This includes a recently approved emergency amendment to the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for the DYEC to permit processing up to 160,000 tonnes of waste per year and allow additional storage of waste ash and reagents.

2. Background

2.1 COVID-19 has created conditions which produced increases in the amount of waste being handled curbside in many jurisdictions including the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham). COVID-19 has also resulted in concerns related to potential service interruptions across multiple industries.

2.2 The DYEC is currently permitted to process 140,000 tonnes of waste per year with additional restrictions on the quantity of residues and treatment chemicals allowed to be stored on-site, as well as restrictions to waste and residue shipping and receiving hours.

2.3 During normal operating conditions, waste in excess of 140,000 tonnes per year or materials collected by Durham during facility shutdowns is bypassed to a landfill or privately-operated energy-from-waste facility. The DYEC, as constructed, is capable of processing 160,000 tonnes of waste per year with no equipment modifications.

3. DYEC Operations

3.1 The DYEC continues to operate normally with the scheduled maintenance outage for the facility having been completed from March 1 to 16, 2020.

3.2 Voluntary stack testing is currently re-scheduled for June 2020 due to COVID restrictions to protect the health of all personnel involved. Alternative dates later in the summer will be used if necessary.

3.3 Covanta, as the DYEC operator, has put in place routine screening of staff, limited the number of non-essential staff within the facility, and has taken steps to minimize interaction between staff on site. Operators are required to be in the facility continuously to oversee the safe operation of the boilers.

4. Contingency Measures

4.1 To limit public visits to the Waste Management Facility drop-off depots in both Regions, curbside garbage bag limits have been relaxed. As well, in Durham, the requirement for purchasing bag tags for additional garbage set out has been waived.

4.2 As a result of increased waste generation and as part of contingency planning, on March 20, 2020 the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York (the Regions) requested an emergency ECA amendment to allow the DYEC to process an additional 20,000 tonnes of waste per year resulting in a total waste capacity of 160,000 tonnes of waste for 2020, as well as seeking permission to enact other contingency measures should they be required.

4.3 The Regions are currently undertaking an Environmental Screening to support a permanent ECA amendment to increase the waste processing capacity of the DYEC to 160,000 tonnes per year. As stated in the Environmental Screening information, the DYEC has the operational capacity to process 160,000 tonnes of waste annually. If the completion of the Environmental Screening and ECA amendment application are delayed due to COVID-19 or other circumstances, the DYEC could have difficulty managing normal waste generation in the later portion

of 2020. The request for additional waste processing capacity was made now to provide operational certainty for the DYEC for the entire year.

- 4.4 The request for an emergency amendment to the ECA also addresses the Regions' concerns for potential disruptions to the transportation network. Transportation disruptions could impact the Regions' ability to ship residues to market and disposal and the ability for suppliers to deliver the necessary reagents for DYEC operation. This is achieved by permitting materials to enter and leave the facility 24 hours per day/7 days per week if needed.
- 4.5 The emergency ECA amendment will address contingencies for on-site storage of greater quantities of residues and reagent chemicals should that become necessary in the event of transportation or logistical disruption.
- 4.6 The Regions are required to notify the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the event the contingency measures are enacted and will be required to report on the facility's plan to return to normal operation following the conclusion of the emergency. Contingency measures are permitted to remain in place for up to 90 days after the Province ends the Declaration of Emergency to Protect the Public Health.
- 4.7 ECA emissions monitoring requirements continue to apply and the DYEC will operate within ECA requirements for air emission monitoring and reporting.
- 4.8 The Regions have instructed Covanta to develop contingency plans for bypass waste in the event the facility is forced to reduce operations due to a lack of operators.
- 4.9 The ECA amendment expires on December 31, 2020.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York requested and received emergency approval to process an additional 20,000 tonnes of waste in 2020 to help manage additional waste generation resulting from the protection measures put in place to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5.2 The approved capacity increase to 160,000 tonnes per year is an emergency increase only and does not eliminate the need for the Environmental Screening and permanent Environmental Compliance Approval amendment that is underway.

These activities are proceeding as planned under the direction and oversight of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

- 5.3 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello. Acting Director, Waste Management, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by:

Susan Siopis, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Works



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-38
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

Proposed Regulations Related to the Community Benefits Charge under the Planning Act, Development Charges under the Development Charges Act, 1997 and the Building Code Act, 1992

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the release of proposed regulations related to the Community Benefits Charge (CBC), the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) and the Building Code Act, 1992. The following provides an analysis of the potential impacts from the regulation and staff's response to the Province (Attachment #1).

2. Background

2.1 Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019. Schedule 12 of the Act, once proclaimed, will establish a new CBC regime under the Planning Act to replace certain soft services from the Development Charges Act.

2.2 The Community Benefits Charge is intended to fund municipal infrastructure costs for community services, such as land for parks, affordable housing and childcare facilities associated with new development.

2.3 On June 21, 2019, the Province released a proposed regulation (ERO # 019-0183) related to the CBC regime. On February 28, 2020, the Province released a revised proposed regulation (ERO # 019-1406) related to the CBC regime under the Planning Act, Development Charges under the DCA, and the Building Code Act.

2.4 The latest proposed regulations include significant changes from the previous proposed regulation. The following chart provides a summary of the currently proposed CBC regime including key modifications from the initial June 2019 Provincial proposal.

Table 1: Proposed Community Benefits Charge Regime

Issue	Previous Proposal (June 2019)	Current Proposal (February 2020)
Implementation Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities must transition to the community benefits charges regime by January 1, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities must transition to the CBC regime one year after proclamation
Removal of Soft services from the DCA	<p>Removal of Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term care Health and Social Services Housing Services Development Related Studies Public Libraries Recreation Centres and Arenas Parkland 	<p>Removal of Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Services Housing Services Development Related Studies Parkland <p>The following soft services will <u>remain DC eligible</u> under the DCA and are no longer subject to a 10% reduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term care Public Health Public Libraries Recreation Centres Parks Development (e.g. playground and equipment)
Eligible Community Benefits services	<p>Examples of capital infrastructure eligible under a Community Benefits Charge include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daycare facilities Parkland Libraries Recreation facilities 	<p>Examples of capital infrastructure eligible under a Community Benefits Charge include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daycare facilities Parkland Affordable housing Social Services Parking and by-law enforcement <p>Recreation facilities and libraries remain DC eligible under the DCA.</p>
Amount of the Community Benefits Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount of the CBC is to be limited to an amount that shall not exceed an amount equal to the prescribed percentage of the value of the land – percentage and attribution of maximum charge between upper and lower tier municipalities not yet prescribed 	<p>Amount of the CBC is to be limited to an amount that shall not exceed an amount equal to the prescribed percentage of the value of the land the day before building permit issuance as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Tier Municipalities 15% Lower Tier Municipalities 10% Upper Tier Municipalities 5%

		Community benefits charges are payable prior to the issuance of a building permit.
Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term care, retirement homes, universities/colleges, memorial homes, clubhouses or athletic grounds of the Royal Canadian Legion, hospices and non-profit housing exempt from CBC • Cannot impose a CBC for certain services currently ineligible under the DCA – tourism, cultural or entertainment facilities, hospitals, headquarters etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No exempted development types or services mentioned.
Community Benefits Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No details provided on the requirement to complete a Communities Benefits Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CBC Strategy needs to be undertaken prior to passing a CBC by-law to justify the percentage charged. • The strategy has many similar elements to a DC background study (benefit to existing residents, excess capacity, anticipated development, etc.)
By-Law Disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No details provided beyond mechanism to settle disputes relating to land appraisal values. • Bill 138 added provisions to allow a CBC by-law to be appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) as in the case with DC by-laws under the DCA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets a minimum interest rate when a CBC by-law is successfully appealed at LPAT. • Public notice requirements from CBC by-law passage.
Building Code Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to include CBC to the Building Code to require payment prior to issuance of building permit.

3. Financial Implications:

- 3.1 For Durham Region, the removal of the ten per cent statutory reduction as proposed in the regulation will apply to paramedic services and long-term care. Based on the 2018 DC Study, the estimated lost revenue from the ten per cent statutory reduction was \$1.5 million over ten years. Assuming the projected development occurs, the removal of the ten per cent reduction will allow the Region to recover these funds. This will require an amendment to the Region's DC By-law.

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- 3.2 It is expected that two of the Regional soft services in the current DC By-law will need to be removed and put into a CBC By-law. These two services include Health and Social Services (which currently only includes Social Services facilities) and Housing Services. It was estimated that nearly \$40.0 million would be collected in DCs for these two services over the 2019-2028 period, based on the 2018 Regional DC Study.
- 3.3 It is unknown at this time if the Region will collect the same amount of revenue for these two services under the community benefits charges regime for the following reasons:
- a. Certain developments are proposed to be exempt from paying the community benefits charge that are not exempt from paying the soft services DC, including retirement homes, long-term care homes and non-profit housing;
 - b. The community benefits charge will be limited to a maximum rate, set a percentage of the market value of the land the day before building permit issuance (i.e. five per cent for upper-tier municipalities). The impact of this cap on future revenue streams will be reviewed as part of the community benefits charges by-law; and
 - c. There will be additional administration costs associated with the imposing the Community Benefits Charge based on the valuation of land at the time of building permit and the dispute mechanism.

4. Staff Submission

- 4.1 Comments to the Province on the proposed regulation were due by April 20, 2020. Attachment #1 is the submission from staff to the Province and highlights the support with respect to the changes to the DCA and Building Code Act and provides a number of recommendations with respect to the proposed community benefits charges regime.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Inter-department DC working group will continue to analyze the potential impacts of the Community Benefits regime and to undertake the necessary work to prepare a Community Benefits by-laws as more information becomes available. The inter-departmental group is also facilitating ongoing discussion forums with the local area municipalities.
- 5.2 This report has been prepared with assistance of the Works, Legal and the Planning and Economic Development Departments.

6. Attachments

Attachment #1: Submission to the Province relating to proposed regulation (ERO # 019-1406)

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance

April 14, 2020

John Ballantine
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Dear Mr. Ballantine:

RE: Durham's Response to the Proposed Regulations pertaining to the Community Benefits Authority under the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, 1997 and the Building Code Act (#019-1406)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the noted proposed Regulation related to the Community Benefits Charges authority, the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) and the Building Code Act, posted on February 28, 2020.

The following provides comments on the proposed regulatory changes.

Commenting Period

1. It is recommended that additional time be provided to comment on the proposed regulation (i.e. extend the deadline for comments beyond April 20, 2020) as this date does not provide sufficient time to:
 - a. Complete the necessary analysis to determine the financial impact of the prescribed percentages of land value that will result in a cap on the community benefits charge, given competing priorities; and
 - b. Receive endorsed comments from Regional Council.

Regulation pertaining to the Development Charges Act

2. The Region supports the proposed regulation posted on the Environmental Registry Office (#019-1406) to:
 - a. Allow municipalities to continue to collect development charges to pay for growth-related capital costs related to public libraries, long-term care, park development (i.e. costs other than the acquisition of parkland), recreation facilities and public health; and

- b. Eliminate the statutory ten per cent reduction for all services that are development charge eligible.

These changes will provide better cost recovery for construction of facilities necessary to ensure municipalities continue to plan for complete communities and maintain historic levels of service for new constituents.

It will also provide some level of financial certainty for municipalities that are in a position to proceed with these types of major capital projects (i.e. design or construction). Development charges provide upfront funding and / or an ability to predictably finance future debt servicing costs as these types of projects often require debenture financing.

Eliminating the ten per cent reduction for all services that are development charge eligible will ensure greater cost recovery for municipalities, reducing property tax and user rate pressures on existing residents and businesses.

Regulation pertaining to the Community Benefits Authority

3. Based on the draft regulation, there are fewer services to be included under the community benefits charges regime, as a number of services are proposed to be moved back to the development charges regime. The Region supports this proposed shift of those services back to the DC regime.

For all remaining services that may be eligible under the community benefits charges regime (i.e. affordable housing, childcare facilities and social services), it is recommended that a historical level of service calculation not be required and that the charge be based on a forward looking approach to ensure intended levels of service are maintained for future constituents and provides appropriate infrastructure to be financed and constructed in a timely manner.

4. The proposed regulation states that the transition to the community benefits charges regime will be extended from the previous date of January 1, 2021 to one year from the date the regulation becomes effective. This will be challenging to meet, given that:
 - a. It is likely that all municipalities in Ontario with development charge by-laws will be retaining consulting services from among only two expert firms in Ontario, to implement community benefits charges at the same time; and

- b. Municipalities need to address the changes to the DCA arising from this regulation (i.e. removing ineligible services), as well as those that came into effect on January 1, 2020, through the adoption of new development charge by-laws and / or by-law amendments. This process will involve many overlapping internal and external resources required to prepare the community benefits charges in the same time period.

It is recommended that the transition to the community benefits charge regime be the later of two years after the proposed regulation comes into effect or the date a municipality's development charge by-law expires.

- 5. The community benefits charge will be limited to a maximum rate, set as a percentage of the market value of the land on the day before building permit issuance. The proposed maximum rates for the community benefits charge are as follows:

Single-tier municipalities	15%
Lower-tier municipalities	10%
Upper-tier municipalities	5%

Given the unknown impact of the land value percentages on the ability for municipalities to recover growth-related capital costs, it is recommended that the Province:

- a. Review the percentages in consultation with municipalities once municipalities have completed their initial community benefits charges by-law;
 - b. Commit to reviewing the land value percentages every three years; and
 - c. Allow for a maximum combined 15% within two-tier municipalities. That is, to allow for lower and upper tier municipalities to use the full 15% cent cap if either municipality does not utilize their maximum allowable share. This is especially critical given the variation across the province in service category delivery between upper and lower tier municipalities.
- 6. The community benefits charge regime should not restrict the charge to be imposed as a percentage of land value. Allowing the community benefits charge to be imposed on a per unit basis, as is the case for development charges would better represent that cost of service by type of development, provide for a more efficient administration of the charge and reduce the municipal cost of appraisals. Applying the

percentage of the market value of the land the day before building permit issuance will determine if the per unit charge fits within the cap.

If the community benefits charge is based on a given percentage of land value, this will not necessarily represent the cost of the service for which the funds are collected.

Any shortfall from the community benefits charges will have to be funded from property taxes and / or user rates. Therefore, it is recommended that the Province commit to review the land valuation percentages after completion of the first community benefits charges by-law by municipalities and every three years after the initial review.

Regulation Pertaining to the Building Code Act

7. The Region is in support of the proposed amendment to include the community benefits charge as applicable law under the Building Code, which will ensure payment of the community benefits charge prior to the issuance of building permit. Municipalities rely on the ability to withhold building permits to ensure payment of development charges.
8. Given the previous changes under Bill 108 which allows certain development types to defer the first instalment of development charges to occupancy permit or first occupancy, it is recommended that the Building Code be amended to:
 - a. Enable municipalities to withhold occupancy permit until the first instalment is made; and
 - b. Require the issuance of occupancy permits for all developments that are eligible for the DC deferral.

We look forward to continuing the discussion regarding changes to the Development Charges Act, Planning Act and Building Code Act as the regulations develop. If you have any questions, please contact me at nancy.taylor@durham.ca or 905-668-7711 ext 2300.

Sincerely,



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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: #2020-INFO-39
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

Durham Region Health Department COVID-19 Response

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) response to COVID-19.
- 1.2 As DRHD has been actively engaged in COVID-19 response activities since January 2020, this report is provided in place of Program Reports for January – March 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was first informed of cases of pneumonia with an unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. On January 7, 2020 it was confirmed that the cause was a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern.
- 2.2 In early January, when there were no COVID-19 cases in Canada, the public health sector began close monitoring of the situation and preparations to respond in the event that symptoms consistent with COVID-19 appeared in people in Canada. DRHD was engaged with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Public Health Ontario (PHO) at the earliest monitoring and surveillance stages.
- 2.3 Canada confirmed its first case of COVID-19 on January 25, 2020 related to travel in Wuhan China.

- 2.4 DRHD was monitoring the global situation very closely in order to prepare for the potential emergence of COVID-19 in the region and identify populations at risk. Close monitoring and pandemic preparedness activities enabled staff to take immediate action to address the risks of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the region.
- 2.5 As COVID-19 began to spread rapidly across the globe, DRHD mobilized its resources, began implementing measures identified in the Health Department Emergency Master Plan (HDEMP) and ensured ongoing communication with local health care providers including Lakeridge Health.
- 2.6 DRHD was informed of the first local positive COVID-19 case on February 28, 2020.
- 2.7 On March 11, 2020, with 118,319 cases globally, the WHO announced that COVID-19 was a pandemic.

3. Health Incident Management Group

- 3.1 As one of DRHD's critical public health functions under the *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability* (OPHS), it is required to prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts.
- 3.2 The HDEMP establishes the emergency management framework for DRHD in the event of a major health-related emergency in Durham Region.
- 3.3 As part of the emergency management framework, the HDEMP identifies the function and decision-making responsibilities of the Health Incident Management Group (HIMG). The HIMG is convened as required and is responsible for providing direction, coordination, communication and support to those responding to an emergency.
- 3.4 The HIMG was convened at the end of January, when the first cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Canada, at which time the structure of the HIMG was confirmed as well as roles and responsibilities of each member.
- 3.5 The HIMG began to meet weekly and identified specific actions for staff across DRHD in preparation to respond to a potential public health emergency. Specific actions were documented in Incident Action Plans (IAPs).
- 3.6 The HIMG is currently operating under the Incident Management System (IMS) structure for a pandemic (see Attachment). The IMS is a standardized organization structure and set of operating principles that provides a means for coordinated efforts of multiple parties towards achieving common goals. In response to a pandemic, the IMS structure includes the following lead roles: Executive Lead (EL); Incident Manager (IM); Emergency Information Lead (EIL); Health & Safety Lead (HSL); Liaison Lead (LL); Operations Lead (OL); Planning Lead (PL); and Logistics,

Finance & Administration Leads (LFALs). Additional teams are established under the Leads as required.

- 3.7 Under the IMS structure, staff members have been assigned to various roles by the EL according to their skills and expertise. Reporting relationships change according to the IMS and staff has been working across divisions and in collaboration to achieve goals and implement response activities.
- 3.8 COVID-19 response activities detailed below are organized according to IMS structure and divisions as appropriate.

a. Executive Lead

- As the EL of the HIMG, the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health (C&MOH), with support from the Assistant Medical Officer of Health (AMOH), assumes the overall accountability function of the Command Role, oversees the deployment of resources and seeks appropriate approval as necessary for the use of resources external to DHRD as required. This role is responsible for communications to the Regional Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, Health & Social Services Committee (HSSC) and Regional Council as required. As well, the Executive Lead is responsible for communication to and from the MOH.

b. Incident Manager

- The IM reports to the EL and leads the outbreak response and manages the day to day activities pertaining to the intervention. All other IMS structure Leads report to the IM and the IM is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the scope of the response is appropriate to the scale of the situation. Moreover, the IM ensures that the response is effective, efficient and timely.

c. Emergency Information

- The EIL ensures the public is provided with appropriate information in a timely, accurate and accessible manner. The EIL prepares media statements for release and helps appoint and/or serves as the official spokesperson for DRHD during an emergency, continually monitoring and assessing the efficacy of both internal and external emergency messaging.
- Under the guidance of the EIL, communication of up to date, accurate information to health care providers, local business owners/operators and residents has been a key response activity since the very early implementation stages of the emergency management framework. A dedicated webpage has been established to provide important and timely information to community partners and residents.
- The EIL has also been the lead on monitoring and responding to all media requests.

- The Community & Resource Development Team (CARD) supports the activities of the EIL, in collaboration with Health Protection Division (HPD) and Population Health Division (PHD).

d. Health & Safety

- The HSL ensures the health and safety of DRHD staff during an emergency. The HSL consults with Corporate Health and Safety personnel to ensure all current existing health and safety regulations and related policies are being followed and that any incidents involving employees are documented along with an action taken. The HSL works together with the IM and OL to identify or anticipate any physical or psychological health and safety concerns and will address them accordingly. The HSL reviews need for and availability of personal protective equipment (PPE).

e. Liaison

- The LL acts as the primary contact person for communications with hospitals, primary care settings, allied health care professionals, long-term care homes (LTCHs) and retirement homes (RHs), schools and child care centres in coordination with managers working in operations. The LL maintains communications with liaison contacts of other assisting and cooperating agencies in the response and monitors incident operations to identify any current or potential interagency issues.
- Under the direction of the LL, HPD and PHD staffs have been responsible for communicating accurate and up to date information with local partners and supporting them to implement required changes to their policies and procedures.
- Staff has been participating on local working groups such as the Lakeridge Health Emerging Disease Working Group and collaborating with local health care partners to clarify roles and responsibilities, develop operational procedures, support response to inquiries and address resource related concerns. Details regarding case and contact management, communications, testing, reporting and resources are discussed on an ongoing basis. As direction has been continually changing, roles, responsibilities and operational policies and procedures have required ongoing updating.
- Staff is engaged with local and provincial partners, communicates local resource needs to the province and coordinates the distribution of resources such as PPE across the region.

f. Operations and Planning

- The OL directs and coordinates operational action items established in the IAP. The OL is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the response items and reporting progress to the HIMG at regular operational meetings to ensure all action items are being addressed and fulfilled in a timely

manner. The OL works with LFALs in order to obtain the required staff and resources to achieve the tasks set out by the IAP. The OL works with the HSL to address any safety issues.

- The PL assesses the situation on a continual basis and makes projections with the information gathered. The PL works closely with the IM when forming the IAP and is responsible for collecting and managing data and information throughout the emergency response. The PL also plays a major role in the post-emergency evaluation of the effectiveness of DRHD's emergency response.
- The OL and PL have oversight of the following COVID-19 response activities: case management and contact tracing; development of communication products; documentation; epidemiological investigations and surveillance; help lines; infection control for health care providers; protocols, policies and procedures; and staffing and resource needs.
- The COVID-19 situation has been evolving at a fast pace and new information has been received daily from the federal and provincial levels.
- In January and February, when cases within Canada were emerging, DRHD was engaged with provincial partners to ensure the local recommendations, communication, guidance documents and resources were developed based on the latest evidence and provincial direction.
- As COVID-19 has been identified as a new disease, new case definitions, screening, testing and reporting procedures were developed. Guidance and instructions have been developed based on the latest evidence and risks of transmission.
- DRHD provided support to hospitals, primary care providers and local health care facilities to clarify roles and responsibilities and provide information regarding up to date case definitions and, disease specific guidelines and reporting requirements. Information was also provided to academic institutions, school boards, and designated offices for emergency services.
- Using the latest evidence and recommendations received from provincial partners, staff has developed communications, guidance documents and resources for local stakeholders such as FAQs, Facts About documents, Fax Abouts and Infographics.
- Staff ensured that timely information was provided to allied health care professionals, businesses, child care centres, health care providers, local shelters, municipalities and schools.
- The Health Analytics & Research Team (HART) has been providing the surveillance expertise and epidemiological perspective throughout the emergency response. HART activities are detailed below.
- DHCL began to receive inquiries related to COVID-19 as early as January. DHCL staff was trained on responding to COVID-19 inquiries and is continually provided with the latest information as the situation evolves so that it can respond to public and health care provider inquiries.
- The DHCL triage system has been redesigned to help manage the surge of calls and direct callers to the most appropriate source of information as

quickly as possible. To date, there have been more than 40,500 calls to DHCL regarding COVID-19.

- PHD has taken a lead role in supporting case management, contact tracing.
- Case management involves: obtaining as much information as possible from the person infected with COVID-19 to determine potential risk for the community; providing medical advice on how to manage symptoms and when to seek medical care; providing information on actions that must be taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19; providing resources for additional information; and conducting follow-up to monitor symptoms, health status and confirm recovery.
- Contact tracing is the process of identifying, educating and monitoring individuals who have had close contact with someone who is infected with a virus. All contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are advised of their risk of infection and are provided with: instructions to self-isolate to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others; support to address self-isolation challenges; guidance on monitoring symptoms; and instructions on when to seek medical advice or care.
- DRHD is responsible for meeting provincial reporting requirements and documenting case and contact information for surveillance purposes. As COVID-19 is a new virus, the province communicated a new case definition and disease specific reporting requirements. Changes were incorporated in Encounter, DRHD's client information system, to ensure that required data was captured and reported into iPHIS, which is the provincial information system for reporting and surveillance of diseases of public health significance. Changes to Encounter involve development of new workflows, forms and reports, implementation of system changes and testing. Case definitions and provincial reporting requirements are continuously monitored to ensure that Encounter is updated as needed.
- In collaboration with provincial and local partners, DRHD has supported the establishment of local testing sites and related policies and procedures regarding referral processes, prioritization, collection and delivery of samples to laboratories and receipt and reporting of results.
- On March 20, 2020, the Government of Canada announced that exemptions to air travel restrictions implemented in response to COVID-19 will apply to temporary foreign seasonal agricultural workers who are considered essential. Staff is working in close collaboration with seasonal agricultural operations, the MOH and Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.) to ensure that appropriate public health measures are implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the region. HPD staff is reviewing plans for each housing accommodation prior to workers arriving from their home country and providing recommendations to ensure that self-isolation requirements can be achieved.

- An outbreak response plan/strategy is being finalized to enable farm enterprises and DRHD to quickly respond to any foreign workers who may develop COVID-19 related symptoms.
- The current focus of staff is responding to the needs of LTCHs and RHs to manage outbreaks of COVID-19. Staff is supporting area LTCHs and RHs to implement outbreak control measures including complying with MOH directives, supporting appropriate use of PPE, increasing environmental sanitation, cleaning and disinfection, and emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene amongst residents and staff. Staff is also collaborating with provincial partners to ensure that area LTCHs and RHs have sufficient supplies and PPE to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in facilities. Staff maintains daily contact with LTCHs and RHs to provide additional public health support as needed.
- On an ongoing basis, staff: reviews provincial directives, guidance and protocols that are continually being revised; implements required changes; communicates relevant information; provides direction and guidance to local partners; and updates communications and resources for the public.
- Staff continues to identify needs for additional tools and resources for local partners and the public as new information is received from provincial and federal levels. Staff develops resources and tools to ensure residents have the latest information on best practices, directives and instructions to protect their health.

g. Logistics, Finance & Administration

- The LFALs are responsible for obtaining, organizing and tracking any supplies required in the outbreak response, including space, security, equipment and services including authorizing and documenting all related expenses by preparing reports related to these expenses, as well as any claims or alleged injuries during the response.
- They have been: developing staffing plans and new staff schedules; collaborating with Corporate Services and Finance Departments; designing new workflows to support COVID-19 activities; and keeping all managers and staff informed about changes to operational and human resources policies.
- The Administrative Services team has been providing support to the LFALs and its activities are detailed below.

4. Office of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

- 4.1 The C&MOH and AMOH have been providing medical advice, guidance and oversight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They review advice, best practices and directives from the federal and provincial levels, maintain ongoing communications with the Province and participate on several local planning tables to ensure that timely information is provided to community and Regional partners, local health care providers, Municipal officials, residents and DRHD staff.

- 4.2 They have the responsibility of: monitoring the spread of COVID-19 at the local level; assessing risks and impacts; and using their medical expertise to provide recommendations on how best to mitigate risks within the region.
- 4.3 By responding to media requests, making public appearances through local media outlets and participating in community events, the C&MOH and AMOH have been available to address public concerns, respond to questions, offer medical advice and provide instructions on how residents can protect themselves, their families and community members from COVID-19.
- 4.4 On April 7, 2020, the C&MOH used his legal authority under Section 22 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) to issue a class order that requires anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or anyone who has had contact with a person that has COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days or longer, if directed by public health staff.
- 4.5 On April 22, 2020 the C&MOH issued a Section 29.2 Order under the HPPA to Lakeridge Health and Orchard Villa in Pickering to address the immediate risk of COVID-19 to residents and staff of the home. Working with Lakeridge Health, the Order requires Southbridge Care Homes Inc. (operating as Orchard Villa) to enhance measures for the protection of residents and staff.

a. Administrative Services

- The Administrative Services Team has been supporting COVID-19 response since actions were first implemented. Staff in reception areas was immediately trained on responding to questions from the public, providing masks to clients, and proper sanitization procedures. Staff was responsible for ensuring that appropriate signage for DRHD clients was posted in all reception areas and that there was an adequate supply of disinfecting wipes, gloves, hand sanitizer and masks available in all reception areas.
- Staff has been supporting the activities of the OL and PL and ensuring that important communications and updates are provided to local community partners in an accessible format, such as FaxAbout documents to health care providers.
- The Administrative Services Team has also been instrumental in assisting the HSL and helping to manage resources, monitoring inventory and distributing equipment and supplies.

b. Community & Resource Development

- CARD has been working continuously with HPD and PHD staff on the design and posting of infographics, social media messages and health information resources.
- Social media sites including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are used to provide timely information and updates to residents. CARD has completed

170 posts to date resulting in 306,412 Twitter impressions, 282,374 Facebook impressions and 47,089 Instagram impressions.

- CARD has also been the lead on monitoring and responding to all media requests. Requests from the media have been received consistently since January when the virus was spreading globally. CARD has received 255 media requests related to COVID-19.
- The comprehensive COVID-19 website includes information on DHCL, the current situation, the status of cases in Durham Region, messages from the C&MOH, up to date information regarding provincial and federal orders and directives, resources for local partners including health care professionals, the school community and food premises, fact sheets and other DRHD resources. The website includes the information that community partners need to protect their clients and staff and the information that residents need to protect themselves, their families and others in the community. From February 29 to April 7, there have been 184 COVID-19 website related tasks completed resulting in 434,018 page views of durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.
- CARD also designed and maintains the COVID-19 intranet site on The Insider which provides up to date information for Regional staff.

c. Health Analytics & Research

- HART is responsible for assessment and surveillance of COVID-19 from an epidemiological perspective. Responsibilities include: development and adaptation of existing data systems to document information; production of data quality reports and identification of gaps or issues; communication and engagement with PHO and the MOH regarding surveillance; and analyzing and reporting data related to cases of COVID-19 in Durham Region.
- In January, activities focused on monitoring the spread of COVID-19 globally and in Canada, preparing internal data systems by developing and testing modules, identifying reporting requirements, and designing workflow processes and reports for COVID-19. These activities were done in collaboration with subject experts in PHD to ensure that all required data is captured on an ongoing basis.
- When the first COVID-19 cases in Durham Region were confirmed, HART began to provide daily updates to HIMG and CARD so that the status of local COVID-19 cases could be shared with community partners and residents.
- HART provides support to PHD with entering case related information into the internal client data system and the integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS), verifying data quality and conducting surveillance of local COVID-19 cases.
- On April 3, 2020, HART launched a new dashboard, the Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker, which shows the number of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region by status (home isolation, hospitalized, resolved,

deceased), municipality, age and gender. This resource also displays the number of new cases and cumulative cases by reported date and onset date and is a useful tool to keep community partners and residents informed. On April 21, 2020 the Data Tracker was enhanced to identify the status of cases and deaths related to outbreaks in hospital sites, long-term care homes and retirement homes. The Data Tracker is updated daily. Since April 3, 2020, there have been approximately 167,000 clicks on the Data Tracker.

- HART continues to identify opportunities to improve the Data Tracker and includes additional information as it becomes available.

d. Privacy & Information Security

- The Privacy & Information Security Team has been providing advice to the C&MOH on privacy issues related to protection of personal health information. While DRHD continues to provide as much information as possible to community partners and the public about the status of COVID-19 in the region, it must ensure that it complies with privacy legislation and follows guidance from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.
- The Privacy & Information Security Team has provided advice regarding: sharing details of positive COVID-19 cases with community partners (e.g., Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), Lakeridge Health, etc.), the media and the public; facilitating access to Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS) data; collection, use and disclosure of personal health information while teleworking; and changes to DRHD policies to facilitate ongoing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., responding to requests for immunization records).

5. Health Protection

- 5.1 As noted above, HPD staff is supporting activities under the IMS structure. Additionally, public health inspectors have existing relationships and knowledge of local businesses and premises which has helped to communicate important information.
- 5.2 Prior to the provincial Declaration of Emergency and region-wide closures of child care centres, local businesses, recreational facilities and schools, HPD staff focused on educating stakeholders on hand hygiene, proper infection, prevention and control (IPAC) procedures, and risk mitigation strategies to prevent the local spread of COVID-19.
- 5.3 Public health inspectors have supported local businesses, such as food premises, that remain open and emergency child care centres to implement physical distancing measures, IPAC procedures and policies regarding PPE to protect the health of their clients and their staff. Resources have been developed for essential workplaces, food take-out premises, gas stations and convenience stores, grocery

stores, restaurants and bars offering take out and delivery and pharmacies. HPD staff ensures compliance with provincial orders and is available to respond to inquiries as needed.

- 5.4 HPD collaborated with Legal Services to draft the Class Order pursuant to Section 22 of the HPPA and is in the process of monitoring compliance and issuing warnings to persons that commit an offence under the Order. DRHD has issued one warning letter in response to non-compliance.
- 5.5 In addition to COVID-19 response activities, HPD is ensuring that ongoing health protection activities continue, such as complaint-based inspections of food premises that remain open and small drinking water systems, issuing food recall warnings and public health notices, responding to health hazards and other infectious diseases outbreaks.

6. Oral Health

- 6.1 On March 15, 2020, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) strongly recommended that all non-essential and elective dental services should be suspended, and that emergency treatment should continue. Emergency treatment is defined as trauma to teeth and bones of the face, uncontrolled hemorrhage related to the mouth and jaws, pain that is not relieved with medication, and swelling.
- 6.2 The Oral Health Division (OHD) suspended all Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) services in response to RCDSO recommendations as well as health promotion activities for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) clients. School screening activities were suspended as schools were closed as of March 16, 2020.
- 6.3 Currently most OHD staff is seconded to COVID-19 activities including a manager, six registered dental hygienists and 12 dental assistants.
- 6.4 As per the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), the remaining OHD staff members are responsible for responding to oral health inquiries and coordinating access to urgent dental care within the community for HSO, OSDCP and OW clients. OHD receives approximately 10 to 15 calls daily from residents experiencing dental emergencies.
- 6.5 OHD has ongoing communications with approximately 10 local dental offices that are currently seeing emergency patients. A triage process has been implemented to ensure access to urgent oral health services for clients that contact the OHD.

7. Population Health

- 7.1 Currently, other than COVID-19 response activities, PHD staff is only involved in those activities identified as essential in the COOP.

7.2 As the number of cases began to spread in the region, the need for resources to manage incoming inquires to DHCL, case management activities and contact tracing increased significantly. Staff across all PHD programs were redeployed and trained to support COVID-19 response activities.

8. Paramedic Services

8.1 Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) continues to respond to requests for emergency care and ensures provision of pre-hospital advanced life support procedures as required.

8.2 With the emergence of COVID-19 in the region, it has been a key focus to ensure the health and safety of paramedics so that they are available to respond to emergencies in the community.

8.3 Since January, RDPS has been engaged with provincial partners to receive ongoing updates and ensure new medical directives, protocols and best practices are implemented with the goal of minimizing exposure to respiratory droplets and risk of infection. New protocols regarding screening, treatment, documentation, PPE and transportation have been implemented across RDPS and paramedics have been educated and trained on the changes in response to COVID-19.

8.4 RDPS continues to monitor its supply of PPE and is engaged with provincial and local partners to ensure adequate ongoing supply.

8.5 RDPS is actively engaged with hospital partners and provides support to address issues and challenges related to COVID-19. There have been ongoing discussions to address challenges experienced by smaller facilities that may not have adequate resources or space to support isolation of cases.

8.6 To support COVID-19 response, vulnerable patients, and to address resource challenges across the region, RDPS provides community-based, in-home COVID-19 testing based on referrals. Implementation of in-home testing required development of new protocols and procedures, development of a referral process and staff training. Paramedics have provided more than 50 in-home tests and have increased capacity to be able to provide as many as 100 in-home tests per week going forward.

8.7 RDPS continues to work closely with public health and local and provincial partners to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation. Updates are provided to all paramedics to ensure staff is informed and prepared to protect themselves, their clients and respond as required.

9. Conclusion

9.1 The COVID-19 pandemic response requires continuous communication and effective collaboration across DRHD. The IMS structure facilitates consultation and

collaboration across Divisions. The HIMG currently meets daily to provide updates on response activities and members support each other through implementation.

- 9.2 DRHD staff across most Divisions has been redeployed to respond to COVID-19. Redeployed staff members have been trained and ongoing support is provided to ensure they have the knowledge, resources and tools required to implement new and unfamiliar activities. The COOP has guided the identification of resources, planning and implementation of staff redeployment.
- 9.3 While ensuring essential pandemic response activities to protect the health of the public, it has been a key priority of Senior Management to ensure the health and safety of staff. A significant amount of effort has focused on identifying opportunities for physical distancing and teleworking wherever possible. Most DRHD staff is now teleworking with very limited staff at Regional buildings.
- 9.4 Implementation of teleworking has required identifying new equipment requirements, technology needs, workflows and policies and procedures to ensure client privacy. The implementation of teleworking is continually being monitored to ensure that client, local partner and staff needs are being met.
- 9.5 DRHD has been actively engaged with various Regional Departments to ensure that Regional policies, procedures and communications reflect public health recommendations and best practices and help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst Regional employees. Staff has provided input regarding resources across the Region and to policies such as screening, self-isolation, testing and return to work procedures for Regional employees.
- 9.6 There continues to be a significant risk to the community from COVID-19. DRHD will continue to engage with local and provincial partners to monitor this risk and implement provincial recommendations and directives.
- 9.7 DRHD is committed to continue to keep the public and local partners informed of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region.

10. Attachment

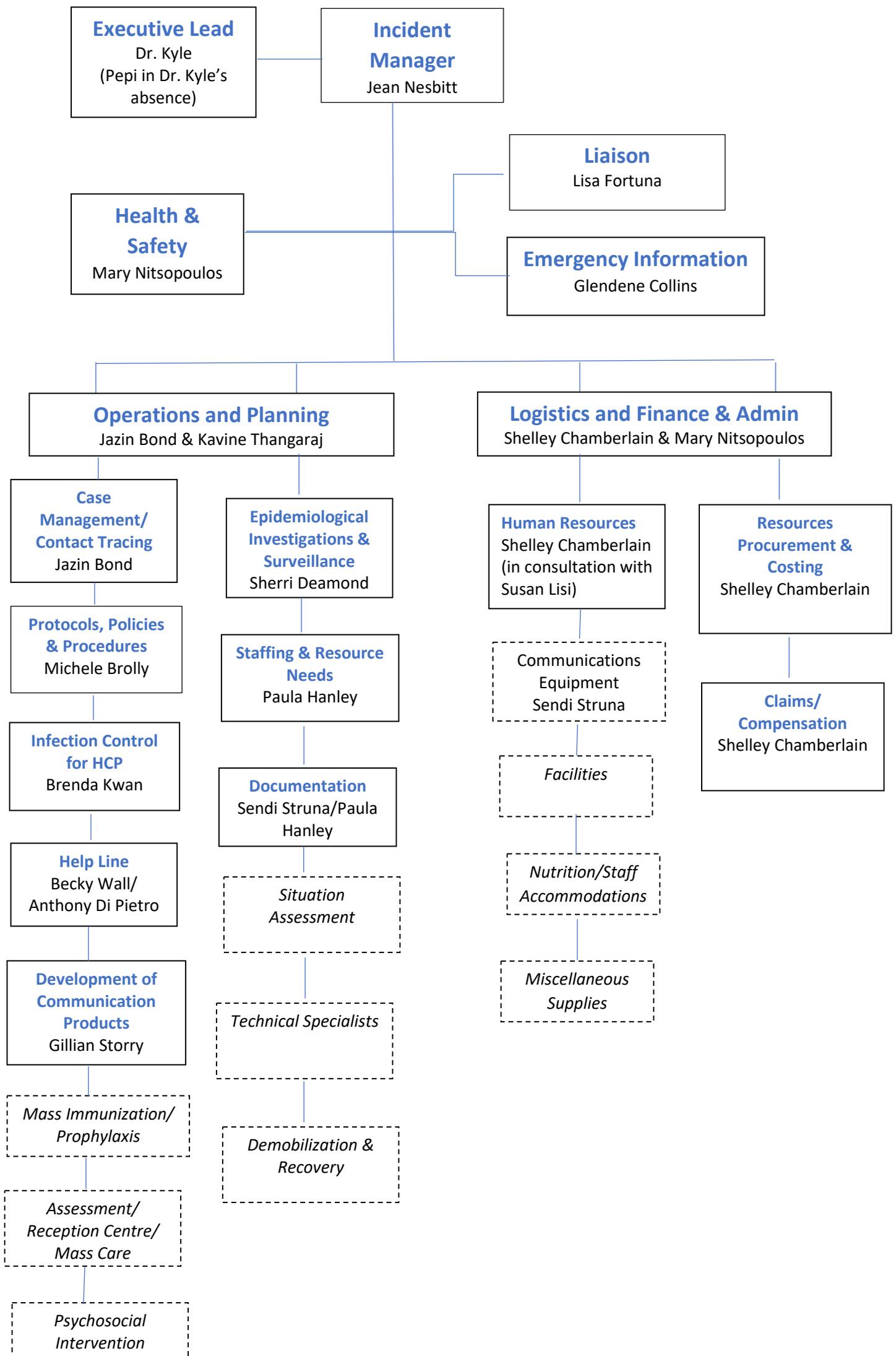
Attachment: IMS Functional Chart for 2019-nCoV

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IMS Functional Chart for 2019-nCoV





The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-40
Date: May 1, 2020

Subject:

Economic Update – Updated Risks and Uncertainty as of April 29th, 2020

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing on a daily basis. The following summarizes the changes that have occurred over the period of April 23 – April 29, 2020.

2. Federal Government

2.1 On April 23rd, the federal government announced more than \$1 billion in support of a national COVID-19 medical research strategy that includes vaccine development, the production of treatments, and tracking of the virus. The strategy includes \$600 million in funding, through the Strategic Innovation Fund, to support COVID-19 vaccine and therapy clinical trials, led by the private sector, as well as Canadian biomanufacturing opportunities.

2.2 On April 24th, the federal government, in partnership with the provinces and territories, released details on the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program for small businesses. The program will provide forgivable loans to qualifying commercial property owners to cover 50 per cent of rent payments for April, May, and June. Loans are forgivable if the mortgaged property owner agrees to reduce the eligible small business tenants' rent by at least 75 per cent for the same time period.

2.3 The federal government announced \$9 billion in new and enhanced supports for

post-secondary students and recent graduates on April 22nd. New supports include the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, which will provide \$1,250 per month for eligible students, or \$1,750 per month for eligible students with dependents or disabilities, for the next four months. The new Canada Student Service Grant was also established, which will provide up to \$5,000 towards fall education costs for students that take on national service positions.

- 2.4 Enhanced supports for students and recent graduates include doubling Canada Student Grants, enhancing student loans by raising the maximum weekly amount that can be provided, and providing \$291.6 million to the federal granting councils to extend expiring federal graduate research scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships.
- 2.5 According to the federal government, nearly 10,000 businesses applied for the federal government's wage-subsidy program during the first few hours of the opening of the application process on April 27th. The government has stated that funds should begin flowing to recipients by May 7th.
- 2.6 In terms of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, the federal government has paid out \$24.25 billion to 7.28 million unique applicants, with nearly 10 million applications received as of April 26th.

3. Ontario Government

- 3.1 As the federal government announced details of the new commercial rent assistance program, the province announced that the provincial and federal government are partnering to provide \$900 million towards the Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA). The OCECRA will provide forgivable loans to eligible commercial property owners who reduce the rental costs of small business tenants for April to June 2020 by at least 75 per cent and commit to a moratorium on evictions for three months.
- 3.2 The province announced another partnership with the federal government that will see a joint investment of up to \$2.5 million in the Agri-Food Open for E-Business initiative. The initiative is targeted to help food producers, farmers markets, retailers, garden centres, greenhouses, nurseries, and agricultural associations develop online businesses and sales platforms.
- 3.3 On April 28, the Province launched the COVID-19: Tackling the Barriers website where business can submit suggestions on temporary changes to provincial rules and regulations in order to remove any barriers that are hindering business.
- 3.4 In recognition of the important work being done by frontline workers, the provincial government announced, on April 25th, a \$4.00 per hour wage enhancement to employees working on the frontline of the pandemic. This includes staff working in long-term care and retirement homes, emergency shelters, supportive housing, social services congregate care settings, corrections institutions and youth justice facilities. It also includes those providing home and community care and some

staff in hospitals. Regional staff are assessing the potential financial implications for the Region.

- 3.5 On April 23rd, the provincial government extended all emergency orders that have been put in place to-date, under s.7.0.2 (4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, until May 6th, 2020. The extension includes the closure of outdoor amenities in parks and recreational areas, non-essential workplaces, public places, and bars and restaurants. It also includes restrictions on social gatherings and limiting staff from working in more than one retirement or long-term care home. Ontario parks and public schools will remain closed until at least May 31st, 2020. The provincial state of emergency will remain in place until May 12th, 2020.
- 3.6 In support of both the federal and provincial governments call for manufacturing facilities to retool operations for the production of essential medical equipment, General Motors of Canada announced, on April 24th, that the Oshawa assembly plant will begin producing one million masks a month for health care workers. The operation will require an estimated 50 employees supporting two shifts of production.

4. Financial Markets

- 4.1 The price of oil continues to decline as the price of West Texas Intermediate fell approximately 24 per cent on April 27th, and another 3.4 per cent to close at US\$12.34 per barrel on April 28th. The price of WTI oil is now down approximately 80 per cent year-to-date.
- 4.2 The oil selloff continues as storage facilities edge closer toward full capacity. The U.S oil storage facility at Cushing, Oklahoma, the nation's largest storage facility apart from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, saw oil storage rise by 10 per cent during the week of April 20th. According to CNBC, the Cushing, Oklahoma facility is approximately 25 million barrels away from full capacity.
- 4.3 The oversupply of oil is also placing downward pressure on the price of Alberta's Western Canadian Select (WCS). As of the market open on April 29th, the price of WCS oil was US\$5.04 per barrel.
- 4.4 The falling price of oil also has implications for the Canadian inflation rate. Inflation for March 2020 was 0.9 per cent year-over-year, down from 2.2 per cent year-over-year in February as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This was the largest one month drop in annual inflation since 2006 and was largely due to the falling price of gasoline. Excluding energy products from the CPI would result in an inflation rate of 1.7 per cent for March.
- 4.5 The sharp decline in oil prices pushed U.S equities lower as both the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average ended the week of April 20th down over one per cent. This is the first weekly decline in U.S equities since the week of March 30th. The S&P 500 index remains down approximately 11 per cent year-to-date,

while the Dow Jones Industrial Average remains down 15 per cent year-to-date.

- 4.6 Despite the falling price of oil, Canadian equities rose 0.4 per cent for the week of April 20th. The Toronto Stock Exchange remains relatively in line with its American counterpart as year-to-date returns are down over 12 per cent.
- 4.7 As the Canadian equity market begins to stabilize, there is growing evidence that Canadian consumer confidence is following suit. The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index, derived from a survey of 250 Canadians and their views on personal finances, job security, real estate prices, and economic outlook, held steady for the week of April 20th. This marks the first week since March 6th that the index hasn't plunged to a new record low. According to the index, Canadians views on the economy and job security showed slight improvement from the week prior.

5. Canadian Economic Recovery

- 5.1 As the economic impacts of COVID-19 continue to be felt across the country, some provinces are beginning to establish plans and guidelines for the gradual resumption of economic activity.
- 5.2 On April 27th, Ontario released "*A Framework for Reopening our Province*", which outlines a set of principles and criteria to be used in determining when it's safe to loosen public health restrictions and reopen the economy. The framework outlines a three-staged approach that will be guided by the spread and containment of the virus, the capacity of the healthcare system, and the capacity to track future incidence.
- 5.3 The first stage of the plan will involve the reopening of select businesses that can immediately meet or modify operations to meet public health guidance and occupational health and safety requirements. The first stage will also involve the reopening of some public spaces, such as parks, and increasing the size of public gatherings. Each subsequent step involves the opening of more businesses and public spaces as well as further increases to the size of public gatherings.
- 5.4 The government did not offer a timeline as to when the initial stage of the plan will begin. The government did say that each stage would last approximately two-four weeks and will be closely monitored by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- 5.5 On April 28th, Quebec announced its plan for reopening the economy by allowing certain businesses to gradually reopen throughout the month of May. On April 27th, the province announced elementary schools and daycares outside the greater Montreal area will reopen on May 11th with the number of children capped. Elementary schools and daycares in the greater Montreal region will reopen on May 19th, however high schools and post-secondary institutions will remain closed until September.
- 5.6 On April 23rd, Saskatchewan announced its plan to reopen the economy through a

five-phased approach beginning on May 4th. The plan begins with the resumption of low-risk outdoor activities and public access to medical services, such as dentistry and physiotherapy. The plan continues toward the gradual opening of retail businesses over the following weeks. The plan will be continuously monitored and identifies physical distancing measures and restrictions that will remain in place throughout the five phases.

- 5.7 On April 21st, the Premier of Prince Edward Island announced that public health measures could be eased as early as May 1st in an effort to restart the economy. Details of the phased approach will be released over the coming days; however Public health officials are looking at initially easing restrictions on some outdoor activities and non-urgent health care services such as elective surgeries.
- 5.8 New Brunswick appears to be the first Canadian province to begin easing restrictions as the province initiated the first phase of its recovery plan on April 24th. The first phase involves the reopening of some outdoor spaces, such as parks and golf courses. The phase also involves some easing of social distancing measures by allowing a household to gather with one other household and allowing post-secondary students access to campus in order to fulfill their course requirements. The province will continuously monitor the situation and may reinstate restrictions if necessary.
- 5.9 All provincial plans align with the guidelines agreed upon by the Prime Minister and the Premiers as announced on April 28th. The agreed upon guidelines include sufficient containment and tracking of the virus, adequate healthcare capacity, supports for vulnerable groups and local services (e.g. schools and daycares), monitoring of workplace protocols, and a coordinated resumption of non-essential travel.

6. Global Economy

- 6.1 In the United States, jobless claims continue to soar as the economy remains largely in lockdown. The number of claims for the week of April 18th totaled 4.4 million, bringing the total over the past five weeks to 26.4 million. The 26 million jobs lost over the past five weeks effectively wipes out all 22 million jobs gained since the financial crisis of 2009.
- 6.2 The mounting job losses in the U.S are prompting some states to begin reopening their economies. South Carolina began allowing retail stores to reopen at below 20 per cent capacity as of April 20th. Other states, such as Alaska, Georgia, and Oklahoma began slowly easing restrictions on April 24th. Texas has announced they will begin gradually reopening businesses on May 1st.
- 6.3 New Zealand also announced it would begin slowly reopening its economy on April 28th. They will begin by easing restrictions on schools, retailers, restaurants, and construction sites. The Prime Minister of Italy, one of the countries most severely impacted by COVID-19, has advised of a May 4th timeline for gradually reopening the Italian economy.

- 6.4 Although some countries begin to ease restrictions, others continue to put policies in place to mitigate the economic effects of COVID-19. On April 22nd, the Bank of Mexico conducted an emergency 50 basis point cut to its key central bank lending rate. The Bank of Mexico also added another 750 billion pesos (US\$31 billion) of liquidity stimulus into its financial system, bringing the total stimulus package to 3.3 per cent of GDP.
- 6.5 The Bank of Russia cut its key interest rate by 50 basis points on April 24th, leaving the central bank rate at 5.5 per cent. The Bank of Russia is predicting Russian GDP to decline by 4 to 6 per cent in 2020.
- 6.6 The Bank of Japan announced the removal of monetary limits on its quantitative easing program and will begin buying as many bonds as it needs to stabilize the economy. The central bank also announced it is increasing its commercial paper purchase program by ¥500 billion (US\$4.6 billion) and its commercial bond purchasing program by ¥300 billion (US\$2.8 billion).
- 6.7 The U.K economy took a big hit in March as retail sales fell 5.1 per cent from February. This represents the largest decline in monthly retail sales on record. The U.K government also announced, on April 27th, that they will provide families of those who die doing “frontline” work with a payment of £60,000 (US\$74,500).

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The economy is experiencing increasing volatility with uncertainty around the spread of COVID-19. Economic conditions are changing on a daily basis as policy makers continue to navigate this uncharted territory.
- 7.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

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EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2020-P-**
Date: June 2, 2020

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Darmar Farms Inc. to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2020-001.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2020-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On February 3, 2020, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Darmar Farms Inc. submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.

- 1.2 A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in The Brock Citizen and Kawartha Lakes This Week newspapers. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The subject site is located at 396 Cameron Street East and is located immediately east of the Cannington urban area (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 The applicant is a private farm corporation which owns a total of 13 agricultural parcels under the name Darmar Farms, that encompasses approximately 579.5 hectares (1,432 acres). Four of the parcels are located in Durham Region (Attachment 2).
- 2.3 The agricultural parcel is triangular in shape and contains an existing dwelling. A watercourse traverses the property from west to east.
- 2.4 Surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject site include:
- a. North – Beaver River Wetlands Trail (part of a former railway line now owned by Hydro One), agricultural lands;
 - b. East – rural residential lands, agricultural lands, Simcoe Street;
 - c. South – rural residential lands, agricultural lands; and
 - d. West – rural residential lands, Cannington urban area, sewage lagoons.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of a 0.4 hectare (1 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 22.6 hectares (55.9 acre) agricultural parcel. The dwelling is not utilized by a farm employee and is currently rented. The retained agricultural parcel will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the ROP. The report also concludes the

proposed severance will comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 A Farm Holdings Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. indicates that Darmar Farms Inc. owns four farms in the Region of Durham. These farms are used for cash cropping. Darmar Farms owns two houses within the Region, both of which are surplus to the farming operation.
- 3.3 A Site Screening Questionnaire completed by GHD indicated that there are no significant site contamination concerns on the subject property.

4. Provincial Plans and Policies

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan. The Provincial Policy Statement, as well as the Greenbelt Plan may permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context

- 5.1 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the ROP with a Key Hydrologic Feature (watercourse) on site. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 5.2 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
 - a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
 - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farm operations;
 - c. For sites within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004;
 - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances or the establishment of any residential dwelling.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock; the City of

Kawartha Lakes; the Regional Health Department; Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

7. Public Consultation

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- 7.3 Anyone who want to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

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9. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Darmar Farms Inc. Agricultural Land Holdings

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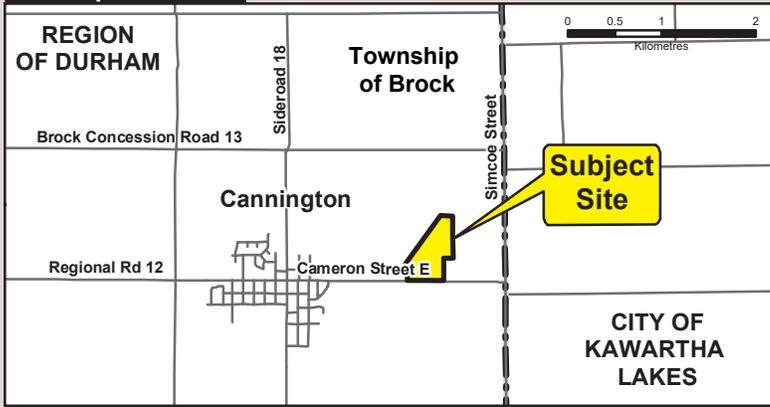
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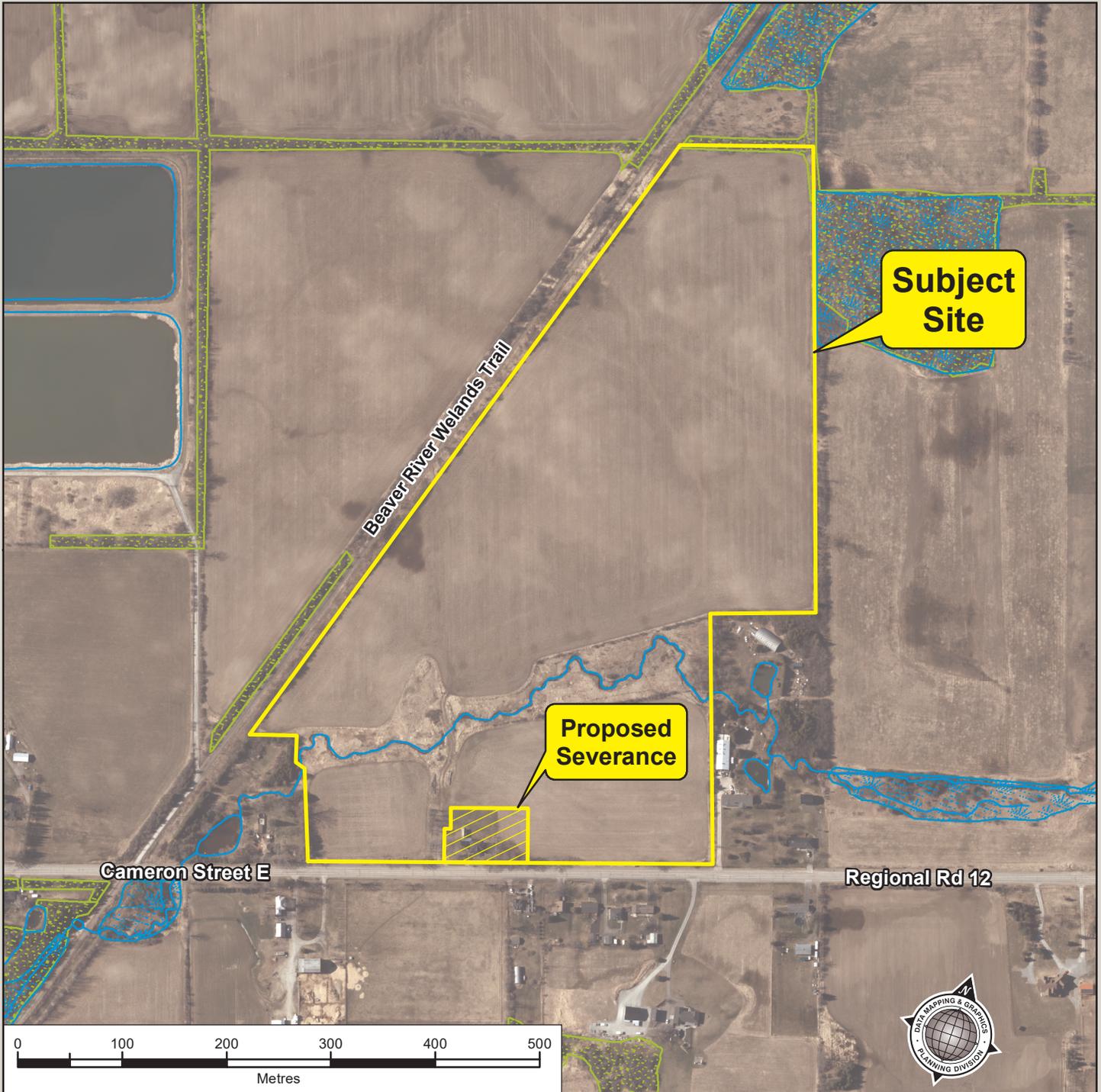
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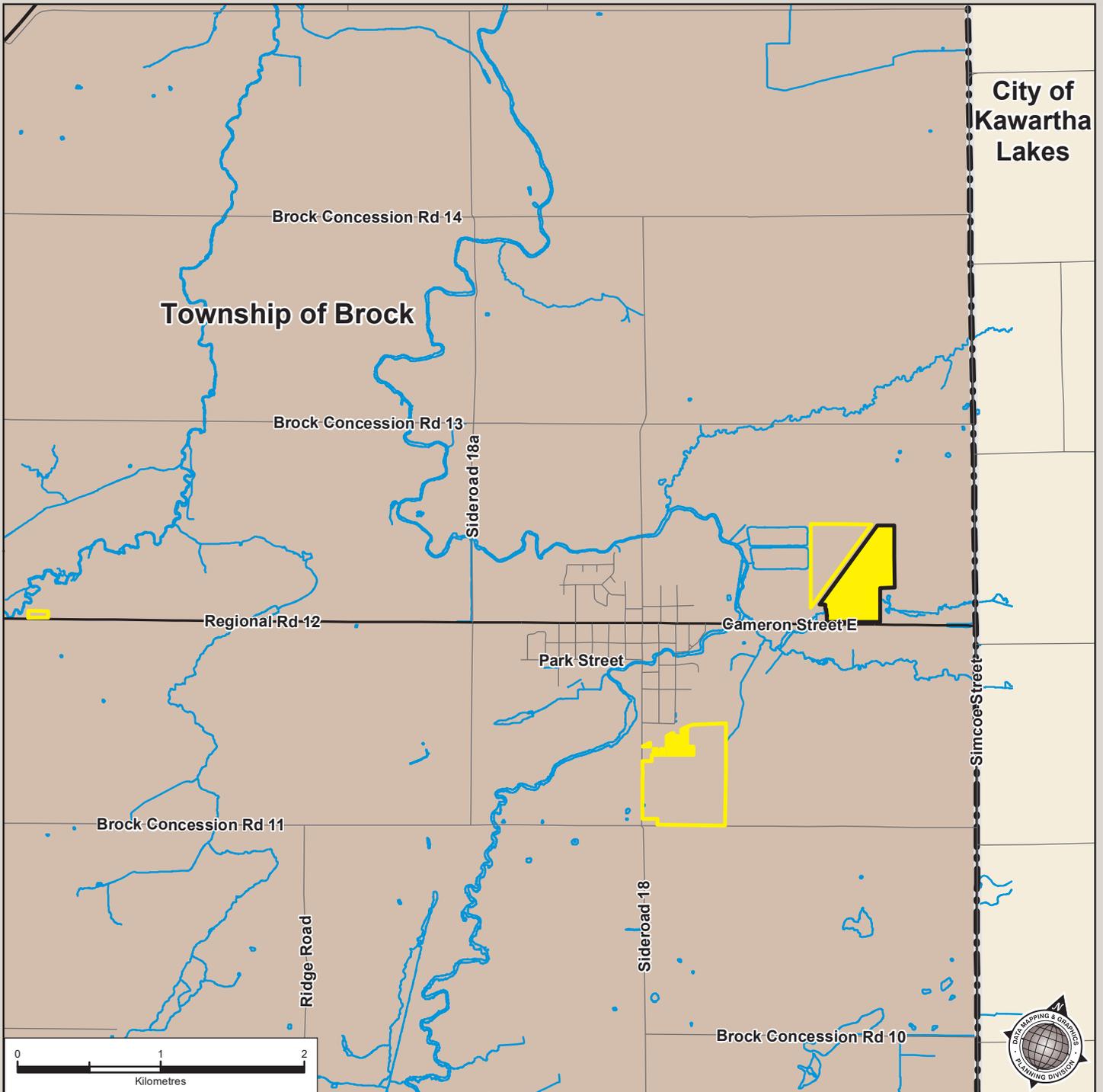
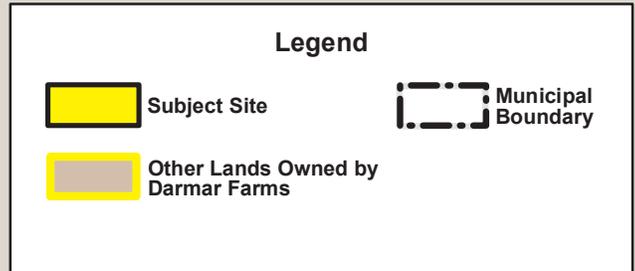
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**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2020-P-**
Date: June 2, 2020

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by D.S. & B. Farms Inc. to permit a severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of a consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2020-002.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2020-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 On January 30, 2020, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of D.S. & B. Farms Inc. submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.

- 1.2 A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in The Brock Citizen newspaper. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

2. Site Description

- 2.1 The subject site is located at C1565 Concession Road 1, in the former Township of Thorah (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 The applicant is a private farm corporation which owns a total of 11 parcels under the name D.S. & B. Farms Inc. that encompasses approximately 557 hectares (1,376 acres). Seven parcels are located in the Durham Region (Attachment 2).
- 2.3 The subject site is generally rectangular in shape, and has access to Concession Road 1. It is approximately 44.33 hectares (109.54 acres) in size, of which approximate 30 hectares (74.13 acres) is being used for cultivation. A woodland is located on the northwest portion of the site, while a watercourse (the Beaver River) traverses the eastern parts of the site. The subject lands are generally flat. A residential dwelling with small accessory structures (sheds) are located on the southern part of the site.
- 2.4 Surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject site include:
- a. North – agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands;
 - b. East – agricultural lands, Beaver River, woodlands and wetlands;
 - c. South – agricultural lands; and
 - d. West – agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of a 0.93 hectare (2.3 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 43.4 hectare (107.24 acre) agricultural parcel. The dwelling is not utilized by a farm employee. The retained agricultural parcel will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial

Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the ROP. The report also concludes the proposed severance will comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 A Farm Holding Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. indicates that D.S. & B. Farms Inc. owns seven farms in the Durham Region and four farms in the City of Kawartha Lakes. These farms are used for cash cropping. There are two dwellings located on the farm properties within the Region.

4. Provincial Plans and Policies

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan. The Provincial Policy Statement, as well as the Greenbelt Plan may permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context

- 5.1 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the ROP with portions of the site containing Key Natural Heritage and/or Hydrological Features (KNHHF). Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
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 - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farm operations;
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6. Consultation

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock; the City of

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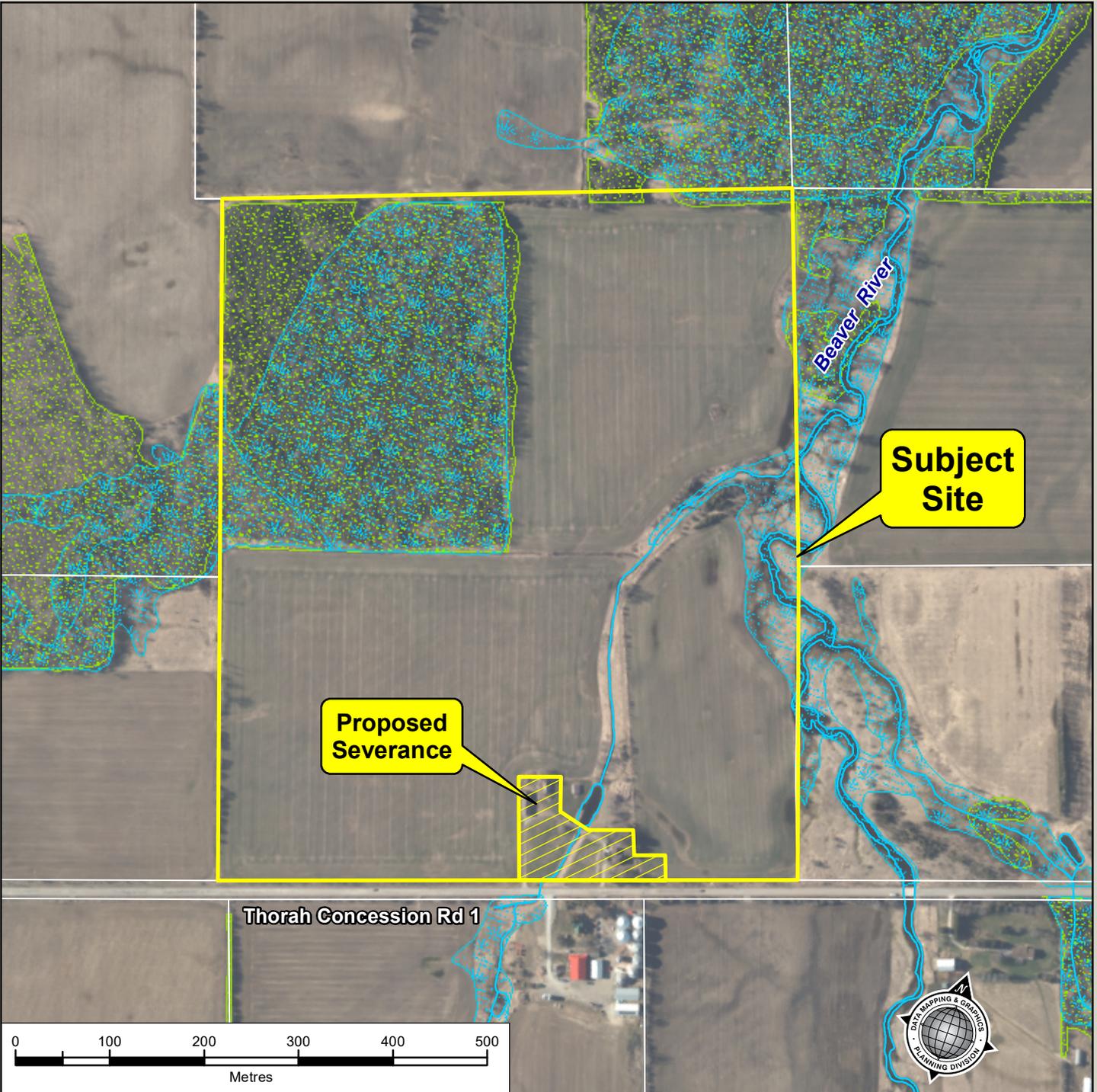
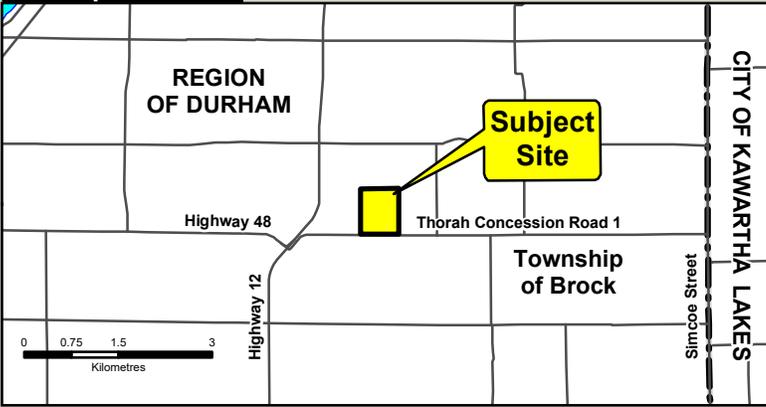
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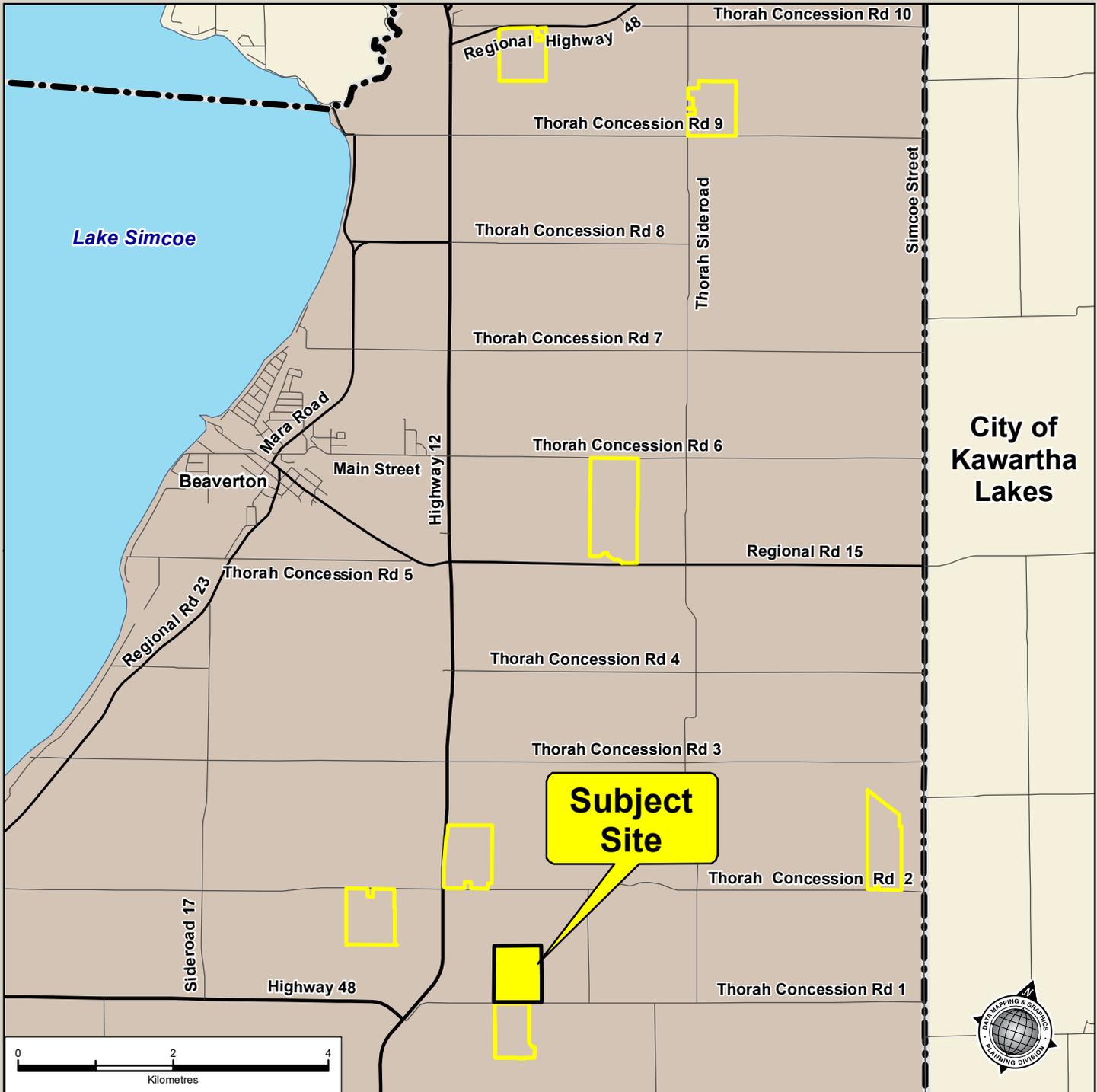
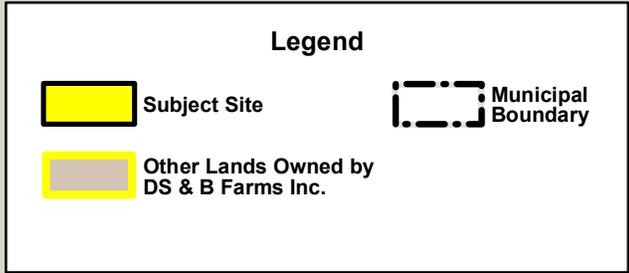
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**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2020-P-**
Date: June 2, 2020

Subject:

Public Meeting Report

Proposed Amendment to the Durham Regional Official Plan for lands in the Municipality of Clarington, File: OPA 2020-003

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2020-P-** be received for information; and
 - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides information on a proposed amendment to the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP). The proposed amendment would introduce a site-specific policy exception to permit new uses for lands in the southwest quadrant of Bloor Street and Courtice Road, consistent with the Regionally-approved policies of the Municipality of Clarington Official Plan.

2. Location

- 2.1 The subject lands are generally bounded by Bloor Street to the north, Courtice Road to the east, a future midblock collector road to the south, and an environmental feature to the west, within the Courtice urban area (see Attachment #1). The size of the subject lands is approximately 50 hectares (123 acres).

3. Background

- 3.1 On June 19, 2017, the Region approved Amendment No. 107 to the Clarington Official Plan (OPA 107). OPA 107 was a substantial amendment designed, in part, to bring the Clarington Official Plan into conformity with the ROP, as well as with the applicable Provincial policy documents in effect at that time (e.g. Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, etc.). OPA 107 essentially introduced a new Official Plan for the entire Municipality of Clarington.
- 3.2 Among other things, OPA 107 redesignated the lands described in Section 2.1 above from Light Industrial to Urban Residential, and from Light Industrial to Regional Corridor.
- 3.3 In recommending this change of designation in the Clarington OP, Clarington planning staff had undertaken a detailed analysis regarding the Municipality's employment land supply. This analysis concluded that Clarington would have a sufficient supply of employment lands to last beyond a 50-year time horizon and that by the end of 2031, it would have approximately 260 to 300 hectares of vacant employment land. This analysis was reviewed and accepted by the Region during its approval of OPA 107.
- 3.4 When Clarington Council adopted OPA 107 in November of 2016, and forwarded it to the Region for approval, it requested the Region to make the necessary changes to the ROP to implement OPA 107. Due to a number of appeals unrelated to these lands, it has not been possible to finalize this matter until now.
- 3.5 The subject lands are designated Employment Areas in the ROP with a Regional Corridor overlay but are not within a Provincially Significant Employment Zone. To make it such that the ROP and Clarington OP are properly aligned, it is being proposed that a "notwithstanding" clause be inserted into the ROP to permit the same uses identified in the approved Clarington OP, to be permitted by the ROP.

4. Proposed Amendment

- 4.1 Attachment #2 is a proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment that has been drafted for comment by agencies and the public. While no formal input has been received to date, the Planning Act requires a draft of the amendment to be made available to the public prior to the public meeting.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposed Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies for review and comment, including: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Municipality of Clarington, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, School Boards, etc.
- 5.2 The “Notice of Public Meeting” was advertised in the “Clarington This Week” newspaper, posted on the Region’s webpage and notice was circulated to all property owners within the Subject Lands, as well as 120 metres from the outer boundary of the Subject Lands.

6. Public Participation

- 6.1 Anyone who attends the Region’s public meeting may present an oral submission, and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 6.2 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
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planning@durham.ca

7. Future Regional Council Decision

7.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider the subject application at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.

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8. Attachments

Attachment #1: Lands subject to ROPA

Attachment #2: Proposed Amendment

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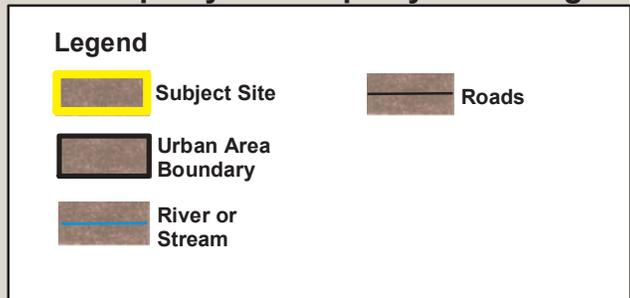
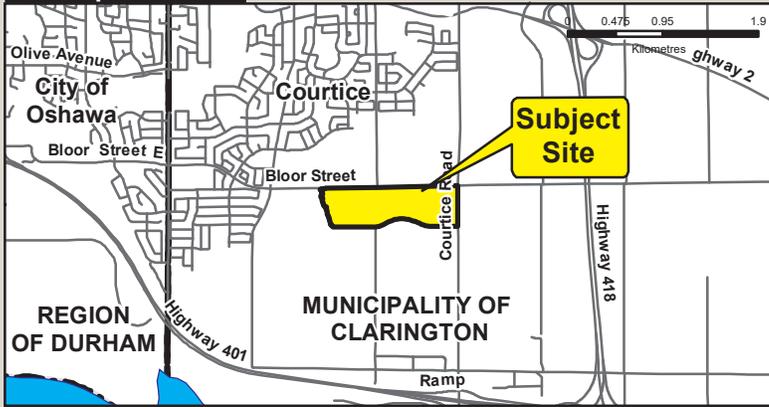
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Proposed Amendment

Regional Official Plan Amendment Application 2020-003

Introductory Statement:

The following text constitutes this amendment.

Basis:

This Amendment provides alignment between the Municipality of Clarington Official Plan and the Regional Official Plan by including a site-specific policy exception to permit new uses in the southwest quadrant of Bloor Street and Courtice Road in the Municipality of Clarington.

Details of the Amendment:

The Official Plan of The Regional Municipality of Durham is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) Adding policy language to Section 8C.3 of the Durham Regional Official Plan as per Table 1 attached hereto and forming part of this amendment.

Table 1
Policy Amendment

Item	New Section Number	Details of Policy Amendment
1.	8C.3.3	Add a new policy that states: “Notwithstanding Section 8C.2.1, or any other policy of this Plan to the contrary, uses including residential, commercial, home-based occupation uses, parks, schools and community facilities are the only uses permitted within the area bounded by Bloor Street to the north, Courtice Road to the east, a future midblock collector road to the south and the Major Open Space designation to the west, being Part of Lots 29-31, Concession 1, in the Municipality of Clarington. The extent and scale of development shall be detailed in the area municipal official plan, secondary plan, and zoning by-law.”

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director
Legislative Services

From: Heather Finlay, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

Date: April 21, 2020

Re: **New Application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment**

File Number: **OPA 2020-003**

Applicant: Municipality of Clarington Initiated

Location: Part of Lots 29-31, Concession 1

Municipality: Clarington

This is to advise that we are undertaking a Municipally-Initiated Regional Official Plan Amendment application.

The application was deemed complete today.

The purpose of the application is to align the Municipality of Clarington Official Plan and the Regional Official Plan by including a site-specific policy exception to permit new uses in the southwest quadrant of Bloor Street and Courtice Road in the Municipality of Clarington.

If your department receives any submissions regarding this application, please forward the original copies to the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Heather Finlay

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Encl: Commissioner's Report

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April 27, 2020

Lisa Trevisan, Director, Central Region
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Place Nouveau
5775 Yonge Street, Floor 8
North York, Ontario M2M 4J1

Dear Ms. Trevisan:

**RE: Durham York Energy Centre
Submission of the 2019 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report
Environmental Compliance Approval 7(14)
MECP File #: EA-08-02**

In accordance with Condition 7(14) of the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York (Regions) are pleased to submit the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) 2019 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report. Annual monitoring reports are submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on or before April 30 of each year in accordance with the letter from the MECP Central Region Director to the Regions dated March 4, 2013. This submission will be forwarded to the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information in accordance with EA Condition 8.8(b) and posted to the DYEC website in accordance with ECA Condition 7(14)(c).

The 2019 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report was prepared by an independent and suitably qualified environmental consulting firm, RWDI Air Inc. (RWDI). Based on RWDI's review of the monitoring data in 2019, RWDI has concluded that DYEC operations have not had an adverse effect on groundwater quality at the DYEC site. Groundwater analytical results for the required parameters of analysis have consistently satisfied their respective Ontario Drinking Water Standard (ODWS) since monitoring began in 2012, with the exception of elevated chloride and sodium concentrations at Monitoring Well #4 (MW4), which are attributed to deicing salt influence.

The MECP granted permission to suspend surface water monitoring activities during the construction of the Highway 401/Courtice Road interchange via letter dated May 17, 2016. Surface water monitoring in Tooley Creek was not undertaken in 2019 due to ongoing construction.

We trust that the 2019 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report meets the expectations of the MECP. If you require any further information, please contact Mr. Gioseph Anello, Director (Acting), Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3445.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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C. Raynor, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of York
R. Walton, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2020

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – April 26, 2020

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 26, 2020

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/y8lsbenk>

- Statement from Dr. Robert Kyle, Durham Region Medical Officer of Health regarding Orchard Villa, Pickering (Apr 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8rgfetg>

- Durham Region Medical Officer of Health issues an Order to Orchard Villa and to Lakeridge Health to address COVID-19 (Apr 22)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/sdzt2kg>

- Keeping Canadians and workers in the food supply chain safe (Apr 13)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/u3t3yuu>

- Government of Canada provides \$20 million to safeguard Canada's food supply by supporting critical food inspection services (Apr 14)

Canadian Heritage

<https://tinyurl.com/sgzpoql>

- Supporting Canadians to Think Critically About Online Health Information (Apr 7)

Department of Justice Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/vxv8kaq>

- Government of Canada further facilitates enforcement of the Federal *Quarantine Act* (Apr 14)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/wvng7yg>

- Canadians can now apply for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (Apr 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/ttp988z>

- Minister Schulte and Minister Hajdu express Canada's gratitude on National Caregiver Day (Apr 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/upbtbxk>

- Statement by Minister Qualtrough on Canada's Disability-Inclusive approach to its COVID-19 response (Apr 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/vyjeko8>

- Joint Statement from the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour, and leaders from labour and industry regarding support for workers and employers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis (Apr 15)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yceeg4yx>

- Earth Day 2020: Statement from the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson (Apr 22)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/ybsd1mka>

- Statement from the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard on support to the fish and seafood industry (Apr 17)

Global Affairs Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/vpdylu5>

- Minister of Foreign Affairs continues to coordinate with international counterparts on COVID-19 (Apr 7)

Governor General of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/tmyu6gm>

- Messages to Canadians – COVID-19 (Apr 5)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/wvst6yv>

- Government of Canada connects Canadians with mental wellness supports during COVID-19 (Apr 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/tjtnudf>

- Advisory – Health Canada is temporarily authorizing the use of technical-grade ethanol in hand sanitizer products: Always follow the label directions when using alcohol-based hand sanitizers (Apr 15)

Parks Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/whhmzh3>

- To help limit the spread of COVID-19, Parks Canada suspends camping, group activities, and events across the country until at least May 31, 2020 (Apr 15)

Prime Minister's Office

<https://tinyurl.com/vdvu6on>

- Statement by the Prime Minister on World Health Day (Apr 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/t7gcd4d>

- Prime Minister announce production of more medical supplies and equipment in Canada (Apr 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/rv877yd>

- Prime Minister announces health and social services support for northern communities (Apr 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/szcm4km>

- Prime Minister announces expanded access to Canada Emergency Response Benefit and support for essential workers (Apr 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybbf68jn>

- Prime Minister announces additional support for small businesses (Apr 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/yajg88xx>

- Prime Minister announces new support to protect Canadian jobs (Apr 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7bmj6k8>

- Prime Minister announces further support to help Canadians in need (Apr 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/y86kj4x4>

- Support for students and new grads affected by COVID-19 (Apr 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc693n62>

- Prime Minister announces partnerships with provinces and territories to deliver the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance for small businesses (Apr 24)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/tld965b>

- Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health Communication: Use of Non-Medical Masks (or Facial Coverings) by the Public (Apr 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/sb44lec>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on the release of national modelling on the COVID-19 epidemic in Canada (Apr 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/wc4ldrh>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Apr 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/sscgj6h>

- Public Health Agency of Canada releases interim guidance for infection prevention and control of COVID-19 for long-term care homes (Apr 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/r8sst7v>

- Government of Canada updates mandatory requirements for travellers entering Canada (Apr 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y8e2drbz>

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on COVID-19 (Apr 26)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y83o6elh>

- New measures introduced for non-medical masks or face coverings in the Canadian transportation system (Apr 17)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

<https://tinyurl.com/y75m8fhj>

- Canada and Ontario Supporting Agri-Food Sector Supply Chain During COVID-19 (Apr 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9o8yzp8>

- Governments Invest \$2.5 Million to Grow Agri-food e-Business During COVID-19 (Apr 24)

Ministry of Education

<https://tinyurl.com/u9d75n7>

- Ontario Protects Parents during COVID-19 (Apr 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybq21c3z>

- School Closures Extended to Keep Students, Staff and Families Safe (Apr 26)

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<https://tinyurl.com/ybd9ftgx>

- Ontario Marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day (Apr 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybsgx3zh>

- Ontario Parks to Remain Closed until May 31, 2020 (Apr 25)

Ministry of Finance

<https://tinyurl.com/racgozj>

- Ontario's Providing Relief for Remote Northern Property Taxpayers During COVID-19 (Apr 6)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7nq5q24>

- Ontario Enables Auto Insurance Companies to Provide Drive Rebates During COVID-19 (Apr 16)

Ministry of Health

<https://tinyurl.com/vsdflf3>

- Province Developing New Health Data Platform to Help Defeat COVID-19 (Apr 12)

Ministry of Indigenous Affairs

<https://tinyurl.com/qtuopm2>

- Ontario Helping Indigenous Communities Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Apr 7)

Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility

<https://tinyurl.com/stxnrtm>

- Ontario Creates Partnership with Volunteer Hub to Help Seniors (Apr 9)

Ministry of the Solicitor General

<https://tinyurl.com/srqapes>

- Ontario Takes Additional Measures to Protect First Responders During the COVID-19 Outbreak (Apr 6)

Office of the Premier

<https://tinyurl.com/ruh7sd4>

- Ontario Calls on all Health Care Workers to Help Fight COVID-19 (Apr 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/szkcjm7>

- Ontario Starts Planning for Economic Recovery (Apr 9)

<https://tinyurl.com/v3vvplg>

- Ontario Significantly Expanding COVID-19 Testing (Apr 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxyrqqgt>

- Ontario Takes Further Action to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Apr 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/uons62d>

- Ontario Businesses Stepping Up to Fight COVID-19 (Apr 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/v9n4qt4>

- Ontario Secures Critical Medical Equipment and Supplies (Apr 13)

<https://tinyurl.com/t9wofuj>

- Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency to Continue to Fight Against COVID-19 (Apr 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/yx6m9syr>

- Ontario Ramping Up Protection for Long-Term Care Residents (Apr 15)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7p3ru9o>

- Ontario Significantly Expands Hospital Capacity to Prepare for Any COVID-19 Outbreak Scenario (Apr 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7m8r4h8>

- Ontario Takes Further Action to Protect Vulnerable People from COVID-19 (Apr 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybwgf9wa>

- Ontario Offers Emergency Child Care to More Frontline Staff (Apr 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y93l6o7n>

- Province Calls for Innovative Solutions to Combat COVID-19 (Apr 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6vdfghr>

- Health Experts Say the COVID-19 Outbreak Has Likely Peaked in Ontario (Apr 20)

<https://tinyurl.com/y74xdm2d>

- Ontario Providing Additional Relief to the Province's Most Vulnerable (Apr 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdc4b45>

- Ontario Takes Immediate Steps to Further Protect Long-Term Care Residents and Staff During COVID-19 Outbreak (Apr 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/yc62oymq>

- Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Apr 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/y9dcn7k9>

- Ontario Delivers Action Plan to Increase Protection for Vulnerable People and Those Who Care for Them (Apr 23)

<https://tinyurl.com/y988xvzj>

- Ontario Provides Urgent Relief for Small Businesses and Landlords (Apr 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/ycdxdlcm>

- Ontario Allows the Redeployment of Staff to Better Care for Vulnerable People During COVID-19 (Apr 25)

<https://tinyurl.com/yavmzmk2>

- Ontario Supporting Frontline Heroes of COVID-19 with Pandemic Pay (Apr 25)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

<https://tinyurl.com/ybepnnaj>

- COVID-19 Guidance for High-Risk and Essential Workplaces (Apr 16)

Canadian Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/r9w6nr2>

- Canada's doctors launch new campaign to bring health information about COVID-19 to Canadians (Apr 9)

Canadian Pharmacists Association

<https://tinyurl.com/ycgk58r5>

- Pharmacists see spikes in drug shortages during pandemic (Apr 17)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/ycb96xmy>

- Ontario Lost 403,000 Jobs in March, Nearly 1.2 Million Workers Affected by COVID-19 (Apr 16)

Kids Help Phone

<https://tinyurl.com/ya4pgjvk>

- New online platform launches to provide people across Canada with immediate mental health and substance use support as COVID-19 escalates (Apr 16)

Lakeridge Health

<https://tinyurl.com/ycmm83qx>

- Lakeridge Health Update on Orchard Villa COVID-19 Outbreak (Apr 24)

Mental Health Commission of Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/vaz8vvt>

- As we practice physical distancing, strengthening social ties can bolster our mental health (Apr 9)

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/urcw4d8>

- Ontario Legislature Appoints Patricia Kosseim as Next Commissioner (Apr 14)

Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals

<https://tinyurl.com/ycbwbghq>

- Cemetery and Funeral Professionals reinforce commitment to service (Apr 20)

Ontario Health

<https://tinyurl.com/y883zxow>

- Ontario Health Board of Directors Reappointed and New Member Added (Apr 20)

Ontario Hospital Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y8gm26w7>

- Ontario Hospitals Are Reinforcing System Partners in Fight Against COVID-19 (Apr 15)

Ontario Medical Association

<https://tinyurl.com/y7blahde>

- Statement – Up to Half of Ontario’s Doctor Responding to Practice Impact Survey May Have to Close Their Offices as no OHIP Payments Likely Until July; 900,000 Patients Could Be Affected (Apr 17)

<https://tinyurl.com/y7edzagf>

- Ontario Doctors Fight for Patients by Sustaining Community Health Care (Apr 21)

Ontario Power Generation

<https://tinyurl.com/qmk4vcb>

- OPG providing emergency food support to Durham Region (Apr 15)

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

<https://tinyurl.com/yac9mw44>

- Ontario Shores Offers Mental Health Services to Support Health Care Workers during Pandemic (Apr 17)

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board

<https://tinyurl.com/ybsdjjgj>

- Oncology treatments dominate the drug development pipeline (Apr 21)

Statistics Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/s8ob5g2>

- Canadians are invited to participate in a data collection on the impacts on COVID-19 (Apr 10)



April 29, 2020

To Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council

RE: Nuclear Public Alerting System Testing

**The Regional
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James Kilgour
Director

In light of the need to focus Regional resources and public attention on COVID-19, the Region of Durham Emergency Management Office is deferring its next public test of the nuclear public alerting system to fall 2020. The test was originally scheduled for spring 2020.

Durham Emergency Management, Oshawa Fire Services and Durham Regional Police will continue to conduct weekly silent tests of the nuclear public alerting sirens to ensure readiness of the system.

This approach is consistent with the Province of Ontario's decision to defer their public test of the Alert Ready system, originally planned for May 2020.

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.

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

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.



Transmitted via Email

April 22, 2020

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 21, 2020, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Cairns
Seconded by Councillor Morphy

WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Gravenhurst Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Premier Ford and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

CARRIED

We trust the above to be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hakl

Melanie Hakl
Administrative Clerk 2, Legislative Services

**District Council – Electronic Meeting
April 20, 2020**

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved By: S. Cairns

Seconded By: K. Terziano

WHEREAS Muskoka District Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service only to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Muskoka District Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

Carried ✓

Defeated _____



District Clerk



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April 29, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

At its meeting held on April 28, 2020, the Council of the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 supporting our Councillor Rod Ward's letter regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

A copy of Council's Resolution #6 dated April 28, 2020 and Councillor Ward's letter is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlene Watt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlene Watt
Deputy Clerk

Cc: MPP Norm Miller, MP Scott Aitchison and Ontario Municipalities

Enclosures



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: April 28, 2020

Motion # 6.

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the letter, dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Furthermore, that this resolution and the letter be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

Moved by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

Recorded vote requested by:

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has highlighted both our positive responses to a crisis, and some definite shortcomings in infrastructure, systems and services which need to be addressed on a long-term basis. Setting priority on solving these issues will be a challenge, given the differing agendas and the strained budgets. Solving fundamental issues should focus on the most basic needs as a starting point. One of the clear needs in a rural community such as the Almaguin Highlands, highlighted further by recent events, is the need for proper high-speed internet connectivity. Healthcare and education are both going down a path where appropriate connectivity is assumed. Like many models that move outward from metropolitan areas, this assumption is lost on rural areas. For the vast majority of households in our community, true high-speed connectivity simply does not exist. For the vast majority of future strategies in healthcare and education, there is an assumption that it does exist.

Even in areas in the Almaguin Highlands which have 'high-speed' internet, the overall infrastructure is still limited. It is certainly not designed to deal with a sudden huge peak in demand. Whereas the capacity in large urban centres is built to handle the added throughput, there are clear limitations here. The best way to explain it is a comparison to hydro. Imagine if everyone went home at the same time and turned their lights on, but because there wasn't enough hydro capacity overall, all lights were 50% dimmer than normal and some appliances simply didn't work. We no longer have to imagine what happens with internet speed during peak usage. Suddenly during the COVID pandemic, people are working from home who have never worked from home. Kids are trying to do courses on-line. People who are not working are turning on-line to stay connected. Video-conferencing, which was a totally foreign concept to many, is now part of daily routine. Any idea how much internet bandwidth video uses? It's no wonder we hit a wall.

The future of healthcare sees patients being monitored and cared for in their own homes, through the use of technology. The future of education sees students doing much of their learning on-line. The future of business and commerce sees the ability to function outside the 'bricks and mortar' of an office location. Malls disappear and on-line shopping is the norm. For some, that future has already arrived. Our area has already been drastically affected by cutbacks in the area of healthcare and education through gradual decreases in budgets and services. Technology offers us the ability to level the playing field to a great extent. High-speed connectivity cannot be seen as a luxury or a nice-to-have, any more than hydro should be seen that way. In order to solve some other problems (i.e. skyrocketing budgets in healthcare and education) the wise investment is in providing connectivity for every resident in the province.



Rod Ward
Councillor
Armour Township

From: [Ralph Walton](#)
To: [Lydia Gerritsen](#); [Afreen Raza](#)
Subject: FW: Central Lake Ontario Conservation's Seasonal Newsletter
Date: April 27, 2020 3:30:37 PM

CIP please

-----Original Message-----

From: Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) <lhastings@cloca.com>
Sent: April 15, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Ralph Walton <Ralph.Walton@durham.ca>
Subject: Central Lake Ontario Conservation's Seasonal Newsletter

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation's

spring 2020 newsletter

Communicating, educating and inspiring. To share our watershed story, to inspire our community to be watershed champions and to take action for real change.

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In this issue:

- * Our COVID-19 Response
- * CLOCA Operation Updates
- * Conservation Area Closures
- * Parking Pass Holders

- * Flood Forecast and Warning
- * Silent Spring Benefits
- * Kids' Corner

Our COVID-19 Response

A message from our CAO

In these difficult times, we wanted this newsletter to fill you with hope and connect you to some of the encouraging things going on in the conservation world, as we know it today. With limited social contact it is now more important than ever to strengthen Central Lake Ontario Conservation's (CLOCA's) social connections online.

We wanted to share with you how the technology deployed across our watersheds allows us to continue delivering many of our programs and services, to help keep people and property safe from flooding and erosion, and to protect the important natural functions within our watershed. We have resources and ideas for parents to keep your children engaged in science and nature, just a little bit closer to home.

There is also a silver lining for Mother Earth as she catches her breath in this time of what we call the 'silent spring'. And local wildlife is not without benefits, which could help species at risk and provide us a glimpse into our new world order. Stay well and stay safe.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Operation Update

A Business Continuity Plan has assisted us in closures to our offices and Conservation Areas, ensuring we can deliver our services in the event of emergency situations, including the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Following our office closure, all departments utilized CLOCA's secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection, allowing staff working from home to access all shared and individual department network resources. All departments, including the review of applications for permits and our Flood Warning and Forecasting services have been able to maintain their full duties and responsibilities without interruption.

In addition to our email and phone systems, which are seamlessly integrated into this network, staff have been able to host virtual meetings, share decision-making and work through various challenges associated with both COVID-19 closures and their regular workplan deliverables. We note this has also provided positive psychological benefits for staff as they connect and work with their colleagues daily.

Our Information Technology (IT) department continues to support all staff using an assistance application platform for remote troubleshooting and other technical challenges being faced. Our dedicated optical internet connection has been more than enough to carry the data required when working from home. This is particularly important for our GIS (mapping) staff, where virtual machines were set up to reduce the large data sets travelling back and forth through our VPN.

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Conservation Area Closures

One of our first orders of business under the Business Continuity Plan was the decision around maintaining standard operations at our Conservation Areas. We monitored, observed, serviced, engaged and managed our eight Conservation Areas as normal, from March 16 until March 23, at which time we were required to close our Conservation Areas officially on Wednesday, March 25.

The message was straight-forward for our online and on-site Conservation Areas' signage: We are closed temporarily, and we are doing this to protect everyone's safety. We know that this is an imposition on those that see our Conservation Areas as a part of their regular recreational experience and a place for rejuvenation. We ask for your patience and fully understand your frustration. The Conservation Areas are still here and will be part of your routine again. For now, think of them as taking a well-deserved rest from the 'two-leggeds' and focusing on catering to the winged, four-, six-, eight- and no-leggeds who call these places home.

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Parking Pass Holders

A message to our Conservation Area Parking Pass holders: If you have not been notified by email, rest assured, that we will be extending your annual permit based on the duration of the Conservation Area closures.

If you have recently purchased a Parking Pass online via our website, please note that as our office is closed temporarily to the public due to precautionary COVID-19 mitigation measures, we will fulfill Parking Pass orders once our office reopens.

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Flood Forecast and Warning

We, along with the 36 Conservation Authorities across the province of Ontario, continue our duties; issuing Water Safety and Watershed Conditions Statements to support our Flood Forecast and Warning responsibilities. These notices are intended to inform our communities that potential conditions, be it a rain event or saturated soil conditions, exist and pose a risk to personal safety. These include but are not limited to high-water flows, unsafe streambanks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for residents and recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children and pets. In March, we issued two Watershed Conditions Statements for what we consider Hazardous Creek Conditions and over the Easter weekend we issued a Lake Ontario Shoreline Flood Watch.

Should there be a flood event, our role is very specific; we are to monitor watershed conditions and weather forecasts, predict watercourse and Lake Ontario conditions and communicate our findings to the public, municipalities and media. Rest assured that we have always done this remotely, receiving real-time data from water-level monitoring equipment throughout our watershed and local and provincial weather stations. Are we prepared for flooding during this COVID -19 pandemic? You bet we are. Find out more on our Flood Warning and Forecasting <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=388570bd19&e=b2c31fa0aa>> web page.

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A Silent Spring Has its Benefits

Have you noticed how quiet it is outside, sometimes in an eerie way since we have been in our homes and neighbourhoods all day long? Not having the hum of traffic and noise associated with human movement and activity allows humans to hear quiet and, of course, it's spring, so we can hear birds singing. Think of what that can do for birds who can hear their own kind sing, and potentially find a mate in this noisy human world. We could actually see an increase in nesting success this spring. With this quiet, particularly for robins and other birds that depend on living organisms; the sound of a mosquito, midge or scurrying rodent will allow for better predator-prey outcomes for parent birds, and more food for their offspring, and maybe more, and at a minimum, healthier offspring.

According to John Fryxell, executive director of the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario and a professor in the College of Biological Science at the University of Guelph, animals are strongly influenced by our footprint. He gives the example of how deer and elk change their behaviour when they know that hunters are in their area. He says, during this time, deer move less and concentrate their movement in core areas of their home range. As a result of limited places for foraging, it is no surprise that they feed at lower rates during that time. It's entirely possible that in our Conservation Areas like Lynde Shores, the animals are going hungry, as no one is there to feed them. Despite our signage and online communications to only feed songbirds and only feed them a few sunflower seeds, people continue to feed our ducks, geese, squirrels, racoons, deer and chipmunks an assortment of human food, including bread and produce. What we know is humans feeding wildlife creates a false food chain, one that is easily disrupted when human behaviour is impacted. We have witnessed our wildlife becoming hyper aggressive when not given food by humans, so really, we are not helping—we are hindering.

On a watershed scale, with less driving by the general population, we could potentially see a drop in road mortality of our wildlife population. Some of our monitoring has shown large populations of amphibians, turtles, snakes and pollinators succumb to the impacts of cars, and become 'roadkill' adjacent to some of our Conservation Areas.

When amphibian populations are breeding, typically in spring when temperatures are around 10 degrees Celsius, they often cross roads to get from their hibernation location to their breeding locations. If it's raining, another trigger for breeding, then the casualties on our roads are even higher. If a large portion of breeding adults are wiped out in one season, that has significant impacts to future generations.

Turtles face similar challenges as amphibians, typically later in the spring and early summer, where many female turtles make their nests on road shoulders. That is why you are seeing turtle crossing signage throughout our watershed, to remind drivers to keep an eye out and slow down car speed. However, with less traffic, combined with the signage, we might experience fewer turtle mortalities in 2020 and see a slight increase in future populations. While our speculation is just that—speculation—our monitoring staff will note 2020 in their data collection and as they continue to monitor wildlife, in five, 10 or 20 years, there may be a population phenomenon that can be attributed to the change in human behaviour in 2020. Stay tuned.

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Kids' Corner!

This is the first time we have set aside space in our e-newsletter for the kids in your life and ours. If you and yours are feeling a little stuck lately, like one foot in the mud—well, both feet in the mud—then we might have just what you need.

Why not bring the outdoors in and explore the exciting world of birds?! In a time where things are changing by the hour, there is a certain comfort in the ongoing rhythms and cycles in nature—one of them is the upcoming spring migration! Have you been watching the robins on your lawn, listening for worm movement in the soil? Actually, did you know that not all robins migrate? Some stay around for the winter, especially if there are lots of berries to be found.

Below are some science questions and activities to help get you get started on a bird discovery adventure:

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Owl Pellets: Did you know that owl pellets are tidy bundles of the bones and fur that an owl spits up hours after consuming its latest meal? Why not try your hand at a virtual owl pellet dissection <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=86a65ca5c1&e=b2c31fa0aa>> ?

Feathers Story: What are feathers for? Take a listen to the book Feather's Aren't Just for Flying <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=a24861570b&e=b2c31fa0aa>> by Melissa Stewart to help you brainstorm. How long is your list?

Eggshell Chalk: Did you know that chalk and eggshells both contain calcium carbonate? Try re-using eggshells by crushing them, mixing them with a bit of water, flour and food colouring and let that harden. You'll end up with some homemade sidewalk chalk <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=712eae07d0&e=b2c31fa0aa>> ! You could even reuse an egg carton as your chalk mould.

Flight and Origami: Prefer to work with paper? Learn the science behind flight <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=1985b9d570&e=b2c31fa0aa>> , study different wing shapes <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=8186911c21&e=b2c31fa0aa>> and make some paper airplanes. Which style flies the farthest? Or try your hand at origami by folding up some beautiful birds <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=2084c08111&e=b2c31fa0aa>> .

Songs and Science: Do you know any bird songs? Try these:

- Chickadee: chick-a-dee-dee-dee
- Red-winged Blackbird: Herculeeeeeeees
- Robin: CHEERIO, cheerio, cheerio, cheerio · Barred Owl: Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?

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An ornithologist is a scientist who studies birds. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology created a Bird Academy Play Lab <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=b1dafdefb3&e=b2c31fa0aa>> and has many interactives, games and activities that will help you identify bird songs and learn more about bird feathers, anatomy and adaptations.

Bird Feeder Bullies: Do you have a bird feeder at home? How many visiting birds can you identify <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=7bd3b20b1a&e=b2c31fa0aa>> ? If you don't have a bird feeder at home, check out the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's interactive graphic <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=ac3b815254&e=b2c31fa0aa>> . Choose which bird you think is 'king' of the bird feeder and check your answer by hovering over your guess. The bird with the most blue arrows pointing away from it is king!

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Well, by now you must be quite the bird expert! It's time to get out for a hike in your own backyard and find some real birds. Take along Nature Canada's Junior Birder Guide <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=4fc065ceec0&e=b2c31fa0aa>> so you can record your observations.

And if you're seeking more nature adventure, we've created a new section on our website, just for kids! Check out CLOCA's Conservation Kids <<https://cloca.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7f02c82e853ad0d92cdad1444&id=d8fd3d13c7&e=b2c31fa0aa>> page for crafts, science fun and more activities!

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Remember to check us out on Facebook and Twitter, where we'll continue to provide updates, links to partner webinars, other activities and more!

Stay well and safe, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

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