



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2020-INFO-87
Date: October 2, 2020

Subject:

Economic Update – September 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 significant changes that have occurred over the month of September.

2. Federal Government

2.1 As many students return to school, the federal government announced the establishment of a \$2 billion Safe Return to Class Fund. Funds will be provided to provincial and territorial governments to use in any way that ensures a safe return to class. An additional \$112 million will be provided to First Nations communities to ensure a safe return to class on reserves. The Safe Return to Class Fund is in addition to the \$19 billion provided under the Safe Restart Agreement.

2.2 The federal government also announced extensions to a number of relief programs aimed at businesses. The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan program has now been extended to the end of October. The CEBA provides interest free loans of up to \$40,000 for qualifying small businesses.

2.3 The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program has been extended to the end of September. Under this third extension, businesses that qualified under the previous iterations would automatically qualify again without having to prove a 70 per cent revenue drop for July, August, and

September. As of September 7, government statistics show that 106,000 small businesses have participated in the program and \$1.32 billion in rent support payments have been delivered.

- 2.4 The Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP), which provides loans to qualifying businesses to assist with operating cost pressures during the pandemic, has been extended to June 2021.
- 2.5 In addition to the extension of certain pandemic response programs, the federal government announced enhancements to the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), which is one of the benefits replacing the expiring Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). The federal government increased the level of CRB support from \$400 per week to \$500 per week for eligible recipients. Support under the restructured Employment Insurance (EI) program has also been increased from \$400 to \$500 per week for eligible recipients.
- 2.6 In support of diversity and entrepreneurship, the federal government announced a nearly \$221 million partnership with Canadian financial institutions to launch a Black Entrepreneurship Program. The program includes \$93 million in funding from the federal government, over the next four years, for the following measures:
- \$53 million to develop a National Ecosystem Fund that will assist Black-led business organizations with securing funding, financial planning services, and business training;
 - \$33.3 million to create a new Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund that will provide loans of between \$25,000 and \$250,000 for Black business owners and entrepreneurs; and
 - Up to \$6.5 million to support a new Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub that will collect data on Black entrepreneurship in Canada and help identify barriers to success.
- 2.7 The federal government is also supporting the manufacturing of vaccines by announcing a \$126 million investment, over two years, to establish a new biomanufacturing facility at the Human Health Therapeutics Research Centre in Montreal. The new facility will help the National Research Council of Canada increase vaccine manufacturing to two million doses per month by next year. Once the facility has been constructed, the federal government will provide \$20 million annually to cover operating costs.
- 2.8 The federal government also announced a \$440 million investment in the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility, which is a global vaccine procurement facility backed by the World Health Organization. The investment includes \$220 million to procure 15 million vaccine doses for Canadians and \$220 million to help purchase doses for low- and middle-income countries.

- 2.9 As the federal government continues to announce additional relief measures, Fitch Ratings Inc issued a new warning on Canada's fiscal position. The ratings agency downgraded Canada's credit rating from AAA to AA in June as Canada's general government deficit was expected to reach 16.1 per cent of GDP. After the extension of the Canada Emergency Response Benefit and the new Canada Recovery Benefits added another \$37 billion in fiscal stimulus, the general government deficit in 2020 is now expected to reach above 21 per cent. The ratings agency warns that the general government debt to GDP ratio will rise above 120 per cent of GDP, which is significantly higher than the median for an AA rating.
- 2.10 According to the Department of Finance Canada Fiscal Monitor - July 2020, the federal government deficit totaled \$148.6 billion over the four-month period between April and July. This compares to a \$1.6 billion deficit over the same time period in 2019. The substantial increase was the result of a 34 per cent decrease in revenues and a 106 per cent increase in program expenses, largely related to pandemic response measures. According to the Parliamentary Budget Office, the federal deficit is on track to hit \$328.5 billion this fiscal year and \$73.8 billion in 2021-22.
- 2.11 As Canada and the United States continue to work towards slowing the spread of COVID-19, the Canadian and U.S. governments agreed to a further extension of the Canada - U.S. border closure until October 21.

3. Federal Government Throne Speech

- 3.1 On September 23, the federal government began the new session of parliament by delivering the throne speech that lays out the government's priorities for the new parliamentary session. The government's priorities are based on the following four foundations. While the throne speech does not include any cost estimates or details on proposed initiatives, the federal government has committed to providing an update to the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan in the fall, which will include updated economic and fiscal projections.

Foundation 1: Fighting the pandemic

- 3.2 The federal government has committed to helping provinces increase their COVID-19 testing capacity and secure necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). It is recognized that some communities may need to reenact short-term closure orders to prevent major outbreaks, in which case the federal government will work to target additional financial support directly to businesses that have temporarily shut down as a result of a local public health decision.

Foundation 2: Supporting people and businesses through the pandemic

- 3.3 The federal government will support the labour market by launching a campaign to create one million jobs through investments in the social sector, infrastructure, skills training, and incentives for employers to hire and retain workers. The

government has also committed to extending the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) through to next summer and scaling up the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy to provide more paid work experiences for young Canadians.

- 3.4 A number of targeted investments were also announced. These include a plan to help more women get back into the workforce, an investment to create a Canada-wide early learning and childcare system, and further supports for industries most impacted by the pandemic, such as the travel and tourism, hospitality, and cultural industries.
- 3.5 In supporting people and businesses, the government has committed to “doing whatever it takes and using whatever fiscal firepower is needed”, including taking advantage of the current low interest rate environment. This also includes identifying ways to tax extreme wealth, such as limiting stock option deductions for wealthy individuals and corporations and addressing corporate tax avoidance by “digital giants”.

Foundation 3: Creating a stronger, more resilient Canada

- 3.6 The federal government will increase supports to seniors and people with disabilities. Supports for seniors include working with provincial and territorial governments on setting new national standards on long-term care, as well as increasing Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan survivor benefits. Support for people with disabilities include creating a new Canadian Disability Benefit, developing an employment strategy for people with disabilities, and improving eligibility for government disability programs.
- 3.7 The federal government reiterated its commitment to a universal pharmacare program. In order to achieve this goal, the government will establish a rare disease strategy and a national list of approved medications to keep drug prices low.
- 3.8 Over the next two years, the government has committed to investing in all types of infrastructure, including public transit, energy efficient retrofits, clean energy, rural broadband, and affordable housing. This includes increasing investments in rapid housing and accelerating the connectivity timelines of the Universal Broadband Fund.
- 3.9 In support of the environment, the government will legislate a goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. This will be done by establishing a new fund to attract investment toward the production of zero-emissions products while also cutting corporate tax rates for these companies. This will also include a ban on single use plastics and partnering with municipalities to expand urban parks.
- 3.10 The government is also supporting community safety by giving municipalities the ability to further restrict or ban handguns.

Foundation 4: Defending Canadian values

- 3.11 The government committed to closing the infrastructure gap in indigenous communities by accelerating the government's ten-year commitment. The government will also make additional resiliency investments to meet the clean drinking water commitment in First Nations communities and will support capacity building.
- 3.12 The government will also invest more in international development to support developing countries in their economic recoveries and ensuring global access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

4. Ontario Government

- 4.1 As part of the federal government's Safe Return to Class Fund, Ontario will receive \$381 million toward enhanced safety protocols. The provincial government announced that the additional funds will be used in the following manner:
- \$200 million to assist in the implementation of the provincial reopening plan. This includes \$130 million for increased health and safety measures, including additional purchases of PPE, and \$70 million to hire more educators;
 - \$70 million for student transportation, including \$25.5 million towards reducing the number of students per bus;
 - \$25 million for special education, mental health supports, and additional public health nurses; and
 - \$36 million to support remote learning.
- 4.2 In addition to the funds received from the federal Safe Return to Class Fund, the provincial government is setting aside another \$50 million for future learning needs during the pandemic.
- 4.3 The federal government also announced that Ontario will receive an additional \$147 million through the one-year Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. This funding is in addition to the \$234.6 million provided through the Safe Restart Agreement and will be used to support licensed childcare providers and EarlyON centres throughout the province.
- 4.4 On September 17, the provincial government introduced the *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act*, which would freeze rent increases for most rent-controlled and non-rent-controlled residential units. The Act will also extend the temporary ban on evictions for commercial tenants eligible for the CECRA program and will create a single register of voters for municipal and provincial elections.
- 4.5 As the pandemic has led to concerns around mental health, the provincial government announced an additional \$14.75 million to increase access to mental

health and addictions services across the province. Funding will be provided through the Support for People and Jobs Fund and will include \$7 million to expand in-person mental health services, \$4.75 million to support mental health in indigenous communities, and \$3 million to expand virtual mental health support.

- 4.6 In support of rural economic development, the provincial government announced an additional one million dollars through a new intake of the Rural Economic Development Program. The new intake is targeted toward non-profit organizations with a mandate for regional economic development. Eligible projects could have up to 70 per cent of total project costs funded by the province, up to a maximum \$75,000.
- 4.7 The provincial government is also supporting francophone businesses with a \$500,000 investment in two new initiatives. The initiatives include \$250,000 to create the Francophone Business Network online platform that will assist businesses in the exchange of best practices. An additional \$250,000 will be directed toward the promotion of Franco-Ontarian products and services.
- 4.8 In order to increase the production capacity of PPE in Ontario, the Ontario government is providing \$2 million, through the Ontario Together Fund, to Smart Safe Science for the production of 200,000 face masks per month. The government is also using the Ontario Together Fund to provide Linamar Corp with \$2.5 million to produce 10,000 Ontario made ventilators.
- 4.9 On September 25, the provincial government announced a \$1.28 million investment in Durham Region's post-secondary institutions to enhance job training in the automotive, transportation and construction sectors. The funding includes over \$750,000 toward the Career Ready Fund (CRF) Auto Stream program led by Ontario Tech University, in partnership with Durham College and Loyalist College. This program is designed to help automotive and advanced manufacturers hire upper-year students and recent graduates.

5. Ontario Government – COVID-19 Fall Action Plan

- 5.1 On September 22, the provincial government released a plan, entitled "*Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19*", that outlines a series of steps to prevent, identify, and respond to COVID-19 outbreaks this fall. The plan includes the following steps:
- Maintaining strong public health measures, including continued expansion of testing and case and contact management;
 - Quickly identifying, managing and preventing COVID-19 outbreaks;
 - Accelerating efforts to reduce health service backlogs;
 - Preparing for surges in COVID-19 cases;

- Recruiting, retaining, training and supporting health care workers, while also continuing to engage families and caregivers; and
 - Implementing the largest flu immunization campaign in Ontario's history
- 5.2 As part of the provincial flu immunization campaign, the Ontario government will invest \$70 million to expand the purchase of flu vaccines, with an additional \$26.5 million set aside to purchase additional doses if needed. The campaign also includes prioritizing vaccine distribution to vulnerable populations and launching a communication campaign to encourage more people to get vaccinated.
- 5.3 In order to maintain strong public health measures, the provincial government announced a \$1.07 billion investment to expand testing and contact management. Testing expansion includes increasing testing capacity to 50,000 tests per day, allowing selected hospitals to perform alternative tests, such as saliva based, and allowing testing at more locations, such as pharmacies. Funding will also be used to increase the number of contact managers and contact tracers across the province from 2,750 to 3,750.
- 5.4 In preparation for potential surges in COVID-19 cases, the provincial government is investing \$741 million to clear the provincial surgery backlog and increase hospital capacity. The funding includes \$283.7 million to support additional surgeries by extending diagnostic imaging hours and adding over 1,400 additional hospital beds, including 139 critical care beds. Funding also includes \$457.5 million to expand home and community care by increasing the number of nursing and therapy visits, as well as increasing the number of personal support workers.
- 5.5 The provincial government is also investing nearly \$540 million to prevent COVID-19 surges in long-term care homes, including \$445 million to assist with operational pressures and shortfalls associated with lower occupancy. Funds will also be available for capital repairs and the hiring of additional staff. The province is also making changes to the visitor policy at long-term care homes by restricting access to essential caregivers only in communities with high rates of community spread. This change takes effect on October 5.
- 5.6 In order to recruit and retain essential healthcare workers, the provincial government is investing \$52.5 million to hire 3,700 additional nurses and personal support workers.
- 6. Canadian, Ontario, and Local Economy**
- 6.1 The economic lockdowns that resulted in the closure of all non-essential businesses began in mid-March 2020, meaning the impacts were felt only during the last two weeks of the first quarter before stretching into the second quarter. Most provinces did not begin the partial easing of restrictions until May and many partial restrictions remain in force today. The result was a significant contraction in

economic activity over the second quarter of 2020.

- 6.2 After declining 2.1 per cent between the fourth quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020, Canadian GDP declined another 11.5 per cent between the first and second quarters of 2020. The second quarter decline of 11.5 per cent marks the largest quarterly decline since data was first recorded in 1961.
- 6.3 Nearly all components of GDP experienced record declines in the second quarter of 2020, including a 13.1 per cent quarterly decline in household consumption. Consumers particularly avoided making large scale purchases as spending on durable goods declined 15.8 per, while overall expenditures on goods declined 8.4 per cent. Household spending on services declined 16.7 per cent reflecting the fact that most social interactions were restricted for the majority of the quarter.
- 6.4 The decrease in household spending was met with a corresponding increase in household savings. The household savings rate, or the percentage of disposable income held as savings, spiked to 28.2 per cent in the second quarter, up from 7.6 per cent in the first quarter. In comparison, over the previous five years (2014 - 2019) the quarterly household savings rate averaged 2.9 per cent.
- 6.5 Although total wages and salaries paid to employees declined 8.9 per cent in the second quarter of 2020, household disposable income rose 10.8 per cent. The rise in disposable income can be largely attributed to the 88.2 per cent increase in government transfers, including the CERB and the CEWS.
- 6.6 The fall in consumer spending and rise in savings led consumers to accumulate significantly less credit market debt over the second quarter. Total credit market borrowing by households decreased from \$26 billion over the first quarter to \$0.9 billion over the second quarter. The fall in credit market debt accumulation, along with the rise in disposable income and the fact that consumers paid down more debt than they accumulated during the quarter, led the credit market debt to disposable income ratio to fall from 175.37 to 158.21. This means that, at the end of the second quarter, households held \$1.58 in credit market debt for every \$1.00 in disposable income.
- 6.7 Business investment also experienced a record 16.2 per cent decline in the second quarter. Investments in machinery and equipment saw the steepest decline, falling 22.9 per cent, while investments in construction fell 15.6 per cent.
- 6.8 Although construction investment fell sharply during the second quarter, residential construction has been increasing throughout the third quarter. National housing starts have steadily increased each month since falling over 16 per cent month-over-month in April. In August, national housing starts were up 16.2 per cent year-over-year.
- 6.9 Housing starts in Ontario accounted for over 43 per cent of the national total in August as housing starts rose 36.9 per cent in the province. The Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) experienced a significant increase in housing starts,

rising from 1,606 annualized units in July to 8,567 in August, or 433.4 per cent.

- 6.10 While the economy continues to recover from the pandemic, the Bank of Canada announced, on September 9, that its key policy interest rate target will continue to be held at the effective lower bound of 0.25 per cent. The Bank will also continue its quantitative easing program of purchasing at least \$5 billion per week of Government of Canada bonds.
- 6.11 The Bank of Canada continues to hold its key interest rate at the effective lower bound as inflation remains significantly below the two per cent target. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 0.1 per cent in August. Inflation was held lower by a 11.1 per cent year-over-year decrease in the price of gas, along with a 16 per cent year-over-year decline in air transportation prices. Inflation in Ontario was also 0.1 per cent in August, while the City of Toronto experienced deflation of -0.4 per cent.

7. Industrial Economic Output

- 7.1 As the overall economy experienced a significant contraction during the early days of the pandemic and has subsequently shown signs of recovery, it is important to note that the level of economic output remains depressed relative to pre-pandemic levels. Whereas the official quarterly GDP estimates are based on the income and expenditure accounts of the three main economic actors (households, businesses and government), monthly GDP estimates provide an estimate of economic activity based on industrial output.
- 7.2 After falling 18.2 per cent below pre-pandemic February levels in April, industrial GDP has risen 15 per cent between April and July. Despite the rise, total industrial output across all industries in July remained 5.8 per cent below February levels and 5 per cent below July 2019 levels. The value of output produced varies greatly across specific industries, suggesting that certain industries face a much longer road to recovery than others.
- 7.3 The overall value of output for all goods producing industries in July was down 5.1 per cent from February and 5.2 per cent from July 2019. The mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industry has seen the steepest decline in output as reduced oil production has led output to fall 15.6 per cent below pre-pandemic levels in July. Although most manufacturing plants have resumed operations, the value of output in the manufacturing industry remained 6.1 per cent below pre-pandemic levels as factories are largely running below capacity.
- 7.4 Utilities and agriculture have recovered much quicker as demand for these products has increased since the onset of the pandemic. The agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry has seen the value of output increase 3.8 percent from February to July, while the value of output in the utilities industry was up 3.3 per cent over the same time period.
- 7.5 The overall value of output for all service producing industries in July remained 6

per cent below February levels and 4.9 per cent below July 2019 levels. Although the overall drop in output is comparable to the goods producing industries, there is considerable variability among specific industries.

- 7.6 The value of output in the retail industry rose 0.5 per cent above February levels in July as grocery demand remains high and consumers can purchase goods online. Output in the finance and insurance industry rose 1.8 per cent above February levels in July as many services in this industry can be provided remotely. As the real estate industry remained strong throughout the pandemic, the value of output was 0.7 per cent above February levels in July.
- 7.7 Other service producing industries have seen significant declines in output. In July, the value of output in the accommodation and food service industry was 33.3 per cent lower than February as the demand for hotel rooms and indoor dining at restaurants has dropped significantly. The value of output in the arts, entertainment, and recreation industry was 53 per cent lower in July than February as this industry relies heavily on large gatherings and social interactions.

8. Labour Market

- 8.1 The Canadian labour market continued its recovery in August as the number of employed persons increased another 1.4 per cent from July. Although the number of employed persons has risen 11.8 per cent since April, employment in August remained 5.7 per cent below pre-pandemic February levels.
- 8.2 As the number of employed persons continues to rise, the number of unemployed persons continues to decline. Unemployment fell another 6.3 per cent from July to August, bringing the total decline since the pandemic high in May to 21.9 per cent. Despite the large drop from May, August unemployment remained 80.5 per cent higher than February. The unemployment rate in August fell another 0.7 percentage points to 10.2 per cent; however, the rate remains significantly higher than the 5.6 per cent seen in February.
- 8.3 The labour markets of Ontario and the Oshawa CMA have also shown steady improvement since the peak of the pandemic. However, labour market indicators in both jurisdictions remain below the pre-pandemic levels of February. Table 1 below compares labour market indicators for February and August.

Table 1: Labour Market Indicators for February and August 2020

	Canada		Ontario		Oshawa CMA*	
	February	August	February	August	February	August
Employment (x1,000)	19,189.40	18,091.70	7,555.10	7,069.00	217.6	206.2
Unemployment (x1,000)	1,133.80	2,046.90	436.4	841.4	16.3	26.6
Unemployment rate (%)	5.6	10.2	5.5	10.6	7.0	11.4
Participation rate (%)	65.5	64.6	65.1	64.1	66.9	66.1
Employment rate (%)	61.6	58	61.6	57.3	62.3	58.6

* Oshawa CMA figures expressed as a three-month moving average

- 8.4 Although the labour market is steadily improving on a monthly basis, many industries continue to face a long road to recovery. Employment in the transportation and warehousing industry, which includes air travel, remains 10.2 per cent below pre-pandemic levels in August. Unemployment in this industry was over 200 per cent higher in August than February. Employment in the accommodation and food service industry was 21.1 per cent lower in August than February, while unemployment was 198.6 per cent higher.
- 8.5 There is also significant variability in employment levels across the Oshawa CMA. In August, year-over-year employment in the utilities and public administration industries was up 37 per cent and 49.1 per cent respectively. Employment in the information, culture, and recreation industry was down 38.8 per cent year-over-year in August, while employment in the accommodation and food industry was down 21 per cent year-over-year.

9. Conclusions

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: October 2, 2020

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – September 27, 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

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*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 27, 2020

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://tinyurl.com/y3nf3l69>

- Health Department reports West Nile virus positive mosquitoes in Ajax (Aug 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/ydhs462q>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 28)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4t4yxzo>

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Sept 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyhuvz6y>

- Immunization Services During COVID-19 (Sept 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5fvjr6y>

- Durham Region reports first human cases of West Nile virus illness this year (Sept 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y36hnelk>

- COVID-19: Reopening of Schools (Sept 18)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5tucv8l>

- Health Department launches new video highlighting information on KI tablets in multiple languages (Sept 22)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5pmk6su>

- Influenza Vaccine (Sept 25)

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Canada Border Services Agency

<https://tinyurl.com/yyhmf4sf>

- Reminder of travel restrictions to Canada for the upcoming holidays (Sept 17)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y3tcwslj>

- The Government of Canada strengthens federal labour standards for work-integrated learning (Sept 1)

<https://tinyurl.com/y63zg7p5>

- The Government of Canada announces over 1,000 new projects in support of seniors impacted by COVID-19 (Sept 3)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxmm6st5>

- Support for a safe return to school (Sept 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/yywpwzu6>

- Statement by the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour (Sept 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyv42b9m>

- Minister Tassi announces new funding for the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (Sept 10)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6el38g4>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 measures delivering support for young people this fall (Sept 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2d4ylfg>

- Government of Canada introduces legislation to support Canadians through Recovery Benefits and extend access to funds for emergency measures (Sept 24)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyw9sb4j>

- The Government of Canada is creating a Canada-wide early learning and child care system (Sept 25)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3l8j2h2>

- Flexible, more accessible EI system to help support Canadians through the next phase of the recovery (Sept 25)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ghqwrq>

- New \$206 million Climate Action and Awareness Fund to support youth, scientists, and researchers across Canada (Sept 17)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yxwd9u2q>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Sept 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/yybl7vzf>

- Statement from the Minister of Health on Cambie Surgeries Corporation et al v. British Columbia (Sept 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6kngopm>

- Certain hand sanitizers recalled because they may pose health risks (Sept 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3cn8ecw>

- Government of Canada highlights support for safer drug supply projects in Ontario (Sept 18)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y63l7akd>

- New temporary public policy will allow visitors to apply for a work permit without having to leave Canada (Aug 24)

Indigenous Services Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6h9hr7t>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Sept 4)

<https://tinyurl.com/y26evg7s>

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (Sept 11)

Infrastructure Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yyscb7dw>

- Open call for applications for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (Sept 11)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2as5u5o>

- Better information, better decisions: Government of Canada launches new studies on mobility and public transit (Sept 14)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5577m6s>

- Government of Canada ensures that Canadians continue to have access to the highest quality wireless services (Aug 27)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ch6r52>

- Policy Statement on Research Security and COVID-19 (Sept 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4uo5qsj>

- Government of Canada invests in clean technology start-ups from around the country (Sept 16)

Prime Minister's Office

<https://tinyurl.com/y37abt75>

- Prime Minister announces support for a safe return to school (Aug 26)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6euchyw>

- New measures to ensure the supply of future vaccines and therapies against COVID-19 (Aug 31)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2cb98fn>

- Statement by the Prime Minister on Labour Day (Sept 7)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3m3s9sb>

- Prime Minister announces next steps for Safe Restart Agreement (Sept 16)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5lqhyek>

- The Prime Minister announces changes to the senior ranks of the Public Service (Sept 21)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxlzukkrr>

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Ministry of Colleges and Universities

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Ministry of Education

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Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

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Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

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Ministry of the Solicitor General

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Sent By-E-Mail

September 23, 2020

Re: Food Industry Worker Day

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held September 21, 2020:

WHEREAS World Food Day – an international day to take action against hunger and to advance healthy diets for all – is observed by 150 countries around the world on the third Friday of October (close in timing to Thanksgiving traditions in Canada), and is celebrating its 75th anniversary on October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS As countries around the world come to terms with the health, social and economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have a renewed sense of understanding about how important national and locally-grown food supplies are, as grocery stores remained stocked with nutritious food options for Ajacians; and

WHEREAS The week of Thanksgiving allows Ajacians an opportunity to reflect on our great fortune to live in a country and province where local food is available year-round, but we must not lose sight of those who sacrifice to ensure that local food is planted, cultivated, harvested, processed and distributed; and

WHEREAS The agri-food industry employs almost 8,000 people in Durham Region alone, relies on approximately 600 seasonal agricultural workers, and directly impacts a further 25,000 people employed in food services (including grocery stores and restaurants); and

WHEREAS The direct and indirect economic impact of the agri-food industry is significant across the Region. According to Statistics Canada (2016), the average household in Durham Region spends almost \$1,000 every month (11% of average household income) on food consumption, and over 200 farms in Durham Region report direct to consumer sales; and

WHEREAS Food industry workers endure tough working conditions including long hours, precarious and/or seasonal labour availability, and essential status through crisis events, like COVID-19, that directly put people in factories, in dorms or working in close proximity at risk;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) Ajax Council formally marks the 75th anniversary of World Food Day by proclaiming the Friday after Thanksgiving (October 16, 2020) as Food Industry Workers Day in Ajax, acknowledging with gratitude the sacrifices made to ensure we have abundant food available in our grocery stores and farmer's markets, maintaining healthy and fresh food options for Ajacians throughout the COVID-19 crisis and every day; and
- 2) That this resolution be distributed to Durham Regional Council, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Durham Region MPs and MPPs, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Ontario Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext 3347 or sarah.moore@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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Sent by E-Mail

September 24, 2020

Re: Limiting Cash-Advance “Payday Loan” Stores in the Town of Ajax

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held September 21, 2020:

WHEREAS beginning January 1, 2018, the Province of Ontario allowed municipalities to restrict where payday loan establishments can open and the number that can operate in a given area; and

WHEREAS there are almost 20 “payday loan” establishments in the Town of Ajax (TOA), concentrated along the Kingston Road corridor and in downtown Ajax; and

WHEREAS in September 2019, the City of Ottawa approved changes to their Zoning By-laws to stipulate that new payday loan establishments cannot be within 1 kilometer of each other, that no establishment could be within 300 metres of a school (including post-secondary), or within 500 metres of a casino or racetrack; and

WHEREAS in October 2019, the City of Toronto approved amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code’s Licensing Policy to prohibit issuing any additional payday loan establishments and add a \$645.53 application fee for a payday loan establishment location change request, adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS a recent (May 20, 2020) City of Oshawa staff report recommended that the total number of payday loan establishments be limited to two (2) per ward to a total of 10 within City limits; and

WHEREAS in spite of limitations introduced by the Province of Ontario’s Bill 197 limiting the interest rate at 2.5 per cent per month, and not allowing interest to be compounded on the outstanding principal (assuming the agreement is \$1,500 or less, or terms are 62 days or less), Ajax Council believes that the number of payday loan establishments in TOA boundaries are worrisome from a consumer safety perspective and wishes to cap the establishments at current levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff be directed to prepare a report to be presented at a future meeting of Council or the appropriate Standing Committee regarding:

- a. The creation of a licensing system specific to payday loan establishments, including accompanying fees set at a comparable rate in line with other GTHA municipalities;
 - b. The restriction of the number of payday loan establishments per ward in the Town, with appropriate grandfathering provisions for currently operating establishments; and
 - c. appropriate municipal tools or by-laws to establish restrictions on the location and concentration of payday loan establishments.
2. The Town of Ajax join the City of Oshawa in its advocacy efforts to request that the Government of Canada:
 - a. Require chartered banks and credit unions to have branches in low-income neighbourhoods which offer credit lines to low-income people at the same rates they offer to other customers; and
 - b. Work with partners such as credit unions and chartered banks, to encourage and steward the development of lower-cost financial products that can provide an alternative for users of payday loan establishments.
- 3 That this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, Hon. Mark Holland, MP and Hon. Rod Phillips, MPP, the Region of Durham, all Durham municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3347 or sarah.moore@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



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September 24, 2020

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RE: Municipal Challenges Regarding On-Line Home-Sharing Platforms

Please be advised that City Council at a meeting held on May 25, 2020 considered Report CNCL-20-59 dealing with a Proposed Short-Term Rental Licensing System for the City of Oshawa and adopted the following resolution:

1. *That Licensing By-law 120-2005, as amended, and General Fees and Charges Bylaw 13-2003, as amended, be further amended in a form and content acceptable to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Legal Services to:
 - a. Establish standards as detailed in Report CNCL-20-59 "Proposed Short Term Rental Licensing System", dated May 20, 2020, and Attachment 1, to license Short-Term Rental Operators;
 - b. In relation to the proposed licensing system, limit the number of rooms rented at any time to two (2) when renting by the room;
 - c. In relation to the proposed licensing system, limit the room occupancy to no more than two (2) people per room when renting by the room.*
2. *That references to the General Regulatory Objectives of health and safety, consumer protection, nuisance control, and impact on housing and rental supplies be included where appropriate in future Short-Term Rental reports;*
3. *That Council approve the enforcement approach outlined in Section 5.3 of Report CNCL-20-59 "Proposed Short-Term Rental Licensing System", dated May 20, 2020;*

4. *That staff be directed to investigate entering into Memorandums of Understanding with participating Short-Term Rental Companies that facilitate the booking of S.T.R.s located in the City of Oshawa and report back to the Corporate Services Committee;*
5. *That the Mayor be directed on behalf of Council to send a letter to the provincial and federal governments urging them to continue to seek multi-level solutions to the accountability challenges for municipalities when dealing with online home-sharing platforms.*

In accordance with Part 5 of the above noted resolution, this correspondence, outlining municipal challenges regarding online home-sharing platforms, has been sent to your attention to urge that the Province continue to further its leadership role and seek multi-level solutions to these challenges.

The sharing economy, specifically home-sharing, is impacting municipalities both large and small. Home-sharing, which is one of the fastest growing sectors of the sharing economy, is generally understood to refer to individuals renting out their residence, or part of their residence, for short periods of time through internet-based platforms such as Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO (the latter two owned by the Expedia Group).

Home-sharing has both positive and negative impacts for municipalities. The Province, the Large Urban Mayors Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other policy institutions have documented these impacts. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will also be releasing a toolkit this fall. Municipal governments are a responsible and accountable level of government but are not necessarily in the best position to address matters associated with home-sharing. For example, there are limitations to the powers municipalities have to regulate certain aspects of home-sharing platforms and owner/operators. Home-sharing, what the City of Oshawa refers to as short-term rentals, has the following implications for municipalities:

- There is an increased need for municipal, including police, enforcement in response to local complaints. In some cases, increased traffic, loud parties, fights, assaults or criminal offences are taking place. Short-term rentals that pose adverse impacts on residents and businesses challenge police and municipal enforcement tools and capacity.
- Licensing is a way municipalities gather information about business operations to monitor and protect residents and measure impact, however, complications arise when licensing short-term rental accommodation platforms. Platforms like Airbnb reside outside of Canada leaving municipalities with no effective recourse if there is non-compliance with local licensing regulations. Memorandums of Understanding are being used by some municipalities but have limitations as they rely on the goodwill of the platform. A licensing system also taxes local capacity and,

as Oshawa cannot count on the assistance of platforms, a third-party compliance monitoring service will be needed.

- There is an administrative burden and associated cost of enforcement and licensing. Municipal governments need to ensure the costs of administration are covered without establishing a burdensome licensing fee that may discourage compliance with municipal licensing systems.
- Reliable data is key to effectively regulate, monitor and assess the impacts of home-sharing platforms. It is also essential for informed public policy. While platforms indicate that they support the concept of data sharing, in practice, concerns have emerged about their compliance and transparency. As a result, collecting and maintaining records, involving privacy and regular information sharing, becomes complicated.
- Home-sharing has the potential to negatively impact the availability of long-term rental housing and housing affordability specifically in instances where home-sharing is undertaken in properties that are not an individual's principal residence. This would effectively reduce the number of places for people to live, which poses a challenge for municipal governments to plan for and respond to the housing needs of their residents.
- The impacts of economic activity outside of regular, tax-paying businesses on a municipal tax base have not been quantified.

We do not know where the sharing economy, and home-sharing in particular, are going. What we do know, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has confirmed, is that the impact of home-sharing on its municipal members is significant. Home-sharing creates new opportunities for economic participation by residents but to ensure the widest benefit, municipal government action must balance regulation and free market operation appropriately. Municipalities prefer the ability to develop locally-tailored solutions but in the case of home-sharing this is resulting in different approaches, different requirements for platforms and as a result, different outcomes. On one hand, this may make it complicated for platforms operating across numerous jurisdictions to comply with individual local regulations, but at the same time easier for them to stay within the grey zone and not be held accountable.

In order for the City to continue to promote the best outcomes for residents by protecting consumers, controlling nuisances, and ensuring adequate rental supplies and housing affordability, the City requests that the Province continue to further its leadership role and seek multi-level solutions to the challenges faced by municipalities from online home-sharing platforms. For your consideration, this could include:

- Further research regarding municipal challenges and responses, platform accountability and gaps in regulation, perhaps in collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and/or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This should include further research into how jurisdictions outside of Ontario are able to address platform regulation. Studies indicate that not enough research has been conducted on the overall impacts of the sharing economy, and this is especially true for mid-sized cities and smaller towns. The more data municipalities can draw on to better understand the impacts of sharing initiatives the better they can develop an appropriate local response.
- Legislative and regulatory changes that provide consistency across the Province, for example, in terms of information sharing or platform disclosure requirements and tools to hold off-shore companies to account.
- Additional education to help sharing economy platforms and users (owners/operators and customers) understand their rights and obligations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dan Carter

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Rod Phillips, Ontario Minister of Finance
Jennifer French, MPP
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MAYOR DAN CARTER

June 3, 2020

John Henry
Chair, Region of Durham

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL

Re: Development of a Durham Region Community Improvement Plan to Provide Incentives for Development in Durham Region Downtowns

Dear Chair Henry,

During these uncertain times, our businesses have experienced a great ordeal. While, the pan-Regional economic recovery team has been able to provide assistance to our local businesses and workforce to help endure this pandemic, there is still much to do. These extraordinary times have tested us as a community and we are proud of the resilience we have witnessed in Oshawa and across Durham.

Despite the government and community support offered to our businesses, the local business community still face continuing stress. We are also very concerned about losing the momentum created over the last few years with respect to new development in the core.

The City has been implementing Community Improvement Plans (CIP) offering financial incentives to businesses and developers challenges for a number of years. Up to now, the Region's involvement in CIPs has been through your Regional Revitalization Plan, which has had limited up-take.

We believe that it would be more expedient and effective for the development community to be able to apply for development grants such as an Increased Assessment Grant directly with the Region of Durham through a Regional Community Improvement Plan aligned with Oshawa's program. A Regional CIP the program could be highly beneficial for the business community and their

recovery efforts. In addition, a Regional Community Improvement Plan would to help achieve certain planning objectives of the Regional Official Plan such as but not limited to the minimum density target of 200 persons/jobs for Urban Growth Centres.

In May, Oshawa established the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force to advise the City on issues affecting companies' ability to cope, re-open and transform their operations. The Task Force is composed of a broad range of small and large companies, the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement Association (B.I.A.), the development and real estate community, financial institutions and our post-secondary educational institutions.

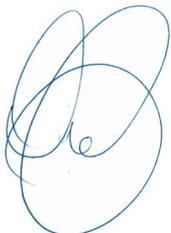
The Task Force identified opportunities to use CIP programs to help restart the economy. They recommended that Council request the Region to become more active in providing financial incentives to aid recovery and ensure a strong pipeline of development in the core moving forward

On May 25, 2020, Oshawa City Council approved a resolution regarding this matter (a copy of the full resolution is attached). The recommended actions included:

- That Oshawa request the Region of Durham to investigate the development of a Regional Community Improvement Plan to encourage development in key strategic areas of the Region including Urban Growth Centres and downtowns with incentives such as but not limited to an Increased Assessment Grant or a Regional Development Charge Grant.”

Oshawa City Council respectfully requests your consideration of this matter.

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Warren Munro, Commissioner, Development Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mayor Dan Carter
City of Oshawa

Cc:

Elaine Baxter-Trahair, CAO
Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner, Planning and Economic Development
Simon Gill, Director, Economic Development
Region of Durham: clerks@durham.ca

June 3, 2020

Re: Development of a Durham Region Community Improvement Plan to Provide
Incentives for Development in Durham Region Downtowns

Attachment

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of May 25, 2020 and adopted the following recommendation:

“Whereas the City of Oshawa has been a longstanding leader in Ontario in the development of Community improvement Plans and related development incentives; and,

Whereas the City has developed 6 Community Improvement Plans since 2000 to help achieve planning goals and objectives in certain areas of the City of Oshawa; and,

Whereas the Community Improvement Plans have been well received by the development community as a useful tool to help encourage development that may not otherwise occur; and,

Whereas the upper-tier municipalities like the Region of Durham also have the ability to establish community improvement plans; and,

Whereas although Durham Regional Council has the legislative authority to develop a Community Improvement Plan, the Region instead chose to establish the Regional Revitalization Plan (RRP) which requires an agreement between the City and the Region, not the developer; and,

Whereas it would be more expedient and effective for the development community to be able to apply for development grants such as an Increased Assessment Grant directly with the Region of Durham through a Regional Community Improvement Plan; and,

Whereas a Regional Community Improvement Plan would to help achieve certain planning objectives of the Regional Official Plan such as but not limited to the minimum density target of 200 persons/jobs for Urban Growth Centres; and,

Whereas other Regional Municipalities in Ontario including Niagara and Waterloo Regions have had long standing Regional Community Improvement Plans with financial incentives to encourage development in strategic areas to promote smart growth; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario, the Region of Durham and other Regional local municipalities have declared a state of emergency; and,

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the local economy, and,

Whereas on May 8, 2020 the Mayor's Task Force on Economy Recovery asked the City to consider requesting the Region to establish a Regional Community Improvement Plan to help advance economic recovery in the Region;

Therefore, that the Region of Durham be requested to investigate the development of a Regional Community Improvement Plan to encourage development in key strategic areas of the Region including Urban Growth Centres and downtowns with incentives such as but not limited to an Increased Assessment Grant or a Regional Development Charge Grant."

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering, attended the meeting at 7:16 PM
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
B. Shipp, Member at Large, left the meeting at 8:33 PM
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
K. Murray, Member at Large

Staff

Present: C. Acosta, Planning Analyst, Plan Implementation, Planning & Economic Development Department
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Trombino, Manager, Plan Implementation, Planning & Economic Development Department
A. Yearwood, Project Planner, Plan Implementation, Planning & Economic Development Department

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the agenda for the September 17, 2020 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
June 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

A) Ashley Yearwood, Project Planner, re: Durham's Soil and Groundwater
Assessment Protocol

A. Yearwood, Project Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding
Durham's Soil and Groundwater Assessment Protocol.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview
- History
- Purpose of Updating the Protocol
- Streamlining Amendments
- Legislative Amendments
- Housekeeping Amendments
- Other Amendments
- Next Steps
- Questions

A. Yearwood responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether
agricultural sites are treated the same as residential sites with respect to
contaminant levels; why there is more leniency with the Enhanced
Investigation Properties (EIP); what type of questions are asked on the
Simplified Site Screening Questionnaire (SSQ); are there specific criteria for
land conveyances for the Province or private interests (e.g. 407 ETR); if an
Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is not done to the Record of Site
Conditions (RSC) standard, what standard would be required; what
qualifications a Qualified Person (QP) has; and whether the Region of
Durham could become more or less vulnerable to covering the costs for
abandoned contaminated sites as a result of the described changes.

A. Luqman advised that she would email the presentation to the Committee
after the meeting.

6. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Update from Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee

A. Luqman provided an update from the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee. She advised that the content of the guide has been inputted into the draft guide and that the next steps will be to format, ensure the guide comes from one voice, put together pictures, and then send the guide to graphics to finalize. J. Cuthbertson along with A. Luqman and G. Carpentier advised that they would work together to ensure the document came from one voice.

Discussion ensued regarding how many and what type of references should be included in the guide. The Committee suggested adding the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program into the guide.

A. Luqman advised that the expected timeline for completion would be the end of year (2020).

B) New Membership Update

A. Luqman advised that D. Sallans resigned from the Committee, and that there are currently no student members as they have graduated.

A. Luqman advised that she will be reviewing the list of applications previously received in order to fill D. Sallans vacancy.

C) Terms of Reference Update, re: Student and Youth Members

Detailed discussion ensued regarding student membership and how the Committee could decrease the gap when there are no student members (high school and post-secondary) on the committee.

A. Luqman advised that recruitment usually doesn't take place until September or October, or at the latest January.

Further discussion ensued regarding whether recruitment could take place while the current member is still active, but near the end of their term.

D. Stathopoulos offered to help recruit for the post-secondary positions.

D) Green Bin Pick-Up Concerns Around COVID-19

G. Carpentier raised concerns regarding not being able to use a lining such as newspaper or an egg carton in the compost bin to soak up any potential liquid from food waste, instead of a compost bag. He advised that he emailed the Works department on this matter and the response he received was that it was for the health and safety of the waste collectors. He questioned how

residents of Durham could balance their green initiatives, with the health protection of the workers.

G. Carpentier raised further concerns regarding the wording on the Durham waste website that stated everything that is placed in the garbage must be bagged. He suggested that the wording on the website be revised to clarify the process of waste disposal.

G. Carpentier advised that a member from waste management has offered to come present to the DEAC to speak about the Region's protocols before and through COVID; and the Region's long-term vision with respect to waste management.

Discussion ensued regarding what metrics or tracking the Region uses to measure the progress towards their 2015 goals and how the Region will meet its goals of the current Durham Region Strategic Plan.

7. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report #2020-P-19 – Review of the Region of Durham's Soil and Groundwater Assessment Protocol

A copy of Report #2020-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

B) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-79 – Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-79 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding ensuring there are mechanisms in place to allow residents who want to recycle to do it right.

C) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-80 – Anaerobic Digestion Facility

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-80 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns over what would be accepted into the green bins (i.e. diapers) which is then converted into compost; and concerns that the Coronavirus is known to be found in sewage.

Further discussion ensued regarding residents' perception and possible misconceptions of the Energy from Waste (EFW) facility.

D) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-75 – Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) Blue Box Lid and Litter Audit Pilot Project

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-75 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

E) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-76 – The Regional Municipality of Durham's Evolving Integrated Waste Management System

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-76 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

F) News Release, re: Durham's Single-Use Plastics Display Receives the Municipal Waste Association P&E Silver Award

A copy of the news release regarding Durham's single-use plastics display receiving the Municipal Waste Association P&E Silver Award, was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

G) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-74 – Waste Management Annual Report

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-74 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding what the Region's total diversion rate was; and whether there was a report that showed what direction the Region would be headed, with or without the incinerator. A. Luqman advised that she would forward this question to the Works Department.

H) Commissioner's Report #2020-P-13 – Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-74 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #10 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding what advisory committees were able to provide input for the Region of Durham Woodland Conservation and Management By-law; and how much input was received from the various advisory committees.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That Information Items 7A) to 7H) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

A) Duffins Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Meeting (WPCP)

S. Clearwater advised that the next Duffins Creek WPCP meeting will be held September 30, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

B) October DEAC Meeting

Discussion ensued regarding whether the October DEAC meeting will be held virtually or in-person. A. Luqman advised she will email the Committee when this has been determined.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk

DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE (DNHC) MINUTES

Location

Durham Regional Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby
Meeting Room – Regional Council Chambers

Meeting

In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this meeting was a virtual meeting so that the Presenters and Members could present and participate without meeting together in the Regional Council Chambers.

Date

September 18, 2020

Time

1:00 PM

Members that Participated

Dr. Robert Kyle, DRHD, Chair
Ms. Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, DRHD
Ms. Lisa Fortuna, DRHD
Mr. Raphael McCalla, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) (Presenter)
Mr. Loc Nguyen, OPG
Mr. Phil Dunn, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
Ms. Janice Dusek, Public Member
Ms. Jane Snyder, Public Member
Ms. Deborah Kryhul, Public Member
Ms. Veena Lalman, Public Member
Dr. Barry Neil, Public Member
Dr. Lubna Nazneen, Alternate Public Member
Mr. Alan Shaddick, Alternate Public Member

Presenters & Assistants

Mr. Brian Devitt (Secretary)
Ms. Analiese St. Aubin, OPG (Presenter)
Mr. Frank Guglielmi, OPG (Presenter)
Ms. Tiasi Ghosh, OPG (Presenter)
Ms. Lindsay Park, OPG
Mr. Dave Smith, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) (Presenter)

Regrets

Dr. David Gorman, Public Member

Mr. Hardev Bains, Public Member
Mr. Matthew Cochrane, Alternate Public Member

Robert Kyle opened the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone. Robert Kyle mentioned that today he received notice of Dr. Tony Waker's resignation as a Member of the DNHC representing Ontario Tech University (OTU). Tony recently retired from his University responsibilities as a Professor and Robert wished him well in his future endeavours.

Robert mentioned that Tony had served the DNHC very effectively for many years as an active Member and had made many valuable contributions including hosting DNHC meetings at the University in the fall each year.

Tony will be replaced by Dr. Kirk Atkinson, Director, Centre for Small Modular Reactors, and Associate Professor, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, OTU. Robert mentioned that he was very pleased to have Kirk become a Member of the DNHC and to participate in the next meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Revised Agenda was adopted as written.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 19, 2020 were adopted as written.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Email dated June 19, 2020 directed to Brian Devitt, Secretary to the DNHC, from A.J. Kehoe, Durham Region Resident and Observer, as a follow-up to the June 19 DNHC meeting. Since only Members could ask questions during the virtual meeting, A.J. requested the opportunity to discuss several of his questions resulting from the progress reports by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) concerning its Site Selection Process and OPG concerning its Darlington Refurbishment Project. On July 7, 2020 Brian Devitt notified A.J. Kehoe that he contacted and confirmed Jo-Ann Facella of NWMO and Scott Berry of OPG were available to answer his questions and their contact information was provided.

3.2 Robert Kyle's office received an information release, dated August 14, 2020, from Jennifer Knox, Director, Nuclear Stakeholder Relations, OPG, providing an update regarding OPG's proposed plan to optimize the end of commercial operations at Pickering Nuclear. The proposed plan by OPG and the Independent Electricity System Operator is that Units 1 and 4 will operate until 2024 as permitted under the current Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Operating Licence, while Units 5 to 8 would operate until

2025. OPG will need to seek regulatory approval from the CNSC to continue operating Units 5 to 8 to 2025 through a public hearing process.

4. Presentations

4.1 Progress Report by OPG concerning its Proposed Plan to Optimize the End of Commercial Operations at Pickering Nuclear until 2025

Frank Guglielmi, Deputy Vice-President, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, provided a presentation on the proposed plan to optimize the end of commercial operations at Pickering Nuclear to 2025.

Frank explained that as Pickering Nuclear approaches its end of commercial operations, OPG has a proposed plan to optimize the shutdown sequence of the reactor units as they move toward safe storage and eventual decommissioning of the station. The plan is supported by the Province of Ontario and OPG would seek a regulatory approval from the CNSC in order to operate to 2025, through a public hearing process.

Under the proposed plan Units 1 and 4 will shut down in 2024 as permitted under the current CNSC Operating Licence, while Units 5 to 8 would operate until 2025. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is projecting a significant and growing electricity capacity deficit of the Ontario electrical supply system beginning in 2023 that will be caused by:

- Ongoing extensive refurbishment programs on Bruce and Darlington Units.
- Planned shutdown of all 6 Units at Pickering in 2024 as per the current CNSC Operating Licence.

Frank explained that the key benefits of optimizing the shutdown of Pickering Units 5 to 8 to 2025 will:

- Help address the provincial projected electricity capacity deficits as identified by IESO.
- Provide incremental generation over the critical period of 2023 to 2025.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by the need to use natural gas fired alternate electricity production.
- Help reduce the cost of electricity to rate payers.
- Protect highly skilled jobs in Durham Region and the province.
- Optimize costs during the transition to safe storage and future decommissioning.

Frank highlighted that the operational and safety performance of Pickering Nuclear has never been better. In 2019, the station achieved its best safety performance record in the station's history. For the extended operation of Units 5 to 8 to 2025 several planning factors will be implemented:

- Incremental Scope Optimization – completed.

- Cost Benefit Analysis – completed.
- Approval from the Ontario Government – completed.
- Periodic Safety Review – in progress until 2022.
- Approval from CNSC – in progress until 2023.
- Planned CNSC Public Hearing in 2023.

Frank mentioned several safety steps that will be implemented:

- Safely execute Incremental Scope within 3 new Outages planned for 2022, 2023 and 2024.
- Implement Integrated Implementation Plan Actions.
- Safely Shutdown Units as per the Shutdown Schedule of Units 1 and 4 in 2024 and Units 5 to 8 in 2025.

Frank or his associates will keep the DNHC updated on the progress of the proposed plan to Optimize the End of Commercial Operation at Pickering Nuclear to 2025.

4.2 Progress report by OPG concerning the Results of the 2019 Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) for Darlington and Pickering NGSs

Raphael McCalla, Director, Environmental Programs, OPG, provided a detailed presentation of OPG's 2019 EMP results for Darlington and Pickering NGSs.

Raphael explained the Key Objectives of EMP are intended to:

- Demonstrate, independent of effluent monitoring, the effectiveness of containment and effluent control.
- Demonstrate compliance with limits on the concentration/intensity of contaminants/physical stressors in the environment.
- Provide data to assess the level of risk on human health and the environment and/or to confirm predictions made by environmental risk assessments.

The highlights of Raphael's 2019 EMP presentation were:

- The results of 6 Non-Radiological Emissions to air and 2 Non-Radiological Emissions to water for both Darlington and Pickering were in compliance and met all Environmental Compliance Approval limits.
- The results of the 6 Radiological Site Emissions to air and 3 Radiological Emissions to water for both Darlington and Pickering were a very small fraction of their Derived Release Limits (DRLs).
- The main contributors to the 2019 public dose were carbon-14, tritium and noble gases for Darlington NGS and tritium and noble gases for Pickering NGS.

- The 2019 public dose for Darlington NGS was 0.4 μSv , ~0.1% of the annual Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) annual regulatory limit.
- The 2019 public dose for Pickering NGS was 1.7 μSv , ~0.2% of the CNSC annual regulatory limit.
- Laboratory analyses of 1,015 environmental samples were performed for the 2019 dose calculations.
- The estimated annual background radiation for both Darlington and Pickering NGSs is approximately 1,400 μSv .
- The tritium concentrations monitored at Water Supply Plants (WSP) near the NGSs remained at a small fraction of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard of 7,000 Bq/L and well below OPG's voluntary commitment of 100 Bq/L.
 - Bowmanville WSP – 4.78 Bq/L
 - Oshawa WSP – 6.57 Bq/L
 - Ajax WSP – 5.68 Bq/L
 - F.J. Horgan WSP – 4.65 Bq/L

To summarize, Raphael provided the following highlights:

- Darlington and Pickering NGSs radiological emissions remained a very small fraction of its DRLs.
- Annual public doses resulting from Darlington and Pickering were 0.1% and 0.2% of the CNSC annual regulatory limit respectively.
- The 2019 public dose calculations and EMP report was reviewed and verified by an independent third party.
- The 2019 EMP report was submitted to the CNSC on April 27, 2020 and it was available at opg.com since June 18, 2020.

Raphael explained that OPG conducted several other environmental monitoring studies that were referenced in the 2019 EMP report submitted to the CNSC. The highlights of the studies included:

Thermal Monitoring Programs

- The discharge of warm water through the condenser cooling water (CCW) system has potential to impact spawning success and larvae development of fish species.
- OPG performed a study of the Thermal and Ambient Lake Water Temperature to monitor and to understand the potential impacts from the Pickering and Darlington NGSs discharge of warm water to Lake Ontario.
- The average lake temperature at the Darlington Lake Current Monitor on December 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019 was 2 degrees C compared to a threshold of 6 degrees C.
- In conclusion, there is no indication of a warming trend that would impact spawning success and larvae development in the near term.

Impingement and Entrainment Monitoring Programs

- In January 2018, Pickering received an Authorization under the *Fisheries Act* for the impingement and entrainment of fish resulting from the water taking for the operation of its CANDU reactors.
- The Authorization requires OPG to offset all fish impacted by the intake station water cooling system.
- The Alewife species are known to be adversely affected by such events.
- In 2018, the impinged biomass was estimated to be 5616 kilograms or 1.15 kilograms per million cubic metres of station flow.
- The 2019 biomass impinged will be reported in 2020 EMP report to help determine the trend in fish impingement and entrainment.

Raphael mentioned his staff are 'looking ahead' to other studies in 2020:

- A supplementary study will be conducted to sample lake water at the outlet of the Darlington diffuser and to analyze the results of using a lower detection limit. This study was designed to remove uncertainty surrounding human exposure to hydrazine through drinking water and fish ingestion.
- A supplementary study will be conducted on the filtered and unfiltered effluent samples for analysis of aluminum in the Darlington CCW to clarify the risks to ecological receptors in Lake Ontario.
- The data from the studies will be used to inform the next iteration of the Darlington ERA due for completion in 2021.
- In 2019, an audit of the EMPs was performed by OPG's Nuclear Oversight Department. The assessment determined that EMP is being effectively managed in meeting the requirements of CSA N288.4-10.
- In 2020, no other supplementary studies are planned as part of EMP.

Raphael McCall or his associates will update the DNHC next year with the 2020 EMP report results. For more information on EMP, Raphael can be contacted at raphael.mccalla@opg.com.

4.3 Progress report by OPG concerning the Results of the 2019 Groundwater Monitoring Program (GWMP) at Pickering and Darlington NGSs

Tiasi Ghosh, Environmental Advisor, OPG, provided a detailed presentation of the results of the 2019 GWMP at Pickering and Darlington NGSs.

Tiasi explained the key objectives of the 2019 GWMP were to:

- Verify groundwater flow direction.
- Monitor changes to on-site groundwater quality to identify new issues in a timely manner and assess historical issues.
- Monitor groundwater quality at the site boundary to confirm there are no adverse off-site impacts.

Tiasi provided the highlights of the 2019 GWMP results at the Pickering NGS that included:

- 349 samples were collected from 135 sampling locations to analyse groundwater to characterize groundwater conditions and trends. The key locations/areas monitored were:
 - Upgrading Plant Pickering area
 - Units 1 and 2 and the Vacuum Building
 - Units 3 and 4 areas
 - Units 5 and 6 areas
 - Units 7 and 8
 - Units 1 to 4 Irradiated Fuel Bay areas
 - Units 5 to 8 Irradiation Fuel Bay areas
 - Site Boundary

Tiasi provided an overview map of these key locations monitored along with detailed graphs showing the laboratory results from 2009 to 2019 to help demonstrate the overall trend of tritium in the groundwater for the key locations that has trended down or remained constant.

Tiasi also mentioned the GWMP has confirmed:

- The groundwater flow direction has remained consistent from the previous interpretations.
- Monitoring of the site boundary groundwater quality results showed no indication of adverse off-site migration of tritium from the Pickering NGS.

Tiasi provided the highlights of the 2019 GWMP at the Darlington NGS that included:

- 178 samples were collected from 81 sampling locations to analyse groundwater samples to characterize groundwater conditions and trends. The key locations/areas monitored were:
 - Near Reactor Building areas
 - Site Boundary

Tiasi provided an overview map of these key locations monitored along with detailed graphs showing the laboratory results from 2012 to 2019 that confirmed:

- The groundwater flow was consistent with previous interpretations.
- The groundwater results in the Reactor Buildings areas demonstrated the tritium concentrations have remained constant or decreased.
- Monitoring the site boundary groundwater quality indicated that there was no adverse off-site migration of tritium from the Darlington NGS.

Tiasi's summary of OPG's 2019 GWMP included:

- At Pickering and Darlington, the groundwater flow pattern remained consistent with original interpretations.

- At Pickering and Darlington, groundwater data collected from key areas indicated that tritium concentrations remained constant or decreased that indicated stable or improved environmental performance.
- At Pickering, there was an emerging groundwater matter identified in 2019 at Unit 8. Corrective actions were undertaken to address the source and the on-going monitoring continues.
- At Darlington and Pickering, there was no indication of adverse, off-site migration of tritium from the NGSs in groundwater.
- The 2019 GWMP results for Pickering and Darlington were submitted to the CNSC for its review and comment.

Raphael McCalla explained that a GIS map was developed by OPG for both Pickering and Darlington NGSs. The GIS maps make it easier for the public to see trends and understand the groundwater monitoring results. A GIS map system was initially developed for Pickering NGS followed by one for Darlington NGS. Both GIS maps are now available for use on the www.opg.com under Regulatory Reporting.

Tiasi Ghosh or her associates will update the DNHC next year with the 2020 results of the GWMP for the Pickering and Darlington NGSs. For additional information, Tiasi can be contacted at tiasi.ghosh@opg.com.

4.4 Progress Report by the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) concerning the Port Granby Project

Dave Smith, Project Lead, Historic Waste Management Office, CNL, provided a progress report on the Port Granby Legacy Waste Management Site since the last progress report to the DNHC on September 13, 2019.

Dave mentioned Canada's commitment to cleanup and safely manage the historic low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) is nearing completion and his highlights were:

- The original 2016 estimate was to relocate 500,000 tonnes of LLRW.
- The actual waste LLRW relocated is approximately 1.3 M tonnes.
- Covid-19 limitations on workplaces and staffing has slowed the progress.
- Restoration of the legacy waste management site is well underway with:
 - Installation of the East Gorge Groundwater Collection system
 - Topsoil and grass seeding for the south site will be completed in September 2020
 - Cell 1 waste grading, shaping and closure in planned for October 2020
- Capping and closing the Mound is underway and will completed in 2021.
- Activities at the Port Granby Project Waste Water Treatment Plant completed by the summer 2020 were:
 - Lake tanks removed
 - Bioreactor clean out
 - Equalization pond clean out

- Processed 706,012 cubic metres of liquid waste since inception
 - Processed 2,507,870 cubic metres of solid waste since inception
- Remediation verification of the area excavated for LLRW is nearing completion.

Dave provided a list of key activities to be finished:

- Continuation of capping layers and closing the mound in 2021.
- Removal of the detour and realignment of Lakeshore Road in the summer 2021.
- Internal site roads, final landscaping, demobilization in the summer 2022.
- Maintaining the very proactive Public Information Program that includes newsletters, tours and meetings with key stakeholders.
- Upcoming Public Information activities will include:
 - Annual update to the Municipality of Clarington
 - Port Granby Citizens Liaison Group meeting
 - Project Overview with Ontario Tech University
 - On-going discussions concerning long-term monitoring and community end use

CNL staff will update the DNHC on the progress of the Port Granby Project next year. More information can be accessed at info@phai.ca and Dave Smith can be contacted at dave.smith@cnl.ca or 985-885-0291. The historic Waste Management Office is located at 115 Toronto Road, Port Hope, ON L1A3S4.

5. Communications

5.1 Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear

Analiese St. Aubin, Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, provided an update on Community Issues at Pickering Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Pickering Units 1, 5, 7 and 8 are operating at or close to full power.
- Pickering Units 4 and 6 are in maintenance outages.
- Pickering hosted the COVID-19 modified *Tuesdays on the Trail – PowerON Tuesdays Program* in July and August with its community partners. Together, they provided free educational and environmental-based activity kits for local families. The participants in the Program made donations that helped local charities provide hundreds of food baskets to those in need.

Analiese St. Aubin, Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, can be reached at (905) 839-1151 extension 7919 or by email at analiese.staubin@opg.com for more information.

5.2 Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear

Analièse St. Aubin, Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications, Pickering Nuclear, OPG, provided an update on the Community Issues at Darlington Nuclear and the highlights were:

- Darlington Units 1, 2 and 4 are operating at close to full power.
- Darlington Unit 3 is undergoing refurbishment.
- Darlington hosted the COVID-19 modified *Tuesdays on the Trail – PowerON Tuesdays Program* in July and August with its community partners. Together, they provided free educational and environmental-based activity kits for local families. The participants in the Program made donations that helped local charities provide hundreds of food baskets to those in need.
- In June 2020, Darlington submitted its application to the CNSC to renew the Darlington New Site Application Licence that was granted in 2012. The ten-year licence was granted after the acceptance of the environmental assessment by the joint review panel of the CNSC and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and it expires in 2022. The CNSC will hold a public hearing to consider the application in 2021 and no date has been set.

Leah Bourgeois, Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications, Darlington Nuclear, OPG, can be reached at 905-623-6670 extension 7038853 or by email at leah.bourgeois@opq.com for more information.

5.3 Corporate Community Issues at OPG

Analièse St. Aubin, Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications, Pickering Nuclear, provided an update on OPG's Covid-19 community response and the highlights were:

- In June, OPG donated 10,000 of its 3D printed face shields to the Ministry of Health for distribution to Indigenous communities and organizations in Ontario.
- This donation was in addition to the previous donation of 22,000 face shields for use across the province.
- Recently, OPG recently purchased enough materials to produce an additional 5,000 face shield.
- The recipients of the 5,000 donated face shields included hospitals and organizations around the province. In Durham Region, face masks were donated to the Alzheimer's Society, Community Care, Bowmanville Older Adults Association and Community Living – Oshawa and Clarington.

6. Other Business

6.1 Topics Inventory Update

Robert Kyle indicated the Topics Inventory will be revised to include the presentations made today.

6.2 Future Topics for the DNHC to Consider

Robert Kyle indicated the next DNHC meeting scheduled for November 20, 2020 will likely include:

- Progress reports by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission concerning the 2019 Safety and Performance Reports for the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Power Plants.
- Progress report by OPG concerning the Darlington New Nuclear Site Preparation Licence Renewal Project that Expires in 2022.

7. Next Meeting

Location

Durham Regional Headquarters

Date

November 20, 2020

Time

1:00 PM

8. Adjournment 3:05 P.M.

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

Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

September 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, September 18, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:00 AM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: D. Hoorweg, Citizen Member, Chair
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee left the meeting at 11:38 AM
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
Regional Chair Henry attended the meeting at 10:25 AM
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
J. Koke, Citizen Member left the meeting at 11:51 AM
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member
C. Mee, Citizen Member
R. Plaza, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
***all members of the committee except Regional Chair Henry participated electronically**

Absent: Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee
T. Hall, Citizen Member

Also

Present: Councillor Barton

Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
B. Bridgeman, Director of Planning & Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, CAO Office
T. Lee, Executive Assistant, Office of the CAO
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Struna, Manager, Health Protection, Health Department
T. Williams, Administrative Assistant, Office of the CAO

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Hightet, Seconded by K. Shadwick,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on June 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Delegations

4.1 Mike Hurley, Executive Director, Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign, re:
Conservation Authorities Supporting Climate Action Through Nature Based
Solutions

Due to technical difficulties, M. Hurley appeared later in the meeting. See
page 3 of the minutes.

5. Presentations

A) Investing in the Future: The Economic Case for Natural Infrastructure in
Ontario – Jackie Hamilton, Research Manager, Greenbelt Foundation

J. Hamilton, Research Manager, Greenbelt Foundation, provided a
PowerPoint presentation regarding Investing in the Future: The Economic
Case for Natural Infrastructure in Ontario.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Outline
- Greenbelt Foundation
- Natural Infrastructure
- Economic Valuation
- Case Study:
 - Brock Lands
 - Need for Large Parks
- Case Study:
 - Lake Scugog
 - Ongoing Investment
- Other Recent Research
- Municipal Natural Asset Management
- Investing in Natural Infrastructure

- Hamilton East Escarpment Wetland Project

The Committee expressed their pleasure with the work that is being done by the Greenbelt Foundation.

- B) Conservation Authorities Supporting Climate Action Through Nature Based Solutions - Phil Davies, Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority & Ralph Tonninger, Associate Director, Restoration and Infrastructure, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
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P. Davies, Manager, Forestry and Greenspace Services, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Conservation Authorities Supporting Climate Action Through Nature Based Solutions.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- How can the Region of Durham Quickly Showcase Action Against Climate Change to its Residents?
- Previous Challenges for Tree Planting in the Region
- The Bigger Picture
- Building on Experience
 - GTA Regional Programs
 - 5 Million Trees Program
 - Conservation Authorities
- A Lesson from History
- Conservation Authority Rural Private Land Tree Program
- How Does this Help the Region of Durham?
 - Report
 - Official Plan
 - Climate Leader
 - Local Investment
- The Ask (Over 3 Years)
- This Proposal by the Numbers
- What Else Will You Get?
- Short Term Wins
 - Enhancements to Existing Programs
 - Untapped Demand
 - Trees in the Ground
 - Easy, Quick Way to Demonstrate Climate Action
 - Climate Adaptation
- Long Term Legacy
 - Increased Forest Cover
 - Climate Mitigation
 - Trees in the Ground
 - Investment Now for Legacy Later
 - Conservation Authority Relationships

- Thank You

Members of the Committee expressed their support of the Conservation Authorities' proposal. Discussion ensued regarding how beneficial the investment in natural capital is, and that it would be a great opportunity for the Region. Further discussion ensued regarding how Conservation Authorities work with many partners to create a coordinated action around tree planting.

Moved by G. MacPherson, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,

That the DRRCC recommends to the Finance & Administration Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

- A) That the Conservation Authorities (CA) provide an annual progress report on the activities of the CA's climate change action through natural based solutions to the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change; and
- B) That the Durham Regional Chair request to the Chair of each CA, the opportunity to present the details of this program to their respective Full Authorities at a future meeting.

CARRIED

4. Delegations

4.1 Mike Hurley, Executive Director, Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign, re: Conservation Authorities Supporting Climate Action Through Nature Based Solutions

M. Hurley, Executive Director, Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign, appeared before the Committee regarding Conservation Authorities Supporting Climate Action Through Nature Based Solutions.

M. Hurley advised that he is in support of the Conservation Authorities' proposal. He advised that Conservation Authorities help them increase what they plant on private land. He advised that the relationships with local landowners are strengthened as a result of the strong relationships with the Conservation Authorities.

M. Hurley advised that organizations like the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign rely heavily on partnerships to spread the word about these types of programs. He asked that the Region endorse the Conservation Authorities' proposal.

C) Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Project – Sendi Struna, Manager, Health Protection, Durham Region & Dianne San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Durham Region

S. Struna, Manager, Health Protection, and D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Project.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Agenda
- Background: Who Are We?
- Health Department and Climate Change
- H.A.R.T. – Who Are We?
- The Ontario Public Health Standards
- Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guideline
- Health Impacts of Climate Change
- Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment
- Heat and UV in Durham Region
- Resources
- HVA Project Timeline

In response to a question, S. Struna clarified that there are no staff currently dedicated to climate change in the Health Department, but it has been identified as a need and has been requested in the upcoming budget.

Staff advised that they would report back to the Committee whether they were successful in obtaining a dedicated staff member through the budget process.

D) Climate Change Program Update – Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

I. McVey provided updates on the following projects:

- Corporate Climate Change Master Plan
 - Durham Region's role in energy and GHG emissions
 - Corporate Climate Policy Framework
 - Target-setting strategies
 - Climate Master Plan – Recap of key elements
- Water/Wastewater Climate Adaptation and Asset Management Pilot Project
 - Pilot Project Update
- Durham Home Energy Savings Plan
 - Update
- LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program
 - Update

- Electric Vehicles
 - EV Charging Network

I. McVey responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether the funding for the LEAF program will be increased; whether more Electric Vehicle (EV) stations will be installed throughout the Region going forward; whether the LEAF program has arborists on staff and what their role in the program is; whether certain trees can cause more allergens; and what type of EV charging stations will be installed and if they will be free.

In response to a question, I. McVey advised that he would follow up with Works Department staff regarding whether the Region would be considering curtailing the EV charging stations during times of high electricity demand so that the Region can avoid demand charges.

6. Items for Information and Discussion

A) Whitby Green Standard – September 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole

I. McVey advised that the mandatory green standard, which would be the first mandatory system that would be in place outside of Toronto, is being presented to the Town of Whitby's Committee of the Whole meeting next week. He advised that the report is available on the Town of Whitby website, and the meeting will be live streamed.

B) Global Day of Climate Action – September 25, 2020

I. McVey advised that the Global Day of Climate Action is September 25, 2020.

C) FCM 2020 Sustainable Communities Conference – October 20-22, 2020

I. McVey advised that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference is being held online from October 20, 2020 to October 22, 2020 and that the price has decreased.

D) Infographic on Future Climate Data

I. McVey advised that an infographic from future climate projections has been developed and that it will be finalized next week. He advised that he would email it to committee members once it is finalized, and also advised that the website will be getting updated in the near future.

E) Long-term Waste Management Plan Public Consultation Survey

I. McVey advised that the Long-term Waste Management Plan Public Consultation Survey is still available for comment.

7. Other Business

A) Race to Zero Declaration

D. Hoornweg advised that Ontario Tech University may be signing the Race to Zero Declaration, along with hundreds of other municipalities, that will estimate when the university will be at net zero carbon emissions. He advised that the declaration comes from the United Nations and if Ontario Tech does sign it, he will provide a update at the next Committee meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020 starting at 1:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Leahy, Seconded by M. Vroegh,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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

S. Penak, Committee Clerk