



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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February 11, 2022

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There is no Staff Correspondence

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2022-INFO-9
Date: February 11, 2022

Subject:

Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Alternative Land Need Scenarios, File D12-01

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Region is undertaking a Growth Management Study (GMS) as part of Envision Durham, the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP). The first phase of the GMS is the preparation of a Land Needs Assessment (LNA) to quantify the amount of Settlement Area Boundary Expansion that will be required to accommodate future population and employment growth to the year 2051.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council and interested stakeholders, agencies, and members of the public of additional land need scenarios that are currently being assessed. This report also outlines the assessment framework in which the scenarios will be measured, the approach to consultation and public input, and the timeframe in which a recommended scenario and the Summary Land Need Assessment will be presented to Planning and Economic Development Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 As a key component of Envision Durham, a Growth Management Study (GMS) is being completed over two phases. The first phase of the GMS focuses on the completion of a Land Needs Assessment (LNA). The LNA is a detailed review of the Region's land base to determine how much of the Growth Plan population and employment forecasts for Durham Region can be accommodated within existing urban areas, in the built-up area, and the designated greenfield area. Any growth that cannot be accommodated within existing urban areas would trigger a requirement for additional urban land by means of a Settlement Area Boundary Expansion. The second phase of the GMS will focus on determining the most appropriate locations for any required Settlement Area Boundary Expansion(s).
- 2.2 In accordance with the LNA methodology issued by the Province, land needs are to be assessed across two different areas, including Community Areas and Employment Areas, as defined below:
- **Community Areas:** areas where most of the housing required to accommodate the forecasted population will be located, as well as most population-related jobs, most office jobs, and some employment land employment jobs. Community areas include delineated built-up areas and designated greenfield areas.
 - **Employment Areas:** areas where most of the employment land employment jobs are located (i.e. employment in industrial type buildings), as well as some office jobs and some population-related jobs, particularly those providing services to the employment area. Employment areas may be located in both the delineated built-up area and designated greenfield areas.
- 2.3 During the summer and early fall of 2021, four Technical Reports constituting the LNA were released for public review and comment:
- a) The **Region-Wide Growth Analysis** (released on July 2, 2021) presented region-wide population and employment forecasts, various trends in demographics, unit mix, housing prices, and built form. The Report included a forecast housing unit mix for new units to be built during 2021 to 2051 timeframe of 22% low density units, 31% medium density units, and 48% high density units.

- b) The **Housing Intensification Study Technical Report** (released on September 3, 2021) evaluated the supply and demand for housing within the built-up area, including a detailed assessment of likely opportunities and supply potential for intensification and associated population and employment accommodation. The Report recommended a Regional intensification target of 50%, consistent with the Growth Plan.
 - c) The **Employment Strategy Technical Report** (released on September 24, 2021) provided an assessment of trends in employment and analyzed the current state of the region's Employment Areas, provided recommendations on Employment Area conversions, recommended an overall Employment Area density target of 26 jobs per hectare, and identified an additional Employment Area land need of 1,164 hectares, (2,876 acres).
 - d) The **Community Area Urban Land Needs Technical Report** (released on October 1, 2021) evaluated the existing state, current trends, and long-term development potential of designated greenfield areas (i.e. lands within the urban area boundary that are outside of the built-up area). The Report provided a recommended overall designated greenfield areas density target of 64 people and jobs per hectare and an additional Community Areas land need of 737 hectares (1,821 acres).
- 2.4 In response to comments received from BILD and others on the draft LNA, Regional Planning staff agreed at the October 5, 2021 Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting to run modelling and assess a range of alternative land need scenarios. Since then, Regional staff have engaged the GMS consultant team to define and run an appropriate range of alternative land need scenarios.

3. Additional Land Need Scenarios

- 3.1 Correspondence from BILD, other development interests, certain area municipalities, and others, voiced concern that the proposed housing mix contained in the draft Region Wide Growth Analysis was too heavily weighted towards high density forms of development, and did not adequately represent the market demand for low density housing (i.e. single detached dwellings). Other correspondence, including from individual members of the public, certain area municipal comments, and other organizations indicated that the draft LNA targets were either appropriate, or could be more aggressive to limit settlement area expansions by more heavily prioritizing the protection of farmland, mitigating climate change, and maximizing higher density intensification opportunities. This public input includes 42 individual

pieces of correspondence sent to the Regional Chair citing the desire for higher density targets in the designated greenfield area and increased secondary units in existing dwellings.

- 3.2 Regional staff and the GMS consultant team have identified additional land need scenarios intended to respond to comments and present a fulsome range of alternatives to inform a future decision on how the Region should grow during the 2022 to 2051 timeframe. Five Community Area land need scenarios explore at a region-wide scale how housing and population growth could be accommodated, and two scenarios explore Employment Area density targets.
- 3.3 The key interrelated metrics for the five Community Area land need scenarios are:
- Housing unit mix (2022-2051);
 - Intensification target (2022-2051);
 - Designated greenfield area density target (at 2051); and
 - The resultant Community Area land need and quantum of additional urban land required through Settlement Area Boundary Expansion.
- 3.4 Each scenario has been defined by prioritizing one or more of these metrics as the key driver, with the other metrics being resultant outcomes. For example, prioritizing a unit mix with a high share of low-density housing will result in a lower intensification and designated greenfield area density target and higher land need. Conversely, prioritizing intensification will drive a unit mix that includes a higher share of medium and high-density units and result in a lower land need. Accordingly, the alternative Community Area land need scenario metrics described below are initial outcomes and approximate until the modelling is complete:
- 3.5 **Community Area Land Need Scenario 1** implements the housing unit mix from the Growth Plan background technical report entitled: “Greater Golden Horseshoe: Growth Forecasts to 2051”, prepared by Hemson Consulting, dated August 26, 2020. Since this Scenario was used as background information, it is also being run as a test against other provincial policy targets. In this case, the housing unit mix has been fixed, which drives the interrelated intensification target and designated greenfield area density target. Given the high proportion of low-density housing, this scenario is anticipated to be furthest away from achieving the provincial intensification target, and would result in the highest amount of additional Community Area land.

- Housing unit mix: 56% low density, 23% medium density, 19% high density, 2% secondary units
- Intensification target (initial outcome): approximately 35%
- Designated greenfield area density target (initial outcome): approximately 50 to 55 people and jobs per hectare

3.6 **Community Area Land Need Scenario 2** is based on a housing unit mix that is still predominately oriented towards low-density housing, but with an increased share of medium and high-density housing. Under this scenario, the resultant intensification target is anticipated be closer to meeting the Growth Plan minimum of 50%.

- Housing unit mix: approximately 40% low density, 26% medium density, 32% high density, 2% secondary units
- Intensification target (initial outcome): approximately 45%
- Designated greenfield area density target (initial outcome): 53-58 people and jobs per hectare

3.7 **Community Area Land Need Scenario 3** will achieve of the minimum Growth Plan intensification target of 50% by shifting the unit mix, particularly the share of low-density units, towards medium and high-density units.

- Housing unit mix (initial outcome): approximately 33% low density, 32% medium density, 33% high density, 2% secondary units
- Intensification target: 50%
- Designated greenfield area density target (initial outcome): approximately 54-59 people and jobs per hectare

3.8 **Community Area Land Need Scenario 4** is the consultant recommended scenario that was presented through the release of the four draft Land Needs Assessment Technical Reports in the fall of 2021 and further discussed in Section 2.2 of this Report:

- Housing unit mix: 22% low density, 31% medium density, 46% high density, 2% secondary units
- Intensification target: 50%
- Designated greenfield area density target: approximately 57-62¹ people and jobs per hectare

¹ As a result of updates to the underlying analysis, the designated greenfield area density as recommend in the draft Community Urban Area Land Needs Technical Report is being revisited.

3.9 **Community Area Land Need Scenario 5** prioritizes intensification at a rate that exceeds the minimum target contained in the Growth Plan. To achieve this higher rate of intensification, a further shift in the housing unit mix away from low density would be required. This scenario is anticipated to result in the lowest amount of additional urban area land being required.

- Housing Unit Mix (initial outcome): approximately 20% low density, 31% medium density, 46% high density, 2% secondary units
- Intensification Target: approximately 55%
- Designated Greenfield Area Density Target (initial outcome): approximately 59-64 people and jobs per hectare.

3.10 There are two Employment Land Need Scenarios. The key metrics associated with the Employment Land Need Scenarios are Employment Area intensification and Employment Area density targets, which combine to determine the resultant Employment Area Land Need.

3.11 **Employment Land Need Scenario 1** is based on the Employment Area density target as presented in the draft Employment Strategy Technical Report of 26 jobs per gross hectare. **Employment Land Need Scenario 2** assumes that there will be an even further increase in the intensification of existing developed employment lands, resulting in an increased region wide Employment Area density target of 27 jobs per gross hectare that would result in about a 15% decrease in land need.

3.12 The GMS consultant team is currently working on the technical analysis of the alternative land need scenarios and is also concurrently updating underlying technical work and modelling assumptions where warranted. This includes:

- Updates to incorporate the additional Employment Area conversions recently endorsed by Council;
- Adjustments in response to comments on the Technical Reports including detailed analysis provided by BILD; and
- Incorporation of the draft Natural Heritage System mapping.

3.13 Once the modelling is completed, the quantum of additional urban land under each alternative land need scenario will be generated.

4. Scenario Assessment Framework

4.1 The modelling exercise will produce numeric outcomes and land need for each scenario. To provide Council, stakeholders and members of the public with

additional information and context, each scenario outcome will also be measured against an assessment framework.

4.2 The assessment framework was developed by considering the key theme areas of: Conformity with the Growth Plan; Regional Priorities; Future Forward Planning; and, Regional Official Plan and Envision Durham Planning Objectives, all of which inform how growth in Durham should occur over the next 30 years. A literature review of existing policies and strategies under each theme was conducted, resulting in the following principles and questions that will be used to measure the scenarios.

a) **Principle 1: Achieving Targets**

- Does the scenario achieve the minimum targets of the Growth Plan, before advancing additional settlement area boundary expansion?

b) **Principle 2: Housing Market Choice**

- Does the scenario provide for the development of a fulsome range of housing types?
- How does the scenario respond to market demand?

c) **Principle 3: Setting up Strategic Growth Areas for Success**

- Does the scenario support the ability of Urban Growth Centres, Regional Centres, Major Transit Station Areas, and Regional Corridors to achieve their planned function as higher density, mixed-use, and transit supportive urban communities?

d) **Principle 4: Protecting the Rural System, preparing for Climate Change and achieving Sustainable development:**

- To what extent would the scenario negatively impact existing agricultural and rural areas?
- Does the scenario provide efficient and sustainable development patterns, including transit-oriented development?
- Does the scenario respond to the Region's Climate Change Emergency declaration?

e) **Principle 5: Competitive Economic and Employment Conditions**

- To what extent does the scenario capitalize on the Region's economic and sector strengths, including providing for appropriate Employment Area land to ensure Durham remains economically attractive and competitive over the long term?

4.3 The results of the scenario modelling and assessment will be made publicly available for review and comment as described below.

5. Workplan and Planned Consultation

5.1 The modelling and assessment of the additional land need scenarios is underway. This work and future recommendations will be informed by feedback and input from interested stakeholders, agencies, and members of the public. The following are the anticipated major milestones and consultation activities over the coming months:

- **February 17** - Present additional land need scenarios, early modelling indications, and assessment framework to the Envision Durham Area Municipal Working Group.
- **March 10** – Results of scenario modelling completed. Alternative scenarios will be reviewed against the assessment framework. Preliminary results posted on the [Envision Durham website](#) for public review.
- **March 10** – Survey goes live providing opportunities for public feedback on the alternative land need scenarios.
- **March 11** – Council Information Package report released informing Council of the above information and consultation process.
- **March 24** – Virtual Public Information Centre scheduled for 7pm. Notification of Public Information Centre will be advertised via local Newspapers, e-mailed to the Envision Durham interested parties list, social media channels and a public service announcement.
- **April 14** – response survey closes.
- **May 3** – Present the recommended land need scenario for both Community Areas and Employment Areas to Planning and Economic Development Committee.

5.2 Upon Regional Council's endorsement of a preferred land need scenario, and the associated quantum of additional urban land need, the GMS will proceed to evaluate the most suitable location(s) for Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (i.e. Phase 2 of the process).

6. Previous Reports and Decisions

6.1 See Appendix 1.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

7.1 By planning for growth in a sustainable, progressive, and responsible manner, the Land Needs Assessment and supporting technical reports address the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a) Under Goal Area 2, Community Vitality:
 - 2.1 Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well connected, and have a mix of attainable housing;
 - 2.5 Build a healthy, inclusive, age-friendly community where everyone feels a sense of belonging;
- b) Under Goal Area 3, Economic Prosperity:
 - 3.1 Position Durham Region as the location of choice for business;
 - 3.2 Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth;
 - 3.4 Capitalize on Durham's strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs;
- c) Under Goal Area 4, Social Investment:
 - 4.1 Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability;

8. Next Steps and Conclusion

8.1 The release of this report will also be announced by way of:

- Public service announcements;
- Social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn; and
- Email notifications and report circulation.

8.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to all Envision Durham Interested Parties, Durham's area municipalities, Indigenous communities, conservation authorities, the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) – Durham Chapter, and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Circulation will also be provided to agencies and service providers that may have an interest in where and how long-term growth in the region is being planned for (school boards, hospitals, utility providers, etc. as specified in Appendix 2).

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Appendix 1 – to Report #2022-INFO-9

4. Previous Reports and Decisions

4.1 Several Reports have been prepared related to Envision Durham and Growth Management related topics:

- On May 2, 2018 Commissioner's Report [#2018-COW-93](#) requested authorization to proceed with the municipal comprehensive review of the Durham Regional Official Plan;
- Over the course of 2019, six theme-based Discussion Papers were released seeking public input on a range of topics. The Discussion Papers can be found on the project webpage at durham.ca/EnvisionDurham
- On June 2, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-11](#) recommended evaluation criteria and a submission review process for the consideration of Employment Area conversion requests.
- On July 29, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-14](#) outlined Amendment #1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including recommended comments to the Province on the updated 2051 growth forecasts for the Region of Durham and the updated Land Needs Assessment Methodology.
- On December 1, 2020 Commissioner's Report [#2020-P-27](#) provided proposed policy directions and boundary delineations for existing and future Major Transit Station Areas.
- On March 2, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-P-7](#) provided proposed policy directions related to all key components of Envision Durham, including initial directions for the Urban System and growth related topics. Also included was a Growth Opportunities and Challenges Report prepared by the Region's consultants, which serves as a starting point for the LNA and related technical studies.
- On July 2, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-INFO-71](#) reviewed the Region-Wide Growth Analysis. The purpose of the report is to analyze the region's long-term population, housing, and employment growth forecast within the context of provincial and regional policy, historical trends, and predicted future influences.

- On September 3, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-INFO-94](#) presented the Housing Intensification Study. The purpose of the report is to document the capacity for accommodating residential and mixed-use growth within the region's built-up area (BUA), and determine the intensification potential of strategic growth areas (SGAs).
- On September 24, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-INFO-97](#) summarized the Employment Strategy. The purpose of the Employment Strategy is to provide a comprehensive assessment of current industrial and office market conditions and trends, anticipated growth patterns, market opportunities and disrupters that are anticipated to influence employment growth across Durham Region through 2051. This report include a recommended Employment Areas density target and future land need to accommodate Employment Area growth to 2051.
- On October 1, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-INFO-100](#) presented the Community Area Urban Land Needs Assessment which provided an assessment of the Region's current and future Designated Greenfield Areas, including development trends and amount of developed, non-developable, and vacant areas. The Report recommended an overall Designated Greenfield Areas density target and future land need to accommodate greenfield growth to 2051.
- On December 7, 2021 Commissioner's Report [#2021-P-25](#) provided staff recommendations on Employment Area conversion requests received through Envision Durham and additional areas identified by staff and the GMS consultant team as appropriate for conversion.
- On December 22, 2021, Regional Council received a [memorandum](#) from Commissioner Brian Bridgeman that responded to the request for additional information related to Commissioner's Report #2021-P-25 and the Employment Area conversion requests.

Appendix 2 – to Report #2022-INFO-9

Circulated Agencies and Service Providers

- Canada Post
- Bell Canada
- Rogers Communications
- Shaw Cable TV
- Compton Communications
- Persona Communications
- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Canadian National Railway
- Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
- Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.
- TransCanada Pipelines Inc.
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Ontario Power Generation Inc.
- Durham District School Board
- Durham Catholic District School Board
- Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
- MonAvenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Ministry of Transportation
- Greater Toronto Airports Authority

- Transport Canada
- Metrolinx
- Trent-Severn Waterway
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
- Durham Region Police Department
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Elexicon
- Hydro One Networks Inc. (Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge)
- Independent Electricity System Operator
- Ontario Tech University
- Trent University Durham
- Durham College
- Durham Workforce Authority
- General Motors of Canada
- Lakeridge Health
- Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade
- Brock Board of Trade
- Clarington Board of Trade
- Newcastle & District Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce
- Scugog Chamber of Commerce

- Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce
- Whitby Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Ajax BIA
- Bowmanville BIA
- Brooklin BIA
- Pickering Village BIA
- Port Perry BIA
- Uxbridge BIA
- Downtown Whitby BIA
- Business Advisory Centre Durham
- Spark Centre



File A-2100

February 3, 2022

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Re: Request for Funding to Assist Businesses Affected by the Pandemic

At its meeting of January 24, 2022 Oshawa City Council adopted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:

“Whereas the pandemic has negatively impacted economies, businesses, workers and communities; and,

Whereas immediate action needs to be taken to assist our small and community-owned businesses that have been hardest hit by the economic impacts of COVID-19. Small businesses are an essential component of Oshawa's dynamic and diverse neighborhoods and their sustainability is a critical pillar of our community; and,

Whereas the Ontario government is providing targeted relief for businesses and people impacted by the current public health measures aimed at blunting the spread of the Omicron variant; and,

Whereas a comprehensive plan to support workers and businesses was announced by the Provincial government for COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant for small businesses; and,

Whereas, the Provincial government, as part of the plan, is introducing a \$10,000 grant for eligible businesses that are subject to closures under the modified reopening plan and is providing additional electricity-rate relief for businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home; and,

Whereas the province has announced an expanded rebate program for affected businesses however more is needed to bring timely and lasting support to local business in the community, including not only those that have had to close but also those that are subject to occupancy restrictions;

Whereas the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force, the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Oshawa Business Alliance support any effort by the City to advocate for greater financial assistance from upper levels of governments for local businesses;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Mayor Carter, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario requesting that both the federal and provincial governments continue to offer and expand wage subsidies, programs to cover lost revenues and rent subsidies until a return to full operations can resume, while also considering other immediate and long term measures to assist affected businesses.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Region of Durham, all local Durham Region municipalities, all MP's and MPP's in the Region of Durham."

If you require further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact me at the address listed above or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

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- c. Durham Region Municipalities
Durham Region Members of Parliament
Durham Region Members of Provincial Parliament
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File A-2100

February 3, 2022

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL: amo@amo.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

 Re: Request to Extend the Restart Agreement Fund

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At its meeting of January 24, 2022 Oshawa City Council adopted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:

“Whereas the pandemic has negatively impacted economies, businesses, workers and communities. It has also had a major impact on the finances of municipal governments; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa received and is thankful for the financial assistance provided by the Province of Ontario and Federal Government through the combined phases of the Safe Restart Agreement Fund to respond to COVID-19 related operating pressures; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa has fully expended this funding through 2020, 2021 and the City's 2022 operating budget to mitigate increased COVID related cost pressures and lost revenue offsets; and,

Whereas additional COVID restrictions were implemented in the Province of Ontario effective as of January 5, 2022 for a period of not less than 21 days which requires the closure of City facilities to adhere to the measures imposed to help limit the spread of the virus; and,

Whereas facility closures will increase the revenue losses to the City incrementally as compared to the revenue losses already anticipated in the City's approved 2022 operating budget projections; and,

Whereas due to the continually changing conditions of the pandemic and emergence of new variants, the City continues to experience additional operating costs such as PPE and staff screeners; and,

Whereas the City has a need to further offset the financial consequences of COVID-19 and would greatly benefit from additional funding support to ensure that municipal services and programs can be maintained in 2022; and,

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Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Mayor Carter, on behalf of City Council, write to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario requesting an extension of the Restart Agreement Fund to provide additional funding support to municipalities.
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, the Region of Durham, all local municipalities in the Region, and all MP's and MPP's in the Region of Durham."

If you require further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact me at the address listed above or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

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Corporate Services Department
Legislative Services Division

February 3, 2022

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Re: Correspondence received from the Region of Durham regarding Proposed Study of the Current Policy/Practice for Streetlighting of Regional Roads

At the last regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Scugog held January 31, 2022, your correspondence dated October 27, 2021, regarding the above captioned matter was received for information.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

“THAT the Correspondence from the Region of Durham Regarding Proposed Study of the Current Policy/Practice for Streetlighting on Regional Roads be received; and

THAT That the Current Policy/Practice with respect to Streetlighting on Regional Roads (Attachment #1 to Regional Report #2021-W-36) continue to prevail until the proposed Consultant Study is completed and any changes on a consensus basis are approved and implemented.”

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure at 905-985-7346 ext. 149.

Yours truly,

Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

cc: Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure



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February 3, 2022

Ms. Maya Harris
 Manager, Community Planning & Development (East)
 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 777 Bay Street, 13th Floor
 Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

sent via email: maya.harris@ontario.ca

Re: Correspondence received from the Region of Durham Regarding Envision Durham-Recommendations on Employment Area Conversion Requests

Dear Ms. Harris:

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held January 31, 2022, Council received and endorsed correspondence from the Region of Durham dated December 30, 2021 with respect to Envision Durham-Recommendations on Employment Area Conversion Requests. Attached please find a copy of the Durham Region correspondence and report dated December 30, 2021.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

“THAT correspondence received from the Region of Durham regarding Envision Durham - Recommendations on Employment Area Conversion Requests, File: **D12-01, OPA 2021-003 (2021-P-25), Our File: D-12,** be endorsed.”

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Heritage, Director of Development Services, at 905-985-7346 ext. 153.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson
 Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Encl.

cc: Kevin Heritage, Director of Development Services
 Durham Region Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog passed By-law No. 07-22 on the 31st day of January, 2022 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended. The subject property is legally described as Lot 3 and 4, Plan 544 municipally known as 99 Aldred Drive, in the Township of Scugog, Region of Durham.

AND TAKE NOTICE that through the circulation and review of the application to amend Zoning By-law 14-14, the Township received written submissions from two members of the public prior to the decision of Council. Development Services Report DEV-2021-025 was presented at the statutory public meeting held on November 15, 2021. The public comments received were outlined in Attachment 5 of Development Services Report DEV-2022-002 that was presented at the Planning and Community Affairs Committee meeting on January 17, 2022. Council considered all agency and public submissions received on this application, the effect of which helped Council to make an informed decision.

PLEASE NOTE that any person or public body who, before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog, no later than **4:30 p.m.** on the **28th day of February, 2022** a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal and an appeal fee in the amount of \$1100.00 must accompany each appeal filed. A certified cheque or money order must be made payable to the MINISTER OF FINANCE. A copy of the appeal form is available from the OLT website at Forms-Tribunals Ontario-Environment & Land Division (gov.on.ca)

PLEASE NOTE that only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party

Information about the Ontario Land Tribunal and rights of appeal can be found on their website at: <http://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

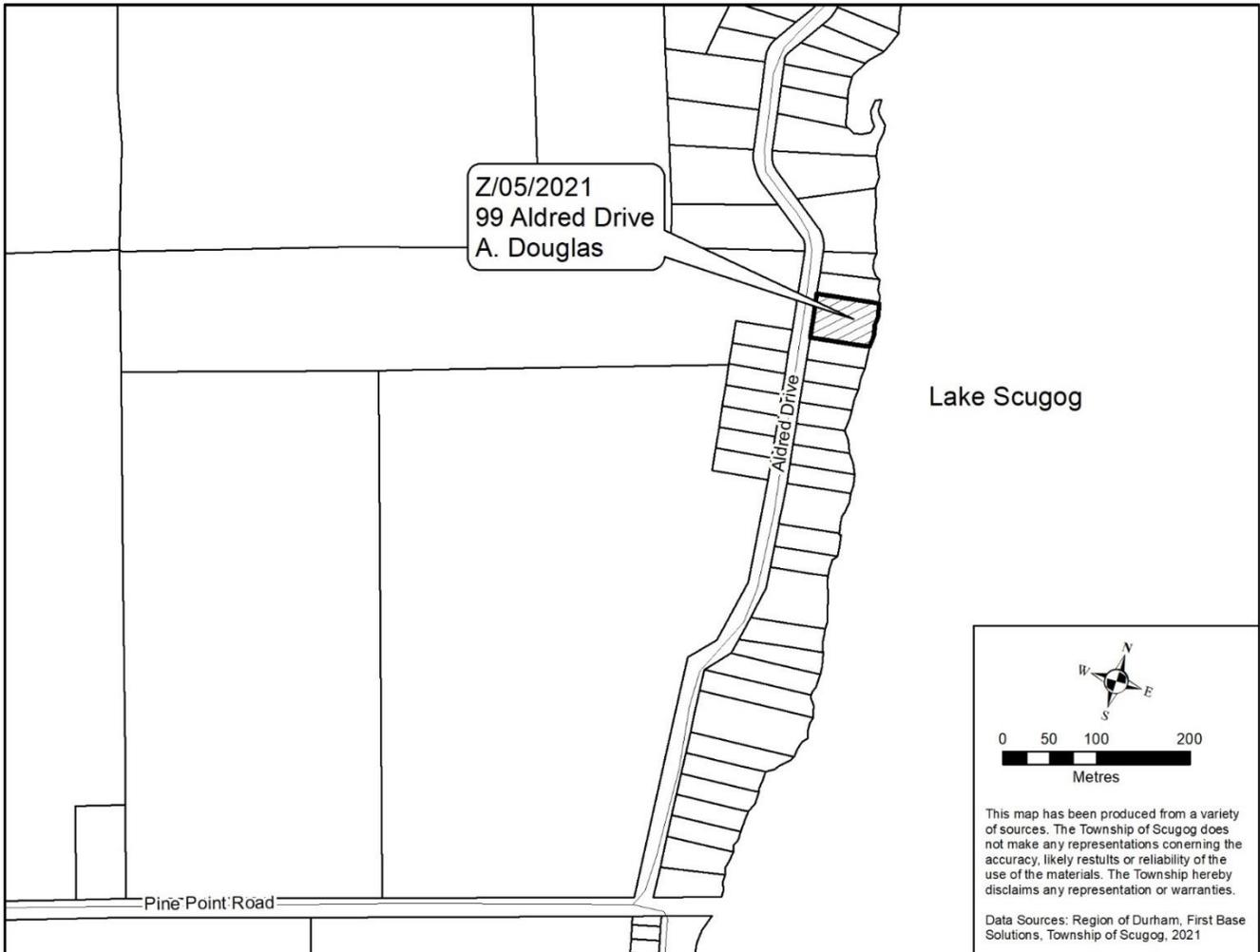
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TOWNSHIP FILE: Z/05/2021
APPLICANT: A. Douglas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of this by-law is to amend Zoning By-law No.14-14 to rezone the property to Shoreline Residential Exception 5 and 6 (SR-5 and SR-6) to reduce the required minimum lot frontage, lot area and interior side yard requirements of the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to facilitate a potential severance of the existing lot into two proposed lots should a Land Division Application be approved by the Region of Durham.

KEY MAP



The Corporation of The Township of Scugog

By-law Number 07- 22

Being a By-law passed pursuant to the provisions of Section 34, of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, to amend Zoning By-law 14-14 with respect to Lot 3 & 4, Plan 544, Township of Scugog, a portion of land municipally known as 99 Aldred Drive, (Roll No. 1820.030.002.05100), Ward 3

Whereas the owners of Lots 3 & 4, Plan 544, municipally known as 99 Aldred Drive, submitted an application to the Township of Scugog (Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z/05/2021) to amend Zoning By-law 14-14 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, to reduce the required minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, and the minimum interior side yard requirements of the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to facilitate a potential severance of the existing lot into two proposed lots to permit the construction of one additional single detached dwelling;

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog (Council) held a public meeting (November 15, 2021) under Section 34 of the Planning Act with respect to this matter and has considered the application following that public meeting;

And Whereas Council deems that adequate public notice has been given and no further public meeting is required;

And Whereas the matters herein set forth are in conformity with the policies and designations contained in the Official Plans of the Region of Durham and the Township of Scugog as are currently in force and effect.

Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of The Township of Scugog hereby amends Zoning By-law 14-14 as follows:

1. **That** Schedule "A", Map 5 to By-law 14-14 is hereby amended by rezoning Lots 3 & 4, Plan 544, municipally known as 99 Aldred Drive (1820.030.002.05100), Ward 3, from Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to Shoreline Residential (SR-5) and Shoreline Residential (SR-6) Zone, as shown on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. **That** Table 8.6.5 be amended by adding the Shoreline Residential (SR-5 & SR-6) Zone as follows:

Shoreline Residential (SR) Exception Number	Permitted/ Prohibited Uses	Zone Regulations
SR-5		Minimum Lot Area: 1400m ² Minimum Lot Frontage: 22m

SR-6		Minimum Lot Area: 1500m ² Minimum Lot Frontage: 22m Minimum Interior Side Yard: 1.2m to the southerly interior lot line
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3. **That** in all other respects, the provisions of Zoning By-law 14-14 as amended, shall continue to apply.
4. **That** this By-law shall come into force in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

This By-law was read and passed on the 31st day of January, 2022.



Roberta Drew, Mayor



Becky Jamieson, Clerk

**Schedule A
To By-law No. 07-22
Township of Scugog
Amendment to Schedule A, Map 5
To Zoning By-law 14-14**



-  SR to SR-5
-  SR to SR-6

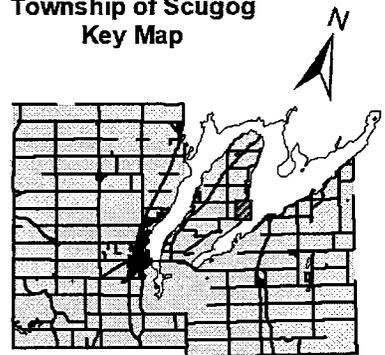


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**This is Schedule A
to By-law No. 07-22**

**Passed this 31st day
of January, 2022**

**Township of Scugog
Key Map**



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Subject: FW: Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice (Draft)
Date: February 8, 2022 12:42:29 PM
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Ralph Walton | Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
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 My pronouns are he / him.



From: Sasha Hill Smith <SHillSmith@brantford.ca> **On Behalf Of** Kevin Davis
Sent: February 8, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Mayor's Office <officeofthemayor@brantford.ca>
Subject: Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice (Draft)

Good day fellow heads of council:

I expect your office, like mine, receives many inquiries from residents desperate that something be done to combat the increase in property drug and gun related crime.

Like me, you probably experience a feeling of helplessness, not sure what immediate steps you or your council can take to help residents whose homes and cars have been broken into.

Like me, you have probably made inquiries of members of your police service and found that they too are frustrated. Frustrated that after spending a lot of time and hard work apprehending those who repeatedly commit these crimes, some of which can be very serious, to find that the person they arrested has not been held in jail but released on bail, sometimes even before their shift has ended! When you ask for further information you may be shocked, as I was, to discover that some of the most prolific of wrongdoers, have a long list of outstanding charges, many being repeat infractions of prior bail orders. You then see first-hand what the revolving door of justice looks like and believe me it is discouraging. A system that seems to cater to criminals and gives short shift to protecting the law abiding citizens of your community.

Your next reaction is likely to then blame “*the judges*”.

However if you dig deeper, by speaking to senior police officers and crown attorneys, you will likely discover the problem is not usually “the judges” but the rules they are required to follow.

If you dig even deeper, you will discover the rule maker for bail provisions is the federal government, which several years ago passed legislation reforming the bail laws. The impact of those rules makes it much more likely that a repeat offender will not be held in custody pending a final disposition of their charges. Many of those offenders will then continue their crime sprees regardless that they are subject to fairly severe release orders.

I have been there.

I then went one step further and asked our police chief, Rob Davis , and our federal MP Larry Brock (a former 30 year crown attorney), how the federal government should change the bail rules to better protect our law abiding citizens. The end result are the attached resolutions that reflect their combined wisdom. The only “political input” was in regards to the preamble and the title. I had to do something to make this stand out from the many resolutions you receive!

I am proud to report that our council have passed these resolutions *unanimously* (see attached). We’re asking your council to do the same and join what we hope will be a growing movement with broad support from across the province telling our federal government that we do not want the bail laws weakened we want them strengthened so that our residents feel safer and have greater confidence in our judicial system. I encourage you to do the same in your municipality.

Kind regards,

Mayor Kevin Davis

City of Brantford

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: policy@amo.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford adopted the following resolution at its City Council meeting held on January 25, 2022:

12.5.2 Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice – Resolution

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford strives to create vibrant, safe, livable neighbourhoods in its community; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, the post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, citizens and others; and

WHEREAS bringing matters related to criminal charges more expeditiously through the court system will create a greater deterrence to such behaviour, and therefore improve the safety and security of citizens in this community; and

WHEREAS each year a significant sum of surety money is forfeited further to breaches of the conditions of judicial interim release orders (“bail”); however, the necessary steps are not taken to collect this forfeited money, thus leaving a substantial financial resource unavailable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and the Honourable Doug Downie, Attorney General of Ontario, insisting that steps be taken immediately by the government to:

- i. provide additional judicial resources dedicated to Brantford to allow for matters to move as expeditiously through the court system as possible; and
 - ii. provide such additional space and/or technological resources for the local court to ensure there is adequate space and technological resources to most efficiently address the significant local caseload and consequently decrease the time a matter takes to be fully resolved; and
 - iii. dedicate the required resources to collect the forfeited surety monies and reinvest that money back into the provincial judicial system; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the list of other Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities pass similar resolutions; and
- C. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter referenced in Clause A to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
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cc All Ontario municipalities
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)
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February 9, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 7, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2022-0020

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of the Town of Halton Hills community";

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province;

AND WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of Town of Halton Hills Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans;

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AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

AND WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

CARRIED

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0020.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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- cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leader of the Opposition
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party
MPPs in the Province of Ontario
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**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.: 2022-0020

Title: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

Date: February 7, 2022

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 15.2

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AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province;

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AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

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AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.



Mayor Rick Bonnette



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The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge

February 9, 2022

Re: Item for Discussion – Joint and Several Liability Reform (Mayor, G. Smith)

At its meeting of February 2, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 22-PD-005, regarding the Item for Discussion – Joint and Several Liability Reform, as follows:

“WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities;

AND WHEREAS the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of “joint and several liability”, which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of “joint and several liability”;

AND WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Review was conducted in 2019 with AMO and municipalities fully participating;

AND WHEREAS the results of the Provincial Review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in their document “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

AND WHEREAS The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written to the Attorney General in support of the abovementioned recommendations provided by AMO;

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public works fax: (705) 645-7525
planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRACEBRIDGE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town of Bracebridge calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address "joint and several liability" before the end of the government's current term.
2. That the Town of Bracebridge supports the seven (7) recommendations contained in the AMO submission "Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs" to re-establish the priority for provincial action on this issue.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark; AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, AMCTO President, Sandra MacDonald; and all Municipalities in Ontario."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



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February 9, 2022

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

Sent by Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on February 7, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding funding support for infrastructure projects:

Resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Burton, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview supports the requests from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, the Township of Adelaide-Metcalf, the Township of Lake of Bays, the Township of Amaranth, and Northumberland County for the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities.
Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Sasha Helmky, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance minister.fin@ontario.ca
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance chrystia.freeland@fin.gc.ca
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All Ontario Municipalities

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
K. Lui, Member at Large
K. Murray, Member at Large
D. Nguyen, Youth Member
S. Panchal, Youth Member
A. Panday, Post-Secondary Member
B. Shipp, Member at Large attended the meeting at 7:14 PM
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby attended the meeting at 7:16 PM
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Ashe left the meeting at 7:50 PM
Councillor Dies

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair
M. Thompson, Ajax

Staff

Present: B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
G. Muller, Director of Planning, Planning & Economic Development Department
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Samuel, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst, Planning & Economic
Development Department

Chair Carpentier announced the resignation of C. Doody-Hamilton and congratulated her on her appointment as a Council member at the City of Pickering.

2. Election of Officers for 2022

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That G. Carpentier be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by K. Lui,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Subsequent to the meeting, G. Carpentier advised that he would stand.

G. Carpentier was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

Election of the DEAC First and Second Vice-Chairs

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, called for nominations for the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That J. Cuthbertson be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of
the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That G. Layton be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Subsequent to the meeting, J. Cuthbertson and G. Layton advised that they would stand.

J. Cuthbertson and G. Layton were acclaimed to the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair, respectively.

G. Carpentier assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the revised agenda for the January 20, 2022 DEAC meeting,
as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by D. Stathopoulos, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
November 18, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

A) Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, regarding DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, provided a delegation with regards to the proposed DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt.

H. Brenner stated that she has followed the work that was done by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) that culminated in the TRCA Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan 2021-2031. She stated that the study concluded the watershed to be already stressed with issues of land erosion, flooding, and poor water quality, which makes it a critical environmental issue. She stated that she feels that failure to protect this land would be a flagrant disregard of the challenges the land has already experienced.

H. Brenner also stated that there is the crisis of accelerating climate change and wildlife loss that if left unchecked, will lead to catastrophic consequences of both humans and wildlife. She stated that in 2010, Canada and 200 other countries entered into the Global Diversity Treaty with the United Nations to protect 17 percent of the planet's land and inland waters by 2020 with the goal of achieving 30 percent by 2030 as recommended by scientists. She stated that Ontario is lagging behind with less than 11 percent of land being protected. She feels that the Region must seize this opportunity to expand protected areas and add Carruthers Creek Headwaters to the Greenbelt.

H. Brenner stated that failing to be good stewards will compound the growing challenges and requested that the committee support the resolution to have the Carruthers Creek Headwaters added to the Greenbelt.

7. **Presentations**

A) Update on the Durham Meadoway, Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst

Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to an Update on the Durham Meadoway.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Durham Meadoway – DEAC Project Update
- Project Description
- Study Area
- Context
- Precedent
- Inspiration
- The Gatineau Hydro Corridor
- Work To-Date
- Durham Meadoway Plan RFP

A. Tulloch stated that the Durham Meadoway will be a 27-kilometre trail stretching from Rouge National Urban Park to Simcoe Street, and across communities in Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa. She stated that in addition to being an active transportation facility, it will create community spaces; help with environmental restoration and education; and will provide placemaking opportunities.

A. Tulloch provided an illustration of a map of the Corridor Study Area as well as the Greater Study Area. She stated that the Durham Meadoway represents the opportunity to address the needs of the swiftly growing community and helps the Region achieve strategic goals such as encouraging healthy lifestyles; addressing climate change and traffic congestion; and enhancing economic prosperity. She advised that the project was inspired by a similar TRCA project in Toronto and that currently 10 kilometres of the Meadoway Trail has been constructed and 4 hectares of native meadow habitat has been restored.

A. Tulloch also stated that the Region is currently seeking the services of a qualified consultant to develop a plan to guide the development of the Durham Meadoway through a competitive RFP process. The RFP closes on January 27, 2022 and she stated that it is anticipated that the project will commence in 2022.

A. Tulloch responded to questions with regards to whether any studies have been done regarding static electricity in different weather conditions; whether the Meadoway will be restricted to meadow or whether there will be allowances for other plants (bushes, saskatoons); how much area is covered; and the maintenance of the Meadoway once established.

8. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Collaboration Opportunity re: TD Park People Grants Program, Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst

A. Tulloch advised that there is an opportunity for DEAC and the Durham Meadoway project team to collaborate on or cross-promote community engagement activities this summer. She advised that there may be external funding for projects related to parks or environmental education that could support joint community engagement activities such as the TD Park People Grants Program 2022, which is a grant program that provides up to \$2,000 for projects that promote environmental education, sustainability and stewardship in Canada's parks and green spaces. She advised that applications are due February 28, 2022 and are open to community groups.

A. Luqman advised that one idea that aligns with the TD Park People Grants Program 2022 is the bee pollinator program and requested that the committee advise her of their interest.

B) DEAC Resolution re: Including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the proposed resolution and background information on the Importance of the Carruthers Creek Watershed resolution was attached as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudry,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to
Regional Council:

That the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Regional Council support the inclusion of the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt Plan and that the Ministers of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and Municipal Affairs and Housing be notified.

CARRIED

C) Agents of Change Project – Call for Applications

A. Luqman advised that the Agents of Change Grants Program is geared towards volunteer engagement. She inquired whether the committee would be interested to collaborate and whether there are any projects that would require a volunteer program.

D) Durham Environmental Achievement Awards – Next Steps

A. Luqman inquired what the committee's thoughts were with regards to the frequency of the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards.

Discussion ensued with regards the advantages and disadvantages of the Awards being held annually or every two years and it was the consensus of the committee to have the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards held every 2 years with the next one being held in 2023.

E) Brock Environmental Advisory Committee – Collaboration Opportunities

A. Luqman inquired whether the Committee had any ideas as to how they could engage with the Brock Environmental Advisory Committee and requested that committee members advise her by email.

9. For Information

A) Report #2022-P-3: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Workplan

A copy of Report #2022-P-3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

B) Notice of Completion – DYEC Throughput Increase from 140,000 to 160,000 Tonnes per year

A copy of the Notice of Completion regarding Durham York Energy Throughput Increase was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda.

C) Environmental Registry for Ontario (ERO 019-4093) entitled “Amending the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the management of native species”

A copy of the Environmental Registry for Ontario (ERO 019-4093) entitled “Amending the Darlington Provincial Park Management Plan to allow for the management of native species” was provided as a link.

D) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan

A copy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Conservation Authorities Act Transition Plan was provided as a link.

E) Report #2021-P-26: Decision Meeting Report – Durham Regional Official Plan Amendment #186 to establish the policy framework for Protected Major Transit Station Areas

A copy of Report #2021-P-26 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

F) Report #2021-INFO-130: Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Fall Webinar Series

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-130 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

G) Report #2021-INFO-121 Consultation Summary for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-121 of the Commissioner of Works was provided as a link.

H) Report #2021-INFO-123: Phase 1 Regulations to Implement Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, under Bill 229, the Protect, Support and recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

A copy of Report #2021-INFO-123 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

I) Sustainable Great Lakes: A Regional Assessment of Sustainability in the Binational Great Lakes Megaregion – Council of the Great Lakes Region

A copy of the document titled "Sustainable Great Lakes – A Regional Assessment of Sustainability in the Binational Great Lakes Megaregion" was provided as a link.

J) The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada

A copy of The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy Brief was provided as a link.

K) The \$2 Trillion Transition: Canada's Road to Net Zero – RBC Thought Leadership

A copy of the document titled "The \$2 Trillion Transition: Canada's Road to Net Zero – RBC Thought Leadership" was provided as a link.

L) Sink or Swim – Transforming Canada's economy for a global low-carbon future – Canadian Institute for Climate Choices

A copy of the document titled "Sink or Swim – Transforming Canada's economy for a global low-carbon future" was provided as a link.

M) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes of December 14th, 2021 meeting

A copy of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

N) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change – Minutes of November 19th meeting

A copy of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change minutes from the November 19, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

O) Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee – Minutes of November 23rd meeting

A copy of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting were provided as a link.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That Information Items 9. A) to 9. O) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

A) David Steele, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Steele was provided as Attachment #4 to the Addendum.

B) Mike Borie, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Borie was provided as Attachment #5 to the Addendum.

- C) Despina Melohe, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Melohe was provided as Attachment #6 to the Addendum.

- D) Rev. Susan Spicer, St. George's Anglican Church, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Rev. S. Spicer was provided as Attachment #7 to the Addendum.

- E) Kathleen Ffolliott, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Ffolliott was provided as Attachment #8 to the Addendum.

- F) Leigh Paulseth, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Paulseth was provided as Attachment #9 to the Addendum.

- G) Kim Macpherson, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Macpherson was provided as Attachment #10 to the Addendum.

- H) Susie Healy, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Healy was provided as Attachment #11 to the Addendum.

- I) Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Gasser was provided as Attachment #12 to the Addendum.

- J) Pat Valentine, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from P. Valentine was provided as Attachment #13 to the Addendum.

- K) Debbie Anderson, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Anderson was provided as Attachment #14 to the Addendum.

- L) Helen Brenner, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from H. Brenner was provided as Attachment #15 to the Addendum.

- M) Lynn Laflamme, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Laflamme was provided as Attachment #16 to the Addendum.

- N) Judith Mann, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Mann was provided as Attachment #17 to the Addendum.

- O) Wendy and Gord Duncan, Pickering residents, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from W. Duncan and G. Duncan was provided as Attachment #18 to the Addendum.

- P) Kathi Bracken, Oshawa resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Bracken was provided as Attachment #19 to the Addendum.

- Q) Sally Thurlow, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Thurlow was provided as Attachment #20 to the Addendum.

- R) Tammy Atkinson, Oshawa resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Atkinson was provided as Attachment #21 to the Addendum.

- S) Mayor Shaun Collier, Town of Ajax, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Mayor Shaun Collier was provided as Attachment #22 to the Addendum.

- T) Elizabeth Calvin, Green Durham Association, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from E. Calvin was provided as Attachment #23 to the Addendum.

- U) Paul Woodcroft, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from P. Woodcroft was provided as Attachment #24 to the Addendum.

- V) Ted Bieler, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Bieler was provided as Attachment #25 to the Addendum.

- W) Kashif Baig, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from K. Baig was provided as Attachment #26 to the Addendum.

- X) Councillor Lisa Bower, Town of Ajax, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from Councillor Lisa Bower was provided as Attachment #27 to the Addendum.

- Y) Brigitte Sopher, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from B. Sopher was provided as Attachment #28 to the Addendum.

- Z) Ontario Headwaters Institute, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from the Ontario Headwaters Institute was provided as Attachment #29 to the Addendum.

AA) Dennis Sallans, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Sallans was provided as Attachment #30 to the Addendum.

BB) Chris Brown, Ajax resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from C. Brown was provided as Attachment #31 to the Addendum.

CC) Stephen Marshal, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Marshal was provided as Attachment #32 to the Addendum.

DD) Margaret Channon, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Channon was provided as Attachment #33 to the Addendum.

EE) Donna Pearson, Stouffville resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. Pearson was provided as Attachment #34 to the Addendum.

FF) Trevor Cluthe, Whitby resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Cluthe was provided as Attachment #35 to the Addendum.

GG) Bonnie Thomson, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from B. Thomson was provided as Attachment #36 to the Addendum.

HH) Michael Fearon, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from M. Fearon was provided as Attachment #37 to the Addendum.

II) Doug McLaughlin, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from D. McLaughlin was provided as Attachment #38 to the Addendum.

JJ) Jim Miller, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Miller was provided as Attachment #39 to the Addendum.

KK) Janet Skiba-Stiles, Goodwood resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from J. Skiba-Stiles was provided as Attachment #40 to the Addendum.

LL) Sandra Campbell, Toronto resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Campbell was provided as Attachment #41 to the Addendum.

MM) Laura Falkenberg, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from L. Falkenberg was provided as Attachment #42 to the Addendum.

NN) Catherine Auler, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from C. Auler was provided as Attachment #43 to the Addendum.

OO) Erika Thimm, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from E. Thimm was provided as Attachment #44 to the Addendum.

PP) Tom Derlis, Scugog resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from T. Derlis was provided as Attachment #45 to the Addendum.

QQ) Susan Reesor, Pickering resident, re: DEAC Resolution on including the Carruthers Creek Headwaters in the Greenbelt

A copy of the email correspondence from S. Reesor was provided as Attachment #46 to the Addendum.

It was the consensus of the committee that the Information Items 10. A) to 10. QQ) inclusive, be received for information.

11. Other Business

A) Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee – Tree By-law Update

G. Carpentier advised that that he provided a presentation to Scugog Council with regards to their support of the public survey with regards to the proposal for a Tree By-law. He advised that Council accepted the presentation and will provide more guidance with regards to next steps.

B) S. Clearwater – Phragmites

S. Clearwater advised that she has resigned from Friends of the Second Marsh and that there is now a vacancy for another member of DEAC to be appointed.

S. Clearwater advised that she has various concerns with regards to the use of herbicides to remove phragmites. She advised that she has done research and believes the issue should be looked at with a more holistic approach. It was requested that S. Clearwater provide her research documentation to A. Luqman to be circulated to the committee.

Discussion ensued with regards to phragmites being an invasive species and the various ways to reduce them but also minimizing the impacts. It was discussed that there are different herbicide formulations for phragmite and aquatic control which are different from the formulations used for agriculture. O. Chaudry was requested to provide the names to A. Luqman for distribution to the committee.

C) G. Carpentier – Attendance at Committee Meetings

G. Carpentier inquired what the committee's Terms of Reference state with regards to non-attendance of meetings. A. Luqman confirmed that the Terms state that non-attendance of three consecutive meetings will be sufficient grounds for replacement.

12. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by O. Chaudry,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council

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February 3, 2022

Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8
caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Re: Provincial funding to municipalities to widen dead-end roads in Durham Region for the safe operation of school buses

Dear Minister Mulroney,

We are writing to you on behalf of Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) as the Durham District School Board (DDSB) and Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) representatives to request that provincial infrastructure funding be provided to municipalities to ensure they can appropriately construct areas for school bus vehicles to safely turn around on dead-end roads. Many dead-end roads, particularly in rural areas of the municipalities of Durham Region, do not currently have the appropriate conditions and turning radius for school bus vehicles to turn around safely.

As you are no doubt aware, student transportation is complex, requiring careful attention to safety considerations, routing, vehicle size and student needs. It has been suggested that spotters be available on bus routes to facilitate safe turnarounds of school bus vehicles on dead-end roads, and that buses should make three-point turns utilizing private driveways. The significant shortage of school bus drivers, the cost prohibitive nature of adding a second driver on each bus route, the liability of using private property, and the increased risk of potential accident when attempting to turn around on existing dead-end roads where there is no certainty that private driveways will be maintained to an appropriate standard, mean this solution is simply not feasible. Unfortunately, there have been times in the past when buses have been stuck in ditches and on shoulders. Alternatively, the use of smaller school bus vehicles on routes where dead-end roads are present has been considered, but in many cases, the roads are still not wide enough to facilitate safe turnaround and the driver shortage and cost increase of running additional buses on single routes confirm this solution is also not feasible.

In seeking ways to mitigate additional stress to school bus drivers who are already managing the significant responsibility of transporting students, we have worked with municipalities through their Public Works and Transportation departments to explore and determine feasibility of all available solutions. Unfortunately, municipalities have not been willing to make upgrades to their roadways and this issue has been a cause for many conflicts between DSTS and municipalities over the past few years.

We do understand that municipalities may not have sufficient funding from the property tax base to do this and are unlikely to increase taxes to fund such an endeavour. Ultimately, dead-end roads need to be widened to accommodate an appropriate turning radius for school buses. Alternatively, student transportation providers are left with no choice but to find safe places for school buses to stop to pick-up passengers. As municipalities are responsible for the provision and maintenance of roadways that are safe for bus and all other vehicle travel, funding to complete these projects is essential and that is why

we are reaching out directly to you to seek your support in providing funding for these types of turnarounds.

In addition to seeking infrastructure funding, we are also advocating for proactive change. Going forward all municipalities should be required to construct subdivisions and roads where the design of any dead-end roads includes a wide enough radius for school bus vehicles to safely turn around.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Morton
Chairperson
Durham District School Board



Morgan Ste. Marie
Chairperson
Durham Catholic District School Board

Cc:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

M.P.P Lindsey Park, Durham

M.P.P Laurie Scott, Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

Trustees, Durham District School Board

Trustees, Durham Catholic District School Board

Durham Regional Council

Municipal Councils, Cities of Pickering and Oshawa, Towns of Ajax and Whitby, Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge