



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2022-INFO-28  
Date: April 1, 2022

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**Subject:**

Transition to Paperless Waste Collection Calendars

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report will provide Regional Municipality of Durham (Region) Council with background and rationale for switching to paperless waste collection calendars with collection information available via the Waste App and on the Region's website.

**2. Background**

2.1 Each year, the Region mails waste collection calendars to the residents of the Municipality of Clarington, Town of Ajax, City of Pickering, Township of Uxbridge, Township of Brock and the Township of Scugog. Calendars include a collection schedule, requirements for waste set outs and details regarding waste management programs. In 2021 the cost for waste collection calendar printing and distribution was over \$84,000.

2.2 The City of Oshawa (Oshawa) and Town of Whitby (Whitby) produce and distribute their own waste collection calendars to their respective residents.

2.3 The information contained in the Region's waste collection calendars is also available [online](#) and in the Waste App.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

3.1 There have been no previous reports on this topic.

### **4. Transition to Paperless Calendars**

4.1 The 2023 waste collection calendar (covering November 2022 to October 2023) is currently being developed and will be printed and distributed to residents in Fall 2022. This will be last full printing and distribution of the hardcopy waste collection calendar.

4.2 The 2023 calendar will include messaging about the phase out of the printed calendar and encourage residents to download the Region's Waste App as an alternate source of waste collection information. Promotion of the Waste App has been increased in anticipation of the printed calendar phase out.

4.3 A limited number of hardcopy waste collection calendars will be printed for each local area municipality and available upon request for the 2024 collection year (November 2023 to October 2024). This will be the last printing of any hardcopy calendars by the Region.

4.4 A printable calendar showing the collection schedule for an individual collection address is currently available to residents on the [durham.ca/waste](https://durham.ca/waste) web page and will continue to be available. The 2023 printed calendar will also highlight this option to residents. A sample of the printable calendar is show in Attachment #1.

4.5 The Region's Waste App also provides residents with the collection schedule, reminders about collection days, scheduling options for special collections and service alerts.

### **Long-term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040**

4.6 The second objective of the Long-term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040 (Waste Plan) is to reduce the quantity of waste we create. Hardcopy waste collection calendars are sent to every household receiving curbside collection and are used for a maximum of one year. Transitioning to online-only versions of the waste collection calendars will eliminate this waste stream.

4.7 The fourth objective of the Waste Plan is to support the Region's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and climate change mitigation efforts. Eliminating printing and distribution of hardcopy calendars will reduce GHG emissions associated with the

use of paper, the energy required to print the calendars and the use of Canada Post to distribute calendars to every household.

## **Public Feedback**

- 4.8 During the development of the new Waste Plan several surveys were conducted with residents to obtain input on various aspects of waste management services.
- 4.9 The Summer 2020 survey asked residents how they regularly receive information about the Region's waste programs and services. The number one source of information for residents was the Waste App followed by the Region's website. The hardcopy waste calendar was ranked third out of 11 options.
- 4.10 The Summer 2020 survey also asked residents for input on how to educate residents on waste and recycling programs. Expanding the waste management social media presence and providing more digital and/or virtual engagement options were the top ranked responses to this question.
- 4.11 The Spring 2021 survey asked residents how they currently accessed information on waste management programs including the waste collection schedules. The survey allowed residents to select all options that apply: Waste App, hardcopy calendar, website or other. Almost 80 per cent of residents indicated they currently used the Waste App while 30 per cent indicated the hardcopy waste calendar was their current source of information.

## **5. Oshawa and Whitby Phase Out**

- 5.1 Both Oshawa and Whitby are phasing out hardcopy waste collection calendars for their communities in 2023. Both communities provide calendars mid-year so the timing will differ from the Region's planned phase out schedule.
- 5.2 The upcoming Whitby waste calendar, which includes collections from June 2022 to May 2023, will be the last printed version mailed to each household. This calendar contains messaging alerting residents to the upcoming change and encourages digital options for waste management information going forward.
- 5.3 Oshawa's waste calendar, which includes collections from July 2022 to June 2023, will also be the last printed version mailed to each household. Oshawa will also direct residents to the Waste App or the Oshawa website for waste collection information.

5.4 Given the differences in calendar printing and distribution schedules, the timing for elimination of hardcopy waste collection calendars for all Regional residents is aligned to the extent possible. The Region's 2023 hardcopy printed calendar will be the final calendar distributed to all residents.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Regional Strategic Plan:

a. Environmental Sustainability:

Goal 1.2: Increase waste diversion and resource recovery

Goal 1.4: Demonstrate leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change

## **7. Conclusion**

7.1 Printed and mailed waste collection calendars are being phased out for the Regional Municipality of Durham and will no longer be distributed to Regional residents after the 2023 collection calendar. The City of Oshawa and Town of Whitby are also eliminating hardcopy waste collection calendars.

7.2 Waste collection information is available via the Regional Municipality of Durham's Waste App and [online](#).

7.3 Eliminating the hardcopy waste collection calendar will reduce waste generation and greenhouse gas emissions associated with printing and distributing the calendars.

7.4 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello. Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

## **8. Attachments**

8.1 Attachment #1: Printable Calendar Sample

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Commissioner of Works

# Collection Schedule

## Bowmanville



: Pumpkins   
 : Blue Box   
 : Green Bin   
 : Garbage   
 : Yard Waste   
 : Battery Collection   
 : Holiday

#### March 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 27 | 28 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  |

#### April 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  |
| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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#### May 2022

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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |

#### June 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
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#### July 2022

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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#### August 2022

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  |

#### September 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1  | 2  | 3  |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1  |

#### October 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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#### November 2022

| S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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#### December 2022

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# Summary of collection services

## Blue Box

### Weekly collection

- Separate papers from containers
- Maximum weight is 20 kilograms (44 pounds) per box.
- **Not acceptable:** Styrofoam, pots and pans, window glass, mirrors, toys or plastic bags.



## Garbage

### Every second week collection

- A four-bag limit applies to garbage collection.
- A garbage bag tag must be attached to any additional garbage bags.
- Maximum weight is 20 kilograms (44 pounds).



## Green Bin

### Weekly collection

- Line your bin with compostable bags, paper-based products, or newspaper.
- Green bins containing plastic bags will not be collected.
- Maximum weight is 20 kilograms (44 pounds).



## Batteries

### Twice annual collection

- Spring and fall curbside collection.
- Place used dry cell batteries inside your own zipper-style bag. Place orange sticker on bag.
- Place sealed battery bag on top of your recycling box for collection on designated weeks noted in calendar.



## Yard Waste

### Seasonal collection

- Yard waste is collected in kraft paper bags or reusable open-top containers.
- Tie brush in bundles. Three-bundle limit per collection.
- Maximum weight is 20 kilograms (44 pounds).



## Special collections

Special collections such as bulky and metal goods, porcelain and electronics vary by municipality. For more information please visit our website [www.durham.ca/waste](http://www.durham.ca/waste).



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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2022-INFO-29  
Date: April 1, 2022

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**Subject:**

Regional Staff Comments on ERO Posting #019-4978: Draft Subwatershed Planning Guide

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 On January 27, 2022, the province released Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting [#019-4978](#) for public consultation on a draft Subwatershed Planning Guide. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide and highlight Regional staff comments.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Provincial Policy Statement, Greenbelt Plan, Growth Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan all recognize or require watershed or subwatershed planning (or equivalent) to inform land use planning decisions. Many of the watershed plans in Durham were completed between 2010 and 2013 to satisfy this requirement and cover most of Durham's land area.

- 2.2 In 2018, the province released draft Watershed Planning Guidance through ERO Posting [#013-1817](#) and Regional Council provided comments on this document. In August 2021, notice was given that this draft Watershed Planning Guidance is still under active review with no indication of when it would be finalized.
- 2.3 Regional staff participated in a webinar on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide released through ERO Posting #019-4978 on February 16, 2022. The webinar was hosted by the province.
- 2.4 The deadline for comments on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide was March 13, 2022, representing a 45-day commenting period. Given the short commenting period, it was not possible to deliver Council-endorsed comments to the province prior to their deadline. Therefore, Regional comments were provided to the province by way of a letter from the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development (see Attachment #1). The authority for the Commissioner to comment on behalf of the Region is provided under Delegation of Authority By-law 29-2020. Staff comments on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide are consistent with Regional Council's position on the previous draft Watershed Planning Guidance from 2018.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 The Region's comments on the province's draft Watershed Planning Guidance Document was provided through Report [#2018-COW-68](#).

### **4. Draft Subwatershed Planning Guide**

- 4.1 The term "watershed" is defined in the Provincial Policy Statement "an area that is drained by a river and its tributaries" and is the ecological meaningful geographic scale for integrated and long-term planning. The term "subwatershed" is not specifically defined in the PPS. A subwatershed is smaller geographic unit of a broader watershed where water flows into a larger body of water. For example, East Duffins is a subwatershed of the larger Duffins Creek watershed. There will be times when it is appropriate for municipalities to have a plan for the protection and enhancement the overall watershed, (e.g. the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan), and there will be times when the appropriate level of study is a subwatershed. Often subwatershed planning is undertaken at the time of a Secondary Plan, to support future growth and develop a plan to allow for sustainable development, while ensuring maximum benefits to the natural environment.

- 4.2 The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan has required watershed planning since 2002. The Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan now require upper and single tier municipalities to ensure watershed planning is undertaken in partnership with conservation authorities, to support a comprehensive, integrated, and long-term approach to protecting, enhancing or restoring water quality and quantity within a watershed.
- 4.3 The province has developed a draft [Subwatershed Planning Guide](#), to provide advice for implementing land use planning policies for subwatershed planning in coordination with planning for water, wastewater and storm water servicing, water resources, drinking water source protection and climate change resilience.
- 4.4 The draft Guide includes the following:
- a. An overview of subwatershed planning, including the policy context, purpose, benefits, key principles and process;
  - b. A description of the relationship between watershed, subwatershed, land use, and infrastructure planning and specific conservation authority programs and services;
  - c. Guidance on the preparation of subwatershed plans, including:
    - identifying existing conditions and undertaking initial impact assessments;
    - completing impact assessments and developing preferred land use scenarios;
    - developing implementation and management strategies; and
  - d. Guidance on public engagement, including Indigenous partnerships.

## **5. Regional Comments on Draft Subwatershed Planning Guide**

- 5.1 The following are staff's comments on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide:
- a. Existing subwatershed planning guidance is almost 30 years old (1993). The update reflects current land use planning policies within Provincial Plans and provides a framework for subwatershed planning. However, the interchangeable use of terms, "watershed plan" and "subwatershed plan" is confusing. One reason may be that the PPS talks to "watershed planning" while the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan reference "subwatershed planning". While the context may be important for an appendix, the Guide should focus on best practices for subwatershed-level planning.

- b. As previously mentioned, in 2018 Regional Council provided comments on draft Watershed Planning Guidance, which has yet to be finalized. In staff's view, there is a need for both a broader watershed planning guidance document and the subwatershed planning guidance. Through staff's recent comments to the province, it was requested that the "parent" watershed planning guidance document also be finalized, in addition to the subwatershed planning guidance, with an explanation of how the watershed planning and subwatershed planning processes are intended to work together.
- c. More clarity is needed around the roles and responsibilities of CAs and their possible involvement in subwatershed studies. The Guide states that for conservation authorities to be involved in subwatershed planning, an MOU or agreement with the municipality is required and that "municipalities may decide to enter into agreements with conservation authorities, as appropriate, to undertake a role in the watershed or subwatershed planning." The Guide should acknowledge the importance of promoting partnerships between municipalities and conservation authorities, and that MOUs or service agreements under the implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act can be the vehicle to do so.
- d. The draft Subwatershed Planning Guide would benefit from examples of "best practice" subwatershed plans that have been completed across the province.
- e. In 2020, Regional Council declared a [climate emergency](#) and included demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change as a priority within our [Strategic Plan](#). The Region appreciates the inclusion of examples of how climate change can be considered in watershed and subwatershed planning. The province should recognize the additional financial requirements associated with these new considerations, and provide funding to assist municipalities in this regard.
- f. The Region recognizes the importance of meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities and has and will continue to work to build these relationships. Although the Region supports best practices on Indigenous engagement, embedding practices within a Subwatershed Planning Guide, in the absence of overall provincial guidance on Indigenous Partnerships and Engagement may be problematic. It is recommended that the expertise of the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs be leveraged and a comprehensive set of overarching Indigenous Partnerships and Engagement guidelines that apply more broadly across the province be developed. Considering capacity

pressures, the province should also make funding available to assist Indigenous communities in participating in watershed and subwatershed planning processes. It is also recommended that the need for Indigenous engagement be emphasized in the Guide, and the process of engagement be placed in an Appendix.

- g. Section 2.1 of the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide states that a fundamental purpose of undertaking subwatershed planning can include, “developing a framework to inform land use planning and regulatory decisions and maximizes cost efficiencies to municipalities, agencies, development sector, taxpayers and landowners.” The principles of watershed and subwatershed planning, as outlined within watershed and subwatershed planning guidance should continue to be “environment first”. Introducing competing principles could detract from the true intent of watershed and subwatershed planning and its ultimate effectiveness as a planning tool.
- h. Section 3.0 of the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide notes that priority and timing for subwatershed plans should be determined well before development pressures are acute. Given that development pressures are already acute throughout the urban area and whitebelt, further clarity is suggested.
- i. Section 3.3.3 of the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide indicates that Phase 3 of the subwatershed plan should, “identify staging and sequencing of development of the subwatershed...”. It is recommended that this approach be revisited as development staging is a matter for official plans and secondary plans. Including these principles within subwatershed plans would confuse their role with land use planning documents.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
  - a. Priorities 1.3 and 1.4 under the goal of environmental sustainability; protect, preserve and restore the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, parks, trails and farmlands and demonstrate leadership in sustainability and climate change.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 Regional staff's comments on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide, consistent with Regional Council's comments on a previous consultation related to watershed and subwatershed planning, were forwarded to the province to meet the commenting deadline of March 13, 2022. The province will be advised of any changes to the comments as a result of this report.
- 7.2 Staff will continue to monitor this matter and report back to Council as necessary following the release of the final Subwatershed Planning Guide and/or final Watershed Planning Guidance document.
- 7.3 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the conservation authorities and area municipalities for their information.

## **8. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Regional staff comments on ERO Posting #019-4978 – Draft Subwatershed Planning Guide.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Sent Via Email

March 11, 2022

Jessica Isaac  
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Dear Ms. Isaac:

**RE: Regional Staff Comments on ERO Posting #019-4978:  
 Draft Subwatershed Planning Guide**

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On January 27, 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) released ERO Posting #019-4978, seeking feedback on a draft Subwatershed Planning Guide. The draft Guide seeks to address:

- guidance for integrating subwatershed planning into land use planning;
- implementing provincial land use policy; and
- barriers to housing development.

Durham Region works closely with our five conservation authority partners on the preparation of watershed and subwatershed plans. Many of the watershed plans in Durham were completed between 2010 and 2013 and cover most of Durham's land area.

Regional staff have been very involved in past consultations on draft Watershed Planning Guidance. Regional staff also attended a provincial webinar on the Subwatershed Planning Guide on February 16, 2022.

The following outlines Regional staff comments on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide:

1. It is our understanding that the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide serves to update existing subwatershed planning guidance to reflect current land use planning policies under the Provincial Plans and provides a framework for subwatershed

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planning. The Region welcomes this update, as existing subwatershed planning guidance is almost 30 years old. **However, the interchangeable use of terms, "watershed plan" and "subwatershed plan" is confusing.** One reason may be that the PPS talks to "watershed planning" while the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan reference "subwatershed planning." While the context may be important for an appendix, the Guide should focus on best practices for subwatershed-level planning.

2. In 2018, Regional Council provided comments on draft Watershed Planning Guidance, in response to ERO Posting #013-1817. In August 2021, notice was given that this draft Watershed Planning Guidance was still under active review. It is requested that municipalities, conservation authorities and other partners see the finalized Watershed Planning Guidance and be provided with an explanation of how the watershed planning and subwatershed planning processes are intended to work together.
3. More clarity is needed around the roles and responsibilities of CAs and their possible involvement in subwatershed studies. The Guide states that for conservation authorities to be involved in subwatershed planning, an MOU or agreement with the municipality is required and that "municipalities may decide to enter into agreements with conservation authorities, as appropriate, to undertake a role in the watershed or subwatershed planning." The Guide should acknowledge the importance of promoting partnerships between municipalities and conservation authorities, and that MOUs or service agreements under the implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act can be the vehicle to do so.
4. The Subwatershed Planning Guide would benefit from examples of "best practice" subwatershed plans that have been completed across the province.
5. In 2020, Regional Council declared a [climate emergency](#) and included demonstrating leadership in sustainability and addressing climate change as a priority within our [Strategic Plan](#). The Region appreciates the inclusion of examples of how climate change can be considered in watershed and

subwatershed planning. The province should recognize the additional financial requirements associated with these new considerations and provide funding to assist municipalities in this regard.

6. The Region recognizes the importance of meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities and has and will continue to work to build these relationships. The Region supports best practices in Indigenous engagement for watershed and subwatershed planning. However, embedding this section in the Subwatershed Planning Guide, in the absence of overall provincial guidance on Indigenous Partnerships and Engagement may be problematic. It is recommended that the need for Indigenous engagement be emphasized in the Guide, but the process of engagement be placed in an Appendix. It is also recommended that the expertise of the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs be leveraged and a comprehensive set of overarching Indigenous Partnerships and Engagement guidelines that apply more broadly across the province be developed. Considering capacity pressures, the province should also make funding available to assist Indigenous communities in participating in watershed and subwatershed planning processes.
7. Section 2.1 outlines that a fundamental purpose of undertaking subwatershed planning can include, “developing a framework to inform land use planning and regulatory decisions and maximizes cost efficiencies to municipalities, agencies, development sector, taxpayers and landowners.” The principles of watershed and subwatershed planning, as outlined within watershed and subwatershed planning guidance should continue to be “environment first”. Introducing competing principles could detract from the true intent of watershed and subwatershed planning and its ultimate effectiveness as a planning tool.
8. Section 3.0 notes that priority and timing for subwatershed plans should be determined well before development pressures are acute. This is challenging in the context of Durham, where development pressure is acute throughout the urban area and whitebelt.

9. Section 3.3.3 outlines that Phase 3 of the subwatershed plan should, “identify staging and sequencing of development of the subwatershed...” It is recommended that this approach be revisited as development staging is a matter for official plans and secondary plans. Including these principles within subwatershed plans would result in confusion because they are not land use planning documents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the draft Subwatershed Planning Guide. Given the short commenting period, the comments contained herein are those of Regional staff. We will bring this letter to Regional Council’s attention and if there are any changes as a result, will advise accordingly. Please direct any questions to Amanda Bathe at [Amanda.Bathe@durham.ca](mailto:Amanda.Bathe@durham.ca).

Regards,

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for

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Chief Administrative Officer  
Report: #2022-INFO-30  
Date: April 01, 2022

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**Subject:**

Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Recovery and Prosperity Alliance

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides Regional Council with an update regarding the participation of the Chief Administrative Officer and Regional staff in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) Recovery and Prosperity Alliance (RPA), an initiative led by the City of Toronto.

**2. Background**

2.1 The members of the GTHA Recovery and Prosperity Alliance (RPA) generally agree on the need to invest across the GTHA to achieve a strong recovery from COVID-19. The RPA framework was created in April 2021 to strengthen existing cooperative working relationships among participating municipalities and regions to identify shared challenges and advance regional outcomes and solutions.

2.2 The RPA is composed of GTHA City Managers or Chief Administrative Officers from Brampton, Burlington, Hamilton, Mississauga, Oakville, Toronto, as well as the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York, and representation from additional municipalities at specific working group tables as needed. The RPA has committed to meet until October 22, 2022.

2.3 The objectives of the RPA are to:

- a. Identify shared priorities and create opportunities that leverage expertise, commitments and investments to achieve recovery and renewal of the region;

- b. Strengthen relationships amongst municipalities and regions by identifying shared challenges and working collectively to advance shared outcomes and solutions;
  - c. Contribute data, evidence and expertise including through improved information sharing and peer-to-peer learning to inform new approaches and actions;
  - d. Explore agreed upon Issue Areas and recommend opportunities for collaboration across and between regions and municipalities; and
  - e. Coordinate effective engagement with federal and provincial governments to identify shared objectives and outcomes, key investments, and regional approaches to stimulate economic recovery.
- 2.4 The challenges of pandemic recovery extend across geographic boundaries. The members agree that it is in their mutual interest to explore opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery, reduce costs and bring innovation through enhanced collaboration and cooperation in five Issue Areas of mutual interest:
- a. Transit
  - b. Housing
  - c. Digital Infrastructure
  - d. Procurement
  - e. Sustainable Finance
- 2.5 An Executive Table, made up of the City Manager or Chief Administrative Officer from each member municipality or region, provides overall leadership to this initiative. Chris Murray, City Manager at the City of Toronto, serves as the Chair of the Executive Table and Elaine Baxter-Trahair represents Durham Region.
- 2.6 Working Tables have been established for the Issue Areas identified above. Municipalities and regions are represented at Working Tables by representatives designated by each City Manager and Chief Administrative Officer. Recommendations arising from the Working Tables are presented to the Executive Table for approval.
- 2.7 Where necessary, approved recommendations from the Executive Table may be referred to all RPA municipal and regional Councils for approval.
- 3. Previous Reports and Decisions**
- 3.1 No previous reports or decisions
- 4. GTHA Recovery and Prosperity Alliance Update**
- 4.1 Durham Region representatives have provided key insights towards each of the GTHA Recovery and Prosperity Alliance Tables. The Executive Table meets monthly to review and discuss progress for each Issue Area. Strategy Corp has

been retained to provide overall project management and guide strategic discussions.

4.2 Specific updates regarding each Issue Area are outlined in the sections below.

## 5. Transit Table

5.1 Bill Holmes, General Manager of Durham Region Transit and Nicole Ratti, Manager, Policy and Planning, participate at the table. The Transit Table, convened and administered by the Ministry of Transportation, works together to develop recommendations, guiding principles, and considerations for fare and service integration (FSI) in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to improve cross-boundary travel and the rider experience. The Table is intended to be a problem-solving body that explores ideas and enhances collaboration.

5.2 In Phase 1, the Table is addressing immediate FSI objectives by identifying recommendations for overcoming barriers such as:

- a. Implementing one bus/one fare.
  - b. Addressing cross boundary service integration issues – such as paying two fares on a short trip that crosses a municipal boundary.
  - c. Harmonizing concession categories across systems.
  - d. Identifying accessibility and mobility issues for improvement, including for specialized-transit users and low-income riders.
  - e. Increased service alignment to improve access to employment and essential services; and
  - f. Other initiatives identified by the Table as short-term items that would advance foundational actions.
- Phase 1 outcomes include a provincial announcement on Mar 4, 2022, highlighting 100 per cent Co-Fare agreements with 905 municipal transit agencies as well as other GO specific fare changes.
  - The Table has created three recommended fare strategies (based on the Metrolinx framework). The province will engage a consultant to conduct a fulsome analysis/business case and provide recommendations to the province.
  - A cross-boundary service integration pilot program developed by the TTC, DRT, Brampton Transit, Mississauga Transit and York Transit was presented to the Table which highlighted the barriers to service integration (such as required legislative change to City of Toronto Act, TTC collective agreement restrictions, and a PRESTO solution).
  - Common advocacy positions have been created including a need for 905 municipalities to be fully funded for additional operating and capital costs associated with service integration.

5.3 Phases 2 and 3 will recommend regional fare structure and governance based on jointly identified objectives and priorities

## 6. Housing Table

6.1 Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, sits at the Housing Table. The Housing Table has three specific deliverables:

- a. Comprehensive understanding of current state of Housing and Homelessness in the GTHA (6-12 months)
  - This deliverable is important to have a GTHA-wide understanding of existing housing and future needs across the housing continuum.
  - The data will support data-driven decision making, action and advocacy, and will track government housing investments across the GTHA.
  - Between February and June 2022, the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) will perform data gathering and will create a snapshot of the housing system across the GTHA.
- b. Increased investment in GTHA Housing through enhanced Collaboration and Advocacy (6-12 months)
  - The Housing Table members shared lessons learned from the Rapid Housing Initiative round one to inform round two submissions.
  - Issues to be raised with provincial and federal governments were identified. Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) have been invited to attend meetings in 2022 to discuss.
  - Once the first deliverable is achieved, the data will be used to develop a joint advocacy position, focusing on maintaining and increasing investment in housing and related support services.
  - The Housing table examined potential alignment with the Procurement Table to take a regional approach to modular housing.
  - Participating in the Housing Research Collaborative (HRC) which is seeking to establish standardized and comparable housing need and land assessment tools to improve the quality of housing decision-making (January 2022-March 2023). The HRC has secured funding from CMHC.
- c. Enhancing New Housing Supply in GTHA (6-12 months)
  - Input and advocacy into the federal Housing Accelerator Fund is currently being completed by CUI.
  - Input and advocacy to the province on new housing supply inclusionary zoning regulations and implementation, planning levers, investment, and financial tools (e.g., property tax deferral), exploring ways to price and rent within market, reduction in land speculation, and sufficient housing supply.

## 7. Digital Infrastructure Table

- 7.1 Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Paul Frizado, Director of Broadband Services and Riaz Razvi, Broadband Specialist represent the Region at the Table. The objective of the table is to establish a clear municipal role in providing affordable internet through partnerships that leverage municipal assets. The Table has three working groups with the following deliverables.
- a. Optimizing Assets working group is focused on creating an inventory of municipal/regional fibre assets that can be leveraged across the GTHA (6 months).
    - An inventory map of all municipal/regional fibre assets across GTHA completed outlining the various stages of fibre asset deployments across the GTHA and potential for future interconnects and areas of collaboration.
  - b. Advocacy/Legislative Changes working group is developing an approach/strategy that can be used by GTHA municipalities to advocate to the provincial and federal governments to improve digital infrastructure and close the digital divide (12-18 months).
    - Digital Advocacy Briefing Materials have been developed in draft form. The purpose of the materials is to raise awareness with community leaders (both elected and administrative) of the impacts of lack of access to digital connectivity throughout the GTHA.
    - A joint GTHA advocacy strategy that includes the identification of key spokespeople, is under development.
    - A report that outlines recommendations to the provincial and federal governments has been drafted and will be circulated for comments before sharing with Councils as appropriate.
  - c. Delivery Model Options working group is sharing information, identifying best practices based on key objectives, finding opportunities for collaboration, and defining conditions for effective delivery models of fibre network across the GTHA (6-12 months).
    - An inventory summary of various models for municipal fibre-based networks was compiled from a survey. A summary analysis provided some best practice review for business/financial models for municipal fibre networks.
    - A proposal to work with an external consultant to further study regulatory and competitive impacts of various models and a GTHA network corridor has been proposed. Durham Region has already completed this work as part of the creation of the Municipal Services Corporation. Details of consultant's scope of work will need to be reviewed to determine if there is value for Durham to participate.

## **8. Procurement Table**

- 8.1 Mary Simpson, Director of Risk Management, Economic Studies and Procurement and Karen Chatten, Manager of Purchasing, represent the Region at the Procurement Table. The objective of the table is to explore and pursue increased cooperation for procurement of common goods and services, including the development and alignment of procurement policies such as local procurement, social procurement, and climate change.
- 8.2 Two sub working groups have been established and will focus on fleet procurement and IT procurement as the two most likely areas for cost-savings. The working groups have met to share information for the purpose of identifying potential common contracts that could be candidates for cost savings if procured as a large scale GTHA cooperative.
- 8.3 A terms of reference that includes non-disclosure and confidentiality provisions, is being developed to provide the necessary legal basis for group purchasing and sharing of data.
- 8.4 The Table may consider retaining an external consultant to fully examine the potential cost-savings that could be achieved by a GTHA cooperative.

## **9. Sustainable Finance Table**

- 9.1 Nancy Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, represented the Region at the Sustainable Finance Sub-table. The objective of the Table was to study and make recommendations relating to the optional Small Business Subclass announced by the Province in the November 5, 2020, Provincial Budget.
- 9.2 The Sub-Table reviewed the provincial regulations released in May 2021, to study options for potential harmonization of Small Business Subclass implementations to support a broader approach to avoid competition between Regions/Cities within the GTHA. Although the Province introduced this subclass during the COVID-19 pandemic it is not meant as temporary tax relief relating to the pandemic.
- 9.3 While flexibilities were provided to municipalities to design the program, the group determined that a consistent implementation throughout the GTHA was not possible. The different municipal structures within the GTHA (large urban areas to small mainly rural areas), and the flexibility in the definition of the properties that would qualify for the tax reduction will lead to inconsistencies in the programs implemented throughout the GTHA.
- 9.4 The Table supports the flexible approach provided by the provincial regulations but also recommends alternative options for those municipalities choosing to proceed. These include a rebate program and a requirement for MPAC to collect and provide enhanced data to enable municipalities to make informed decisions around program eligibility criteria for the Small Business Subclass. The Sub-table

reported on their work to the Executive Table through the group Chair and has concluded its work.

- 9.5 The optional Small Business Property Tax Subclass was adopted by the City of Toronto and not adopted by Durham, Peel and York Regions. Other municipalities in the GTHA are still moving through their respective Council consideration process. Regional staff reported to Durham Council on this issue through Report 2021-F-29, Optional Small Business Property Tax Class.

## **10. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 10.1 This report aligns with/address the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Goal #3 – Economic Prosperity
  - 3.2 – Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth
- b. Goal #5 – Service Excellence
  - 5.1 – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value

## **11. Conclusion**

- 11.1 The GTHA Recovery and Prosperity Alliance continues to meet to strengthen working relationships between municipalities and regions and to advance shared priorities to achieve a strong recovery from COVID-19. Regional Council will continue to be updated on the progress of the RPA.
- 11.2 Report prepared by Alison Burgess, Manager Corporate Initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by

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**EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT**

**The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Report**

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2022-P-\*\*  
Date: May 3, 2022

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**Subject:**

Public Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Malone Given Parsons on behalf of Oland Holdings (Uxbridge) Inc., in association with TACC Developments to permit a soil remediation use in the Township of Uxbridge.

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2022-P-\*\* be received for information; and
  - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On March 3, 2022, Malone Given Parsons on behalf of Oland Holdings (Uxbridge) Inc., in association with TACC Developments submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit soil remediation and processing uses, including soil screening, sampling, crushing and treatment within an existing industrial building.

- 1.2 The subject site is located on the north side of Prouse Road, east of York Durham Line (Regional Road 30), approximately 1 kilometre north of Regional Highway 47 in the Township of Uxbridge (see Attachment #1).
- 1.3 There is an existing outdoor concrete recycling land use on the northeast portion of the subject site.
- 1.4 The proposed soil storage and processing operations are proposed to be conducted inside of the existing main building on the site, which is set on a concrete slab and is surrounded by asphalt parking areas.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 In 2021, the proponent applied for an amendment to the Uxbridge Zoning By-law (ZBA 2021-08) to permit the proposed use. The Township of Uxbridge conducted a public meeting for this amendment on September 20, 2021. The related zoning by-law amendment will facilitate the remediation of soil imported from various construction sites in the Greater Toronto Area.

## **3. Site Description**

- 3.1 The subject site is approximately 13.8 hectares (34.1 acres) in size and has approximately 135m of frontage on York Durham Line (Regional Road 30) and 290m of frontage on Prouse Road (see Attachment #1).
- 3.2 The buildings and parking area are generally at a lower elevation than the surrounding areas of the site, with rising slopes towards Prouse Road, York Durham Line and the haul road. The nearest residence is approximately 230m south of the site.
- 3.3 The northern portion of the site is currently used for concrete crushing. The southern portion of the site contains several industrial buildings, including the approximately 2,694 m<sup>2</sup> (29,000 square foot) building which will contain the proposed soil remediation and mixing operation and a separate smaller building that will be utilized as a batch plant.
- 3.4 The batch plant is a separate operation which will stockpile aggregate material (sand, gravel etc.) within buildings to the east and north of the plant before it is loaded on trucks for distribution to various construction sites.
- 3.5 The subject site is currently serviced by a private well and septage system.

3.6 Uses surrounding the subject site include:

- a. North – LaFarge Aggregate Pit;
- b. East – Aggregate Pit uses;
- c. South – Stouffville Glass, the Uxville Rural Employment Area, the Uxville Municipal Well serving the Uxville Rural Employment Area, Regional Highway 47; and
- d. West – LaFarge Aggregate Pit, York Durham Line (Regional Road 30), and a tunneled haul road connecting the surrounding LaFarge aggregate pits in Durham and York Regions.

3.7 Access to the site will remain from the existing driveway entrance located at the intersection of Prouse Road and Regional Road 30 (see Attachment #2).

**4. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application**

4.1 The applicant has submitted the following reports in support of the application:

- a. Addendum to a Planning Opinion Report, prepared by Malone Given Parsons, dated February 28, 2022;
- b. Scoped Hydrogeological Assessment, prepared by Palmer™, dated February 24, 2022;
- c. Environmental Noise Report, prepared by Jade Acoustics, dated July 30, 2021;
- d. Traffic Brief, prepared by CGH Transportation, dated July 29, 2021; and
- e. Preliminary Functional Servicing Report, prepared by Gunnell Engineering Ltd., dated July 2021.

4.2 The Region is also in receipt of several technical reports which were submitted in support of the related zoning by-law amendment application. These reports include:

- a. Planning Opinion Report, prepared by Malone Given Parsons, dated July 2021; and
- b. Existing Drainage Conditions, prepared by SCS Consulting Group Ltd., dated July 20, 2021.

4.3 As per Regional policy, the above noted hydrogeological assessment is required to be peer reviewed, at the proponent's cost.

## **5. Provincial Plans and Policies**

### **Provincial Policy Statement, 2020**

- 5.1 The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) promotes development that is compatible with the rural landscape and can be sustained by rural service levels. The PPS states that opportunities should be retained to locate new or expanding land uses that require separation from other uses.
- 5.2 The PPS also states that healthy, integrated and viable rural areas should be supported by promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities through goods and services, including value-added products and the sustainable management or use of resources.
- 5.3 The PPS also states that planning authorities should support, where feasible, on-site and local re-use of excess soil through planning and development approvals while protecting human health and the environment.

### **A Place to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**

- 5.4 The subject site is located within “rural lands” as defined by A Place to Grow. Rural lands are lands which are located outside of settlement areas and prime agricultural areas. Development may be permitted on rural lands for rural land uses that are not appropriate in settlement areas provided they:
  - a. are compatible with the rural landscape and surrounding land uses;
  - b. will be sustained by rural service levels; and
  - c. will not adversely affect the protection of agricultural uses and other resource-based uses such as mineral aggregate operations.
- 5.5 A Place to Grow directs relevant development proposals to incorporate best practices for the management of excess soil generated and fill received to ensure that:
  - a. Any excess soil is reused on-site or locally to the maximum extent possible and, where feasible, excess soil reuse planning is undertaken concurrently with development planning and design;
  - b. Appropriate sites for excess soil storage and processing are permitted close to areas where proposed development is concentrated or areas of potential soil reuse; and

- c. Fill quality received and fill placement at a site will not cause an adverse effect with regard to the current or proposed use of the property or the natural environment and is compatible with adjacent land uses.

### **Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP)**

- 5.6 The ORMCP designates the subject site as Countryside Areas.
- 5.7 The purpose of the Countryside Areas designation is to encourage agricultural and other rural uses that:
  - a. provide for the continuation of agricultural and other rural land uses and normal farm practices;
  - b. maintain the character of rural settlements; and
  - c. provide for compatible economic development among other objectives.
- 5.8 Permitted uses within Countryside Areas include, but are not limited to, small-scale commercial, industrial, and institutional uses, subject to criteria.
- 5.9 The subject site is also located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan; however, the policies of the ORMCP prevail when a site is subject to both plans.

### **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan**

- 5.10 Policy 6.25 DP of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) states that an application for development or site alteration within 120 metres of a key natural heritage feature or key hydrologic feature shall be accompanied by a natural heritage evaluation meeting the requirements of Policy 6.26.
- 5.11 Development, as defined by the LSPP, includes a change in land use which requires approval under the Planning Act.
- 5.12 The building where the proposed land use is to occur is located within 120m of a key natural heritage or hydrologic feature (KNHFF).

### **On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation (O. Reg. 406/19, as amended)**

- 5.13 The Ontario On-Site Excess Soil Management Regulation (the Regulation) provides rules and requirements for the reuse and management of excess soil, including, but not limited to:

- a. When excess soil is designated as a waste;
  - b. Standards for the appropriate reuse of excess soil; and
  - c. Roles and associated risks among those involved in construction projects involving soil excavation.
- 5.14 The Regulation designates all excess soil as waste, unless all of the following criteria are satisfied:
- a. The excess soil is directly transported to a reuse site where it will be reused for a beneficial purpose;
  - b. The owner or operator of the reuse site has consented in writing to the deposit of the soil (unless the owner or operator is also the Project Leader for the project from which the excess soil was delivered);
  - c. The excess soil is dry soil and remains dry soil until it is finally placed at the reuse site, or, if it is not dry soil, then the deposit of liquid soil at the reuse site is authorized by an instrument such as an Environmental Compliance Approval;
  - d. To align with beneficial reuse, the quality and quantity of the soil must meet newly prescribed standards; and
  - e. If the reuse site is governed by one of the instruments outlined in section 3.4(4) of the Regulation, then the conditions set out in section 4 are satisfied. If the reuse site is not governed by an instrument detailed in section 3.2(4), then the conditions set out in section 5 are satisfied.
- 5.15 If the soil at any time prior to final placement fails to meet any of the above noted criteria, then the excess soil will be considered waste and must be managed in accordance with the Ontario waste management legislation.
- 5.16 Whether or not excess soil may be reused, or treated as waste will depend, in part, on whether it is contaminated and to what degree. Unless an exemption under the Regulation applies, excess soil must meet applicable quality standards in order to be deposited on reuse sites.
- 5.17 The generic standards for allowed concentrations of contaminants in excess soil are set out in standards which are mostly based on the Soil, Groundwater and Sediment Standards made under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act and allow for excess soil compliant with the applicable generic standards to be deposited on reuse sites governed by the same, or less strict, generic standards.

5.18 New planning requirements that support reuse of excess soil were introduced under sections 11 through 14 of the Regulation and came into effect on January 1, 2022. The new requirements include that a project leader file notice in the online registry before they remove excess soil from the project area.

### **Regional Official Plan (ROP)**

- 5.19 The ROP designates the subject site as Oak Ridges Moraine – Countryside Areas. Countryside Areas within the Oak Ridges Moraine are areas of existing rural land use intended to protect prime agricultural areas, provide for the continuation of agricultural and other rural land uses and maintain the character of Rural Settlements. Permitted uses within this designation include agricultural, agricultural-related, small-scale commercial, industrial, institutional, existing residential and major recreational uses that are consistent with the policies of the ROP and the ORMCP.
- 5.20 Since the excess soil would be designated as waste by Ontario Regulation 406/19, the proposed use would meet the definition of a Landfill Site in the Regional Official Plan (ROP), which includes any land, building or structure in which waste is deposited or processed, where waste includes materials designated under the Environmental Protection Act. ROP policy 2.3.36 states that the establishment of new landfill sites shall require an amendment to the ROP.
- 5.21 According to Schedule 'B' – Map 'B2' of the ROP, portions of the subject site are located within a Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) given that the subject site is located in the vicinity the Uxville Municipal Well which serves the Uxville Rural Employment Area. Schedule E – Table 'E5' of the ROP considers the proposed soil processing use as a high-risk land use.
- 5.22 Schedule 'E' Table 'E6' of the ROP identifies land use restrictions in proximity to Wellhead Protection Areas. High Risk Land Uses include landfills and waste transfer stations, and are subject to restrictions from the 5 year to 25 year time of travel. High risk land uses may only be permitted if the applicant submits an appropriate study demonstrating that any impacts on the municipal well will be within acceptable limits, to the satisfaction of the Region. A hydrogeological study has been submitted and is in the process of being peer reviewed. The Provincial Source Protection Information Atlas identifies the subject site within Area 'D' of the above noted WHPA, where any contaminants would take up to 25 years to travel to the municipal well which is the subject of the WHPA.

## **6. Proposed Official Plan Amendment**

- 6.1 The proposed Regional Official Plan amendment is proposing to permit a new landfill site for a soil processing/remediation use.

## **7. Consultation**

- 7.1 The application has been circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (which in turn coordinates responses from all relevant Provincial ministries), the Township of Uxbridge, the Region of York, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Regional Works Department, the Regional Health Department, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, Canada Post, Hydro One, Rogers, Bell Canada, Enbridge Gas and Enbridge Pipelines and Ontario Power Generation.
- 7.2 At the time of writing this report, comments have been received by York Region and the TRCA indicating they have no concerns with the proposed amendment.

## **8. Public Participation**

- 8.1 A “Notice of Public Meeting” regarding this application has been advertised in the “Uxbridge Times Journal” and the “Stouffville Sun Tribune” and mailed to all property owners within 120 metres of the proposed amendment. This report was also made available to the public prior to the meeting.
- 8.2 Anyone who attends or participates in a public meeting may present an oral submission and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 8.3 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal); and
  - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT, as grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 8.4 Anyone who wants to be notified of Regional Council’s decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

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## **9. Future Regional Council Decision**

- 9.1 The Planning and Economic Development Committee will consider the proposed ROP Amendment at a future meeting and will make a recommendation to Regional Council. Council's decision will be final unless appealed.
- 9.2 All persons who make oral submissions, or have requested notification in writing, will be given notice of the future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Regional Council at which the subject application will be considered.

## **10. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 10.1 There are no previous reports on this matter.

## **11. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 11.1 Economic Prosperity and Service Excellence – In the processing of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications, the objective is to ensure responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

## **12. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Site Plan

Respectfully submitted,

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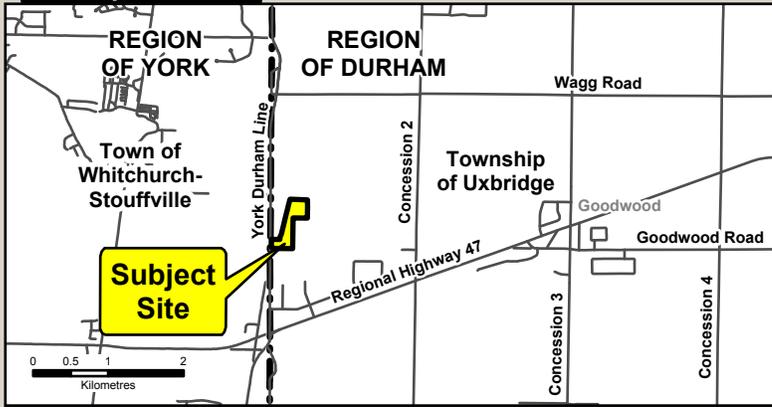
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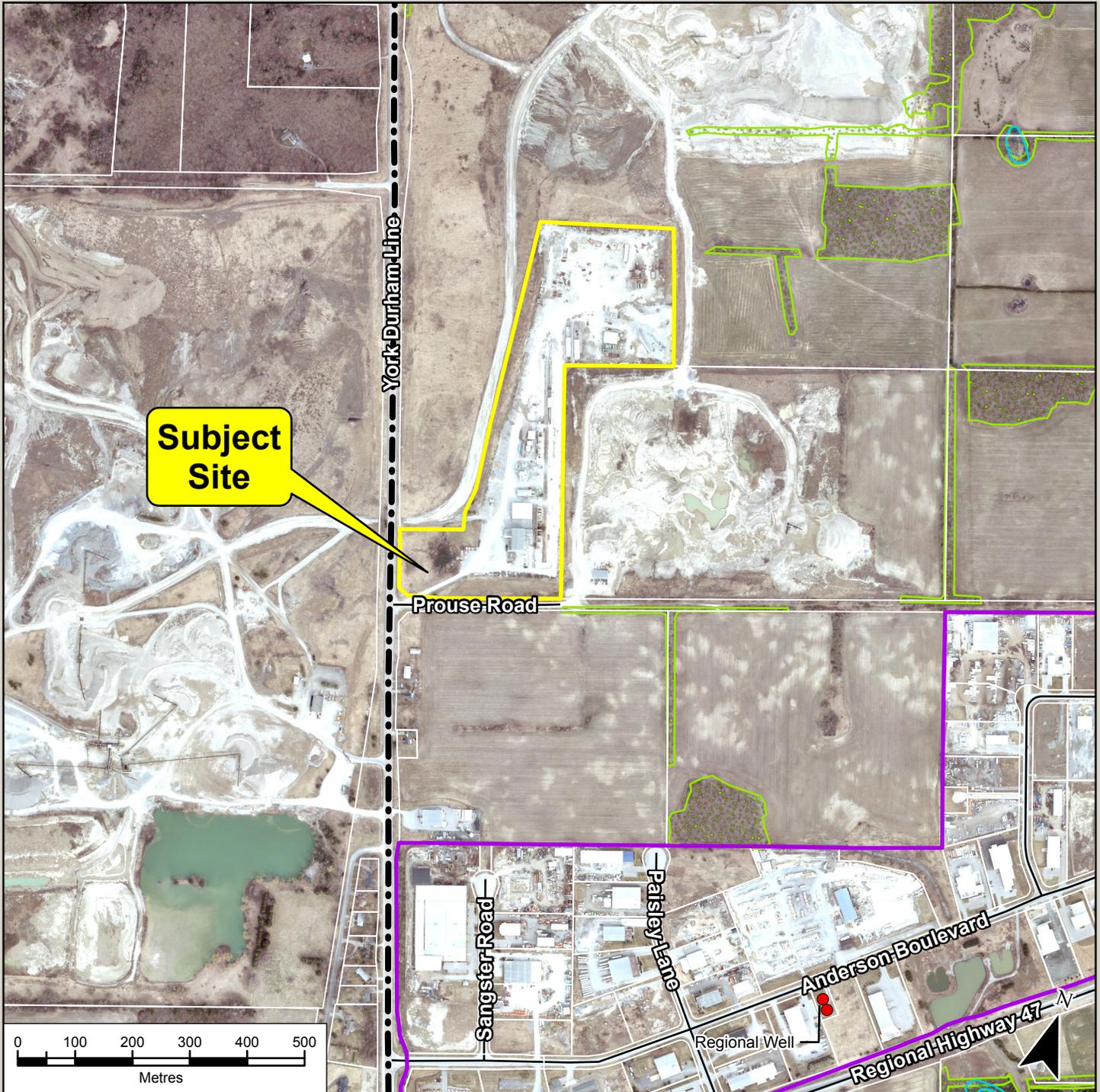
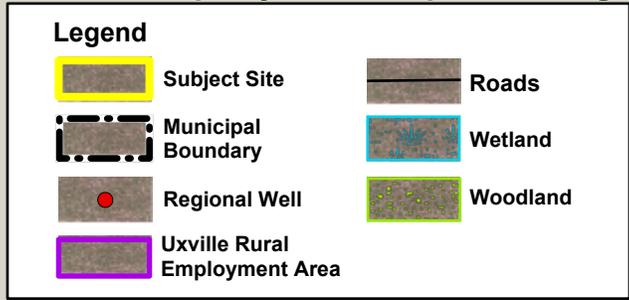
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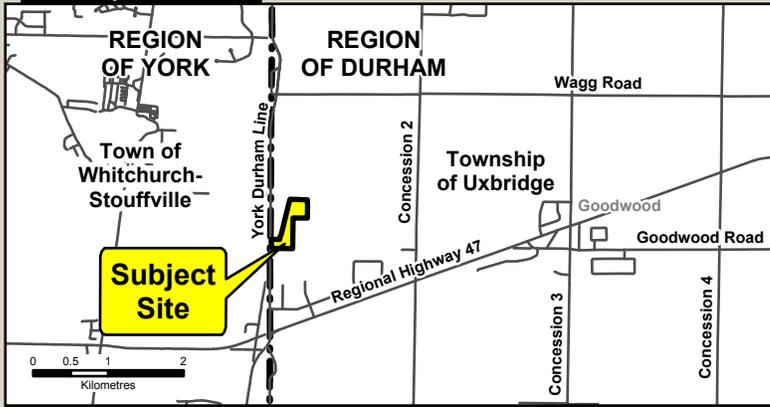
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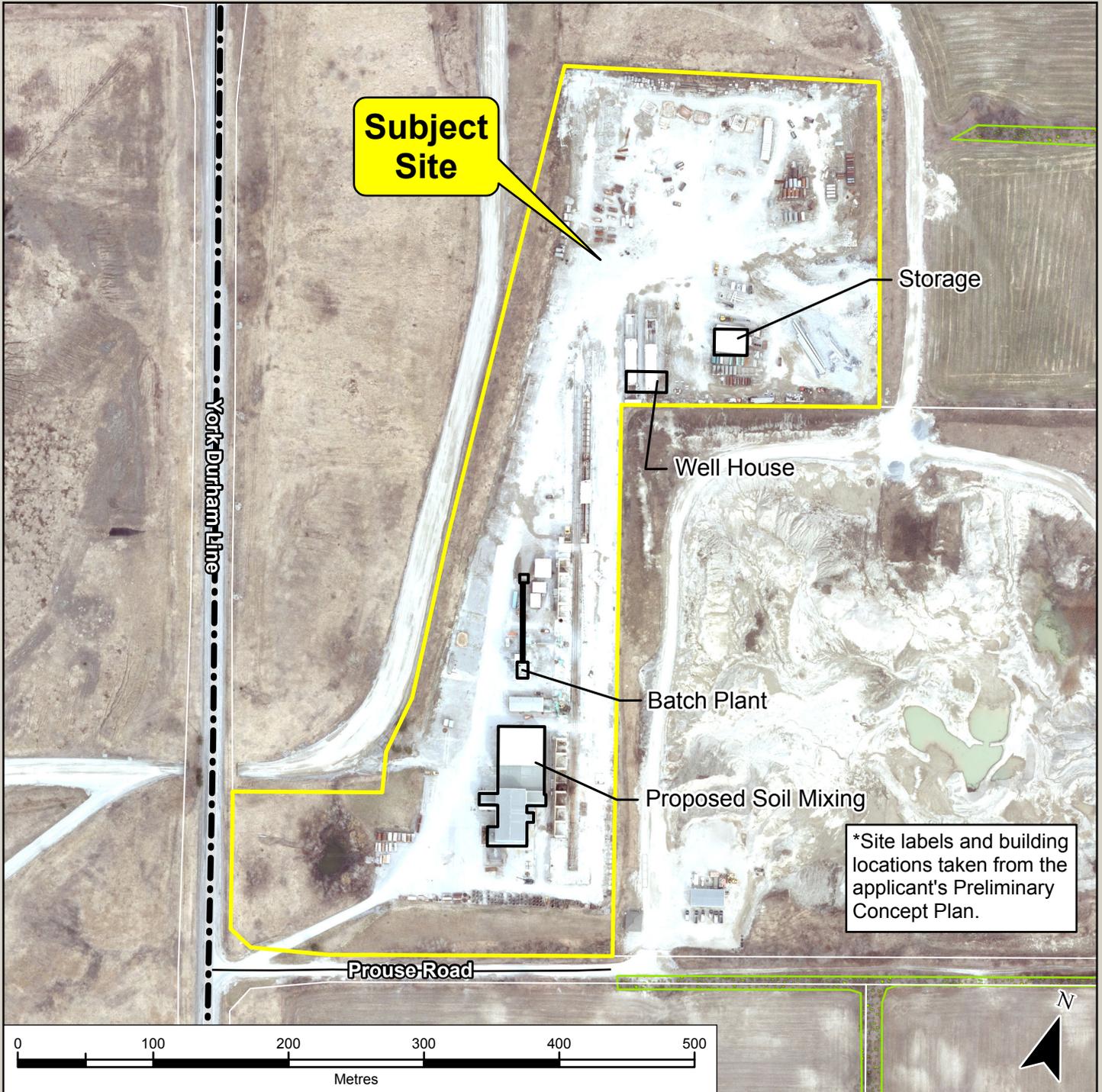
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**Municipal Context**



**Legend**

-  Subject Site
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Roads
-  Woodland





# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** April 1, 2022

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – March 27, 2022

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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,

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**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 27, 2022**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/yx29a9e7](https://tinyurl.com/yx29a9e7)**

- Health Department providing immunization clinics for students who missed school-based vaccinations (Mar 14)

**[tinyurl.com/4ap7wzbx](https://tinyurl.com/4ap7wzbx)**

- COVID-19 Therapeutic Clinic Update (Mar 16)

**[tinyurl.com/ywb3ptnn](https://tinyurl.com/ywb3ptnn)**

- Update on School-Based Immunizations (Mar 16)

**[tinyurl.com/brmj658z](https://tinyurl.com/brmj658z)**

- Durham Opioid Response Plan updated (Mar 22)

**[tinyurl.com/2p94epna](https://tinyurl.com/2p94epna)**

- It's Time to Spring Forward and Change Your Batteries (Mar 25)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/cwnjy6j4](https://tinyurl.com/cwnjy6j4)**

- Canada's poverty rate decreased significantly in 2020 (Mar 23)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yve7pc77](https://tinyurl.com/yve7pc77)**

- Canada launches consultations on a Clean Electricity Standard to achieve a net-zero emissions grid by 2035 (Mar 15)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/m2d7t7ty](https://tinyurl.com/m2d7t7ty)**

- Government of Canada Begins Work with Partners on National Standards for Mental Health and Substance Use Services (Mar 14)

**[tinyurl.com/38sx3pzp](https://tinyurl.com/38sx3pzp)**

- Government of Canada seeks input from Canadians on the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* (Mar 16)

**[tinyurl.com/2p86rjyb](https://tinyurl.com/2p86rjyb)**

- Health Canada authorizes use of the Moderna Spikevax (50 mcg) COVID-19 vaccine in children 6-11 years of age (Mar 17)

**[tinyurl.com/yj4sb3w3](https://tinyurl.com/yj4sb3w3)**

- Government of Canada taking action to further protect Canadians and the environment from the risks of pesticides (Mar 21)

**[tinyurl.com/2bxarzdv](https://tinyurl.com/2bxarzdv)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis (Mar 23)

**[tinyurl.com/ecxkfken](https://tinyurl.com/ecxkfken)**

- Health Canada authorizes Héma-Québec submission to make source plasma donor screening criteria more inclusive for men who have sex with men (Mar 24)

**[tinyurl.com/2p8h8tcb](https://tinyurl.com/2p8h8tcb)**

- Remarks from the Minister of Health on Backlogs Top-Up & Five Areas of Priority for the Future of Federal Provincial Relations on Health Care (Mar 25)

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mr396fdf](https://tinyurl.com/mr396fdf)**

- Indigenous Services Canada COVID-19 update – Week of March 24, 2022 (Mar 24)

**Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mr2yb7uu](https://tinyurl.com/mr2yb7uu)**

- Government of Canada invests in small modular reactor technology to help transition Canada to net zero with cleaner sources of energy (Mar 17)

**Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/23wvfdbp](https://tinyurl.com/23wvfdbp)**

- Delivering for Canadians Now (Mar 22)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2hhmavfm](https://tinyurl.com/2hhmavfm)**

- Government of Canada will remove pre-entry test requirements for fully vaccinated travellers on April 1 (Mar 17)

**[tinyurl.com/3ern83m7](https://tinyurl.com/3ern83m7)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on March 18, 2022

**[tinyurl.com/52eshy84](https://tinyurl.com/52eshy84)**

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses – Latest National Data on the Overdose Crisis (Mar 23)

**[tinyurl.com/mw9js4pe](https://tinyurl.com/mw9js4pe)**

- Joint Message from the Federal Ministers of Health, Indigenous Services and Northern Affairs on World Tuberculosis Day – March 24, 2022

**[tinyurl.com/3nvd67de](https://tinyurl.com/3nvd67de)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on March 25, 2022

**Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/5n7zh247](https://tinyurl.com/5n7zh247)**

- Minister Blair appoints advisory panel to review post-disaster financial assistance program (Mar 22)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**

[tinyurl.com/58v4bs62](https://tinyurl.com/58v4bs62)

- Case of Avian Influenza Confirmed in Southern Ontario (Mar 27)

### **Ministry of Colleges and Universities**

[tinyurl.com/8xjk8927](https://tinyurl.com/8xjk8927)

- Ontario Training More Doctors in Scarborough as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System (Mar 22)

### **Ministry of Education**

[tinyurl.com/2p8sas3a](https://tinyurl.com/2p8sas3a)

- Ontario Strengthening Protections Against Bullying and Violence at School (Mar 22)

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/526zzykb](https://tinyurl.com/526zzykb)

- Connected Care Update (Mar 22)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

[tinyurl.com/2p8th8z9](https://tinyurl.com/2p8th8z9)

- Ontario Taking Action to Further Increase Staffing in Long-Term Care, Leading to More Direct Care for Residents (Mar 15)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/4zxrtfc4](https://tinyurl.com/4zxrtfc4)

- Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System (Mar 15)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/2exxe47f](https://tinyurl.com/2exxe47f)

- alPHA "Public Health Matters" Election Primer (Mar 24)

### **Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health**

[tinyurl.com/4yjnnxrb](https://tinyurl.com/4yjnnxrb)

- CADTH Releases Its Annual List of Health Technology Trends to Watch (Mar 18)

### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

[tinyurl.com/2p9ys2mb](https://tinyurl.com/2p9ys2mb)

- CIHR National Standards for Mental Health Services Initiative (Mar 14)

[tinyurl.com/bdh96weu](https://tinyurl.com/bdh96weu)

- UN Research Roadmap guides investments in research to support global recovery from COVID-19 pandemic (Mar 23)

### **Canadian Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/3k8dsn7f](https://tinyurl.com/3k8dsn7f)

- Physician burnout nearly doubles during pandemic (Mar 23)

[tinyurl.com/47cbybu5](https://tinyurl.com/47cbybu5)

- CMA to governments: Out top priority should be rebuilding health system and bringing relief to health workforce (Mar 25)

### **IC/ES**

[tinyurl.com/mr2x45dj](https://tinyurl.com/mr2x45dj)

- COVID-19 vaccination rates among adults (Mar 10)

### **Net-Zero Advisory Body**

[tinyurl.com/yc738d68](https://tinyurl.com/yc738d68)

- Net-Zero Advisory Body provides advice for Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan (Mar 21)

### **Ontario Medical Association**

[tinyurl.com/2p8manwr](https://tinyurl.com/2p8manwr)

- Tips from Ontario's doctors to help stay safe as COVID-19 restrictions ease (Mar 21)

### **Ontario Rheumatology Association**

[tinyurl.com/msy2bnz2](https://tinyurl.com/msy2bnz2)

- As Ontario Removes Pandemic Health & Safety Measures, Rheumatologists Have a Message for Patients (Mar 21)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/muzfnjvw](https://tinyurl.com/muzfnjvw)

- RNAO applauds federal Liberal/NDP partnership to improve health and wellbeing of Canadians (Mar 23)



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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

March 23, 2022

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
 Department of Finance Canada  
 House of Commons  
 Parliament Buildings  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Minister Steven Guilbeault  
 Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
 House of Commons  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

**RE: Resolution: 2022.03.09-CR-03  
 Federal Funding for the Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund**

Dear Deputy Prime Minister Freeland and Minister Guilbeault,

Please find below the resolution passed on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by Town of Innisfil Council.

Whereas Lake Simcoe is one of Ontario’s largest watersheds, home to First Nations since time immemorial, and situated in the growing communities of Simcoe County, York Region, Durham Region, and the cities of Barrie and Orillia; and

Whereas the watershed faces threats due to eutrophication, largely from phosphorus runoff and other contaminants into the lake and its tributaries; and

Whereas the lake is a significant source of drinking water, as well as being integral for local recreation, tourism, agriculture and other key economic drivers; and

Whereas, further to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change’s mandate letter dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, which directs the Minister to “...establish a Canada Water Agency and implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including a historic investment to provide funding to protect and restore large lakes and river systems, starting with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River System, Lake Simcoe...”

Therefore hereby be it resolved that the Town of Innisfil,

1. Supports federal funding for a Lake Simcoe Restoration Fund that represents a significant percentage of the overall Freshwater Action Plan Fund, with funding in excess of previous commitments, beginning in the 2022 budget:
2. Asks that such funding be considered to undertake:
  - Shoreline mitigation and restoration, including in the tributaries of the Holland River, Maskinonge River, Black River, Pefferlaw River and the Holland Marsh;
  - Projects to improve contaminated sites within the watershed;
  - Upgrades to help retrofit municipal infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater facilities;
  - Planting of approximately 250,000 trees within the watershed along with the purchasing and conservation of more forests and wetlands under the auspices of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), to help make significant progress towards the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan goal of 40% of the watershed area being protected; and
3. That a copy of this resolution, along with a letter from the Mayor, be sent to the federal Minister of Finance; the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change; the President of the Treasury Board; the Members of Parliament for York—Simcoe, Newmarket—Aurora, Barrie—Springwater—Oro-Medonte, Barrie—Innisfil, Simcoe North, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, and Durham; and to all Lake Simcoe-region municipalities and the LSRCA, with a request for their endorsement.

Further to the above request, Innisfil Council respectfully requests the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change receive and review the above recommendation.

Sincerely



Lynn Dollin  
Mayor  
705-436-3740 ext. 1101  
[ldollin@innisfil.ca](mailto:ldollin@innisfil.ca)

cc: Town of Innisfil Council  
Mona Fortier, Federal President of the Treasury Board  
Scott Davidson, York-Simcoe MP  
Tony Van Bynen, Newmarket-Aurora MP  
Doug Shipley, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte MP  
John Brassard, Barrie-Innisfil MP  
Adam Chambers, Simcoe-North MP  
Jamie Schmale, Haliburton-Kawartha Lake-Brock MP  
Erin O'Toole, Durham MP  
Rob Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority  
City of Barrie  
City of Kawartha Lakes  
City of Orillia  
County of Simcoe  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Regional Municipality of York  
Town of Aurora  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of East Gwillimbury  
Town of Georgina  
Town of Newmarket  
Town of New Tecumseth  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Township of Brock  
Township of King  
Township of Oro-Medonte  
Township of Ramara  
Township of Scugog  
Township of Uxbridge



February 25, 2022

The Honourable David Piccini, Minister  
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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**Re: Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula implemented a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The tax equates to a 4% fee Levied on short term accommodations including, hotels, motels, rooming houses, bed & breakfast, cottage rentals and campgrounds, for all bookings of 30 days or less.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is the first jurisdiction in Ontario to levy the MAT on campgrounds. There are approximately 14 campgrounds within the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Of those, one is a municipally owned campground, and one is a provincially owned campground, known as the Sauble Falls Provincial Park.

The Town recently amended the MAT program to confirm that our Town owned campground will contribute to MAT in the same manner as all of our privately owned campgrounds.

The Municipal Act states that “the Crown, any agency of the Crown in right of Ontario or any authority.....” Is exempt from MAT. As such, the Sable Falls Provincial Park is not participating in the MAT program.

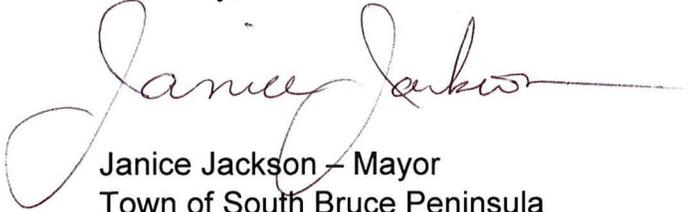
Several campground owners within the Town recently attended a Council meeting and stated their concerns and objections pertaining to the MAT exemption for the Sauble Falls Provincial Park. Town Council and private campground owners believe that this exemption creates an unfair competitive advantage for the provincially operated campground.

Council fully supports the position of our local campground owners and has passed the following resolution

*“And further that the Town sends a letter to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as well as to MPP Bill Walker requesting the removal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds and that this letter is sent to all Ontario municipalities to seek their support”*

By way of this letter, we are asking the province to remove exemptions listed within section 400.1 (1) of the Municipal Act pertaining to Crown owned facilities, specifically campgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Janice Jackson – Mayor  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula  
Janice.jackson@southbrucepeninsula.com  
519-534-1400 ext. 200

cc. MPP Bill Walker



**North Algona Wilberforce Township**  
1091 Shaw Woods Road  
RR #1 Eganville, Ontario K0J 1T0

**Tel: 613-628-2080**  
**Fax: 613-628-3341**

March 7, 2022

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

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Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on March 1, 2022, North Algona Wilberforce Township adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

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 our community"; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes zoning 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 the 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 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 North Algona Wilberforce Township; 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 and Provincial Planning Policy; 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 act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing:

1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT North Algona Wilberforce Township 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
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Michelle Mantifel  
Clerk-Treasurer

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;  
Leader of the Opposition;  
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party;  
MPPs in the Province of Ontario;  
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario,  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;  
AMO and All Ontario Municipalities

March 28, 2022

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca**RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal**

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on March 23, 2022 and the following resolution was passed:

**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 (our) community”; and

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**WHEREAS** lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Government of Ontario be requested to immediately engage municipalities to determine an alternative land use planning appeals process in order to dissolve the OLT and eliminate one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

**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, the Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

Yours truly,



Kristina Lepik, Council Coordinator  
(905) 642-4130

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
Leader of the Opposition,  
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party,  
MPPs in the Province of Ontario,  
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario,  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors,  
Regional Chairs of Ontario,  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,  
All Ontario municipalities

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**Subject:** FW: LDD Moth Webinar for Residents - April 20, 2022  
**Date:** March 28, 2022 9:14:57 AM

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**From:** Trish Barnett <T.Barnett@lsrca.on.ca>  
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**Cc:** Susan Jagminas <S.Jagminas@lsrca.on.ca>  
**Subject:** LDD Moth Webinar for Residents - April 20, 2022

Good afternoon Regional and Municipal Clerks:

We kindly ask that you please share the email below with your Members of Council:

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, together with Credit Valley, Halton, Hamilton, and Toronto and Region Conservation Authorities, is pleased to offer a free informational webinar on the LDD moth (or spongy moth, previously referred to as European gypsy moth) on **Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30pm**. The webinar will provide an overview of the moth's life cycle, how to identify them, infestation forecasts for 2022, and management options that property owners can consider. Conservation authority experts will be in attendance to answer questions from participants.

Registration for the webinar will be open from **Friday, March 25th to Wednesday, April 20th** through the registration link available on Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA's) LDD moth [webpage](#) and [events calendar](#). A recording of the webinar will subsequently be made available on TRCA's LDD moth webpage.

Please feel free to share this message with residents and any other interested parties. An image is

also attached if you would like to share this notification on social media.

Thank you and best regards,  
Trish

**Trish Barnett**

Chief of Staff

**Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

120 Bayview Parkway,

Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 3W3

905-895-1281, ext. 223 | 1-800-465-0437 |

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:03 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby, Chair  
A. Beach, Oshawa  
H. Hall, Participation House  
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS, attended the meeting at 1:06 PM  
Councillor R. Mulcahy, attended the meeting at 1:22 PM  
M. Roche, Oshawa  
S. Sones, Whitby  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Vice-Chair

#### Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
A. Bridgeman, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services  
D. Culp, Planning Analyst, Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Kemp, Manager of Traffic Engineering & Operations, Works  
G. Pereira, Manager of Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by S. Sones, Seconded by M. Roche,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, January 25, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

## 4. **Presentations**

### A) Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Greg Pereira, Manager of Transportation Planning, Steven Kemp, Manager of Traffic Engineering & Operations, and Ashley Bridgeman, Solicitor, re: Regional Mobility By-law

Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Greg Pereira, Manager of Transportation Planning, Steven Kemp, Manager of Traffic Engineering & Operations, and Ashley Bridgeman, Solicitor, provided a presentation with regards to the Regional Electric Kick Scooter By-law.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background and Purpose
- Types of devices included through Regional work
- The E-Scooter By-law does not include
- Timeline and Process
- What is included?
- What we've learned
- Education and Awareness Campaign
- Next Steps

D. Culp advised that many stakeholders have expressed the need for establishing clear regulations on where and how to enable safe operations of e-mobility devices. Staff have determined two separate approaches with one being an e-scooter by-law and the other being an amendment to the Regional Traffic and Parking By-law.

D. Culp advised that a by-law would include devices such as electric kick scooters and power-assisted bicycles and would not include assistive mobility devices or an e-scooter fleet provided by vendors. D. Culp reviewed the Regional electric kick-scooter by-law timeline including the process for assessment, engagement, finalization, and launch of the by-law.

D. Culp reviewed the main concerns which were safe operating speeds; locations of where devices can be used; etiquette and enforcement; and, parking. She explained how the concerns are being addressed in the by-law.

D. Culp advised that this presentation and the report and accompanying by-law will be presented to Committee of the Whole on April 13, 2022. She also advised that the Regional Traffic and Parking By-law will be updated and staff will be launching a public education and awareness campaign following the approval of the by-law.

Staff responded to questions with regards to collision liability; bike lanes on regional roads; concerns regarding who has the right of way; vendor campaigns; helmet requirements; requirements for horns on the device; and consistency across Durham Region.

B) Yin Brown and Pinder DaSilva, Abilities Centre, re: LEAD (Leading, Equitable and Accessible Delivery) Process

Yin Brown, Pinder DaSilva, and Mike Walker, Abilities Centre, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Creating Accessible and Inclusive Communities: An Abilities Centre Model.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Land Acknowledgement
- Abilities centre
- The Challenge
- Objectives
- LEAD Themes
- LEAD – Theme Example
- Process
- Impact

M. Walker advised that the LEAD process is still required even with legislation because barriers to accessibility and inclusion as a society are still being encountered. He also advised that the Abilities Centre wants to embed accessibility and inclusion within organizational frameworks and systems to create cultural change. M. Walker reviewed the objectives of the LEAD process.

Y. Brown stated that under the nine LEAD themes, they look at continuous improvement through a self assessment process based on indicators to help organizations to see where they are at and where they could be. Y. Brown provided a LEAD theme example as it relates to the strategy theme under the organizational management category. She advised that staff of the organization will do a self assessment to identify the strengths and areas for improvement for the organization by using the indicators under the themes on a rating system to help point the way towards continuous improvement.

Y. Brown provided an overview of the steps of the LEAD process and stated that it is not just one time training, it is a process. She noted that following the evaluation of the organization, an improvement plan will be brought back to the organization to make adjustments and that three follow up sessions are held to evaluate the impact that LEAD had on the organization.

Y. Brown stated that LEAD will create a greater confidence within the organization; the employment of persons with disabilities; leverage the spending power of persons with disabilities; and, social and economic return on investment.

Y. Brown, M. Walker, and P. DaSilva responded to questions with regards to the motivation for companies to join LEAD; the cost of the LEAD process; comparing LEAD to accreditation through quality assurance measures; and how LEAD will assist with the hiring process of persons with disabilities at Durham Region.

D. Campbell and J. Traer thanked M. Walker and Y. Brown for their presentation.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:19 PM and reconvened at 2:26 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of R. Purnwasie.

## **5. Discussion Items**

There were no items of discussion.

## **6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

## **7. Information Items**

### **A) Education Sub-Committee Update**

J. Traer advised that Durham Region Transit staff will be presenting at the May meeting regarding the autonomous vehicle pilot project, and requesting input on the bus shelter design, and the continued use of paper bus tickets. She also advised that she is reaching out to the new sports facility in Whitby to present to the Committee in June and noted that they presented to the Whitby Accessibility Advisory Committee last year.

J. Traer advised that National Accessibility Week is from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> and that the Region will be providing Lunch and Learn sessions to provide opportunities to educate staff on accessibility issues. She asked members of the Committee to reach out with any input or suggestions for speakers.

### **B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)**

M. Roche advised that the Transit General Manager would be providing an update at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> TAC meeting with regards to the Specialized Services and whether clients need to re-register to qualify to maintain their services, and that he would provide an update to committee after the meeting.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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J. Traer provided the following update:

- J. Traer will advise when she receives the project list from Works staff to determine what the AAC site plan review sub committee will take a look at.
- The Chief Administrative Officer advised that all advisory committee meetings will be held virtually until the end of 2022.
- J. Traer is still looking for feedback on the widget pilot on Durham.ca and the bus shelter design survey.
- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division has 6 staff sub committees within the team which are: Anti-Black Racism; Anti-Asian Racism; Indigenization; Disabilities; 2SLGBTQ+; and Black History Month.
- J. Traer advised that the Disabilities sub committee is beginning testing in April on a read and write software from text help.
- J. Traer advised that there has been training for staff on the disabilities sub committee on legislation, disabilities, and accessible documents to help identify gaps and opportunities to share with staff and assist with recognizing certain days within the year.

J. Traer asked Committee members for their thoughts on the LEAD process and the potential of Durham Region taking part in the process. Discussion ensued between Committee members regarding the LEAD process.

**8. Reports for Information**

There were no reports to consider.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by S. Sones, Seconded by H. Hall,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Campbell, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 8, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair  
T. Barrie, Clarington  
N. Guthrie, Member at Large  
G. Highet, Regional Councillor  
B. Howsam, Member at Large  
K. Kemp, Scugog  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large  
H. Schillings, Whitby  
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair  
F. Puterbough, Member at Large  
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair  
B. Winter, Ajax  
**\*members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: K. Kennedy, Member at Large  
G. O'Connor, Member at Large  
G. Taylor, Pickering

#### Staff

Present: A. Brown, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by K. Kemp,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

## 4. **Presentations**

### A) Pam Duesling & Emily Sousa – University of Guelph – OMAFRA Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas – Assessment of Effectiveness and Implementation Best Practice

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Pam Duesling and Emily Sousa, University of Guelph, provided a presentation regarding Balancing On-farm Diversification and Agricultural Land Preservation in Ontario: Assessing Effectiveness and Identifying Best Practices for the Implementation of the OMAFRA Guidelines.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Outline
- Context
- Policy Context
- Research Problem and Objectives
- Methods
- Survey Results
- Interview Results
- Example of Successful On Farm Diversified Uses (OFDUs)
  - Willibald Farm Distillery & Brewery
- Key Research Findings
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

P. Duesling advised that farms in Ontario are no longer only producing food, fiber, and fuel, they are now diversifying and undertaking a wide range of businesses such as pick your own fruits and vegetables, on farm markets, wineries, wedding venues, circus schools, bull fighting, zip lining, and paintball fields.

P. Duesling stated that farmland is a fundamental resource for agricultural communities, economies, and food systems but less than 5% of Canada's land base is made up of prime agricultural land and 52% of Class 1 soils are located in Ontario.

P. Duesling advised that the new generation of farmers are now introducing new businesses on their farms within the agricultural area. She stated that On Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) support agricultural viability by balancing farmland preservation with economic opportunities. She also advised that the Provincial Policy Statement and the OMAFRA Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Prime Agricultural Areas support this activity, however the clarity of the policies is critical to ensure stability and growth in this sector. She also advised that OFDUs can be almost anything as long as they meet the five criteria under the OMAFRA guidelines.

P. Duesling provided an overview of the objectives of the research which are to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy; identify existing policies and strategies; policy effects on farmers; and to identify best practices.

E. Sousa provided an overview of the following three methods used to conduct their assessment: 1) surveys; 2) interviews; and 3) focus groups with provincial and municipal planners as well as farmers from across the Province.

E. Sousa provided an overview of the survey results from farmers with regards to why they established their OFDU; the potential contributions of OFDUs; that 70% of municipal planners use the guidelines when new OFDUs are proposed; whether planners think the guidelines recommendation of a 'size and scale' maximum of 2% of farmlands to a maximum of 1 hectare is an appropriate size for all OFDUs to protect farmland and enable economic opportunity; and, challenges farmers may have experienced when establishing or expanding the OFDU.

P. Duesling discussed the key research findings and recommendations from their research with regards to the OMAFRA guidelines for OFDUs. P. Duesling advised they have shared their results and recommendations with various stakeholders and will be reporting to OMAFRA in late 2022.

P. Duesling and E. Sousa responded to questions with regards to getting barns certified for public use; the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance opposition on event barns; responses from municipal staff in other departments besides Planning departments; and any input as to whether NIMBYism has an effect on what is done on a farm.

B) Allison Brown and Stacey Jibb, Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development, Economic Development – Agriculture Industry Roundtable and Tour with Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs & Draft Agri-Food Growth Plan

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Allison Brown and Stacey Jibb, Region of Durham Planning and Economic Development Department, Economic Development, provided a presentation regarding Agriculture Industry Roundtable and Tour with Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs. A copy of the Draft Agri-Food Growth Plan was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Growth Plan
  - Purpose
- Goal Areas
- Goal 1: Retain and expand local food businesses
- Goal 2: Streamline the regulations and approval process for agri-food businesses
- Goal 3: Enable and encourage agriculture related and on-farm diversified uses related to agriculture
- Goal 4: Recognize infrastructure is a key component of the agri-food system
- Goal 5: Increase agri-food processing capacity
- Goal 6: Identify opportunities and solutions for the workforce and labour shortages in the agri-food sector
- Goal 7: Provide resources for aging and young farmers
- Goal 8: Partner with stakeholders and agricultural organizations to delivery and expand agricultural literacy in the Region
- Goal 9: Enable a culture of innovation in agriculture
- Goal 10: Expand export development opportunities for agri-food operators
- Goal 11: Enhance Urban Agriculture
- Next steps
- Consultation Questions (circulated in advance)
  - Do the 11 Goal Areas make sense and align with the direction you see for the agri-food industry in Durham?
  - Are there any areas missing which you think the Agriculture Economic Development team has a role in fulfilling?
  - Any areas listed which you don't believe should be a priority for the next 5 years?

S. Jibb advised that the Durham Agricultural Strategy was completed for the 2013 to 2018 time frame. She stated an update to the plan is being done with a new regional economic development strategy and is now referred to as the Durham Agri-Food Growth Plan.

A. Brown provided an overview of the 5-year action focus documents that will guide the activities and work over the next 5 years to benefit the agri-food industry and support stakeholders across the Region.

A. Brown and S. Jibb provided an overview of the eleven goal areas for the Agri-Food Growth Plan. A. Brown asked members of the committee their thoughts on if there is opportunity for Durham Region to address agri-food export capacity at the Regional level.

A. Brown advised that the next steps are to continue consultation with local stakeholders and update the Agri-Food Growth Plan based on feedback received; present the plan to the Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee; and, implementation of the plan. S. Jibb asked Committee members to provide their input with regards to the consultation questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the phrasing of Goal 5 and changing it to an action-oriented goal rather than an absolute; assessing the situation in expanding export development opportunities for agri-food operators regarding Goal 10 and working to get businesses established; and, where Durham Region stands in terms of development fees compared to other areas in the GTA.

S. Jibb provided a verbal update of comments that were received from a roundtable that occurred with Minister Thompson in October 2021. She advised that a report was included on the Council Information Package in December 2021 and was provided in the DAAC Agenda package in January 2022.

## **5. Discussion Items**

### A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb

S. Jibb will provide a written update if required.

### B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour Sub-Committee Report – D. Risebrough

D. Risebrough provided the following update:

- The farm tour sub-committee met on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be moving forward with planning an in-person farm tour for 2022;
- The host site will be the Sargent family dairy farm. They have opened an on-farm jersey milk processing facility selling milk, butter, and cheese. There will be a tour of the adjoining dairy farm, jersey dairy operation;
- The farm tour date will be either September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>;
- The next steps will be to have a meeting with the Sargent's regarding the logistics of the farm tour; and
- The next sub-committee meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Information Items**

### A) Snow Disposal Information – M. Scott

M. Scott advised he would send out the guidelines to the committee released by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. He also advised that in terms of snow disposal, the Ministry mainly looks at drainage as they do not want it draining into the water course.

### B) Secondary Suites in the Regional Official Plan – M. Scott

M. Scott provided the following presentation:

- Planning Act
  - Additional residential unit policies
  - Garden suites
  - Definition
  - Area and time in effect
- Second Suites - Regional Official Plan (ROP) Information
- ROP Farm Severances
- Envision Durham Proposed Policy Direction: Secondary Units

M. Scott provided an update regarding secondary suites which were discussed at the last meeting. He advised that secondary suites refer to urban uses such as basement apartments and row houses, and garden suites are considered temporary second units by by-law and are not supposed to be used for more than 20 years. M. Scott reviewed the secondary suites and farm severances as noted in the Regional Official Plan and the Envision Durham proposed policy direction for secondary suites. M. Scott advised he would provide his presentation to Committee members.

C) Report #2022-EDT-2 – Evaluating the Feasibility of Establishing a Durham Region Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre

A copy of Report #2022-EDT-2 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development – Evaluating the Feasibility of Establishing a Durham Region Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre was provided as Attachment #3 to the Agenda and received.

S. Jibb advised that the report was endorsed by Regional Council on February 23, 2022.

D) DFPC – Food Strategy for Durham Region Working Group

M. Scott advised that the first meeting was an introductory meeting and did not have any updates to provide at this time.

E) Durham Region Works Department Response to National Farmers Union

A copy of the Durham Region Works Department Response to National Farmers Union was provided as Attachment #4 to the Agenda and received.

**7. Other Business**

M. Scott reminded Committee members that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza for Small Flocks webinar is taking place on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

H. Schillings inquired about paying development fees for bunk houses that are being used for less than nine months, and about agriculture building permit fees and how variable the fees are with the eight municipalities and neighbouring counties. S. Jibb advised she would follow up with Finance staff and report back to the committee.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 starting at 7:30 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by D. Risebrough,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory  
Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
S. Clearwater, Whitby  
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, First Vice-Chair  
R. Dickinson, Brock  
G. Layton, Oshawa, Second Vice-Chair, attended the meeting at 7:18 PM  
K. Lui, 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 7:05 PM  
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby, attended the meeting at 7:23 PM

**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
K. Murray, Member at Large  
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

#### Staff

Present: R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department  
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,  
That the agenda for the March 10, 2022 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by K. Lui,  
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,  
February 17, 2022, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

- A) TRCA's updated regional Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System Mapping An Overview (Namrata Shrestha, Senior Manager, Watershed Planning and Reporting, TRCA)

Namrata Shrestha, Senior Manager, Watershed Planning and Reporting, and Jonathan Ruppert, Senior Research Scientist, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the TRCA's updated regional Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System Mapping Overview.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- TRCA's Natural Heritage System Update and Water Resource System
- Outline
- Context
- TRCA Updated Natural Heritage System (NHS)
  - TRCA's Terrestrial Natural Heritage System (2007)
  - Why an update to the TNHS?
  - Approach for TRCA updated NHS
  - Data for TRCA updated NHS
  - Integration for TRCA updated NHS
  - TRCA updated target NHS 2021
  - Application and Downscaling
  - Summary
- Water Resource System
  - What is Water Resource System (WRS)
  - Components of WRS
  - TRCA WRS 2022 - KHFs
  - TRCA WRS 2022 – KHAs
- Summary
- Next Steps

N. Shrestha stated that urbanization and climate change continue to impact ecosystem health and community well-being. She stated that provincial policies recognize this challenge and provides policy directions to municipalities, who often rely on TRCA to provide up-to-date science-based information. She advised that TRCA has recently completed the following two initiatives in this regard: TRCA's updated Natural Heritage System (NHS); and TRCA's Water Resource System (WRS). These initiatives will inform Municipal Comprehensive Reviews and other ecosystem management initiatives and include watershed planning, land use and infrastructure planning, restoration, and land acquisition and management.

N. Shrestha advised that a Natural Heritage System contains existing natural features but also other areas across the landscape that support natural processes and functions and specifically emphasizes areas that provide connectivity, corridors and linkages; areas that have potential for restoration; and areas that enable ecosystem function and that could also be in the built environment and not just natural cover. She provided an overview of the Terrestrial Natural Heritage System which was approved in 2007 as well as the reasons behind the update to the NHS; the three-phase approach; and the data used in the update process. She stated that the TRCA's updated NHS provides science-based information and a screening tool on natural heritage features and areas that are important for ecosystem functions.

J. Ruppert provided an overview of the Water Resource System (WRS) such as ground water features; surface water features and hydrologic functions, which provide the water resources necessary to sustain healthy aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems; and human water consumption. He stated that the WRS is made up of key hydrologic features and key hydrologic areas and explained that the TRCA's WRS provides science-based information on Key Hydrologic Features and Areas defined in the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and Growth Plan (2020) that are critical for the Region's hydrological functions.

N. Shrestha responded to questions regarding the growth management study and its effect on the development of greenfields; the region wide growth analysis and its effect on the update to the NHS; how priorities are balanced when the system being mapped changes daily; whether wildlife corridors are looked at when setting priorities; whether the modelling considers Carolinian plants; clarification on coldwater streams; and whether TRCA staff has looked at significant vernal ponds as part of the strategies of preservation.

## **6. Items for Discussion/Input**

- A) DEAC Member appointment on Friends of the Second Marsh Board of Directors
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A. Luqman advised that the annual fee to sit on the Friends of the Second Marsh Board of Directors is \$20 and meetings are held four times per year. G. Layton expressed interest in sitting as the DEAC member on the Board.

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

That Gwen Layton be appointed as the DEAC member on the Friends of the Second Marsh Board of Directors.

CARRIED

B) Conference & Events

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A. Luqman requested that committee members advise her if they are interested in participating in or attending any events in 2022.

7. **Items for Input**

A) Envision Durham – Identifying a Regional Natural Heritage System (News Release, Report #2022-P-7 and Interactive map viewer)

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A copy of the News Release entitled Draft Regional Natural Heritage System map available for comment; Report #2022-P-7 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development; and Interactive map viewer were provided as links.

A. Luqman advised that staff is working on collecting feedback on the natural heritage system. She advised that there may be a presentation on the subject matter at the April meeting.

B) 2021-P-18 OPA-2019-006 – Werrcroft Farms – 1785 Concession Road 7, Clarington (near Solina)

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Report #2021-P-18 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

A. Luqman provided a brief overview of the subject site and the proposed severance. No comments from the committee were provided.

C) 2021-P-19 OPA-2021-007 – Vissers Sod Farm – 4382 Green Road, Clarington (near Hampton)

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Report #2021-P-19 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

A. Luqman provided a brief overview of the subject site and the proposed severance. No comments from the committee were provided.

**8. For Information**

A) 2022-INFO-9 - Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Alternative Land Need Scenarios

A copy of Information Report #2022-INFO-9 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as a link.

Questions were raised with regards to the development of the greenfield sites and clarification on the areas being developed, as well as whether there will be a document for the public to review and comment on with regards to the sites being developed.

Concerns were raised regarding site alterations that developers may make before submitting an application to the municipality, and the timing of when development areas are mapped and reviewed for existing features such as old barns, old fields, and forested lands, as part of the planning process. A. Luqman advised that she would take this back to staff.

B) Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee – Minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

A copy of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting was provided as a link.

C) Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change – Minutes of February 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

A copy of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee Minutes from the February 18, 2022 meeting was provided as a link.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by K. Lui,  
That Information Items 8. A) to C) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

**9. Other Business**

A) Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas

G. Carpentier advised that the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas is starting its third cycle. He advised that it is a study that is done every 20 years to look at the health of the environment using birds as the focus and requested that any interested members reach out to him.

Questions to Staff

Questions were asked with regards to the Region's reopening plan and the Committee was advised that all Advisory Committee meetings would remain virtual for the rest of the year until further notice. It was stated that access to the sewage lagoons have been impacted due to the closure of the buildings.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by S. Clearwater,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair  
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee

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N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

March 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, March 18, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:01 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member, Chair  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development,  
DRRCC Alternate  
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee  
P. Cohen, Youth Citizen Member  
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee  
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member  
T. Hall, Citizen Member  
Regional Chair Henry  
Councillor Highet, Planning & Economic Development Committee  
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member  
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee  
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member  
C. Mee, Citizen Member  
R. Plaza, Citizen Member, attended the meeting at 10:13 AM  
K. Senyk, Citizen Member  
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member  
J. Taylor, Citizen Member, left the meeting at 11:31 AM  
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair  
**\*all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, CAO

#### Staff

Present: B. Anderson, Principal Planner, Planning and Economic Development  
Department  
S. Austin, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the CAO  
M. Barta, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning and Special Studies, Planning and  
Economic Development Department  
M. Kawalec, Climate Change Coordinator, Office of the CAO  
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO

G. Muller, Director of Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
Department  
J. Sochacki, Superintendent, Facilities Maintenance, Works Department  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by J. Kinniburgh,  
That the minutes of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change  
meeting held on Friday, February 18, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Delegations**

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
That Alyssa Scanga be heard as a delegation.

CARRIED

**A) Alyssa Scanga, Climate Justice Durham, re: Land Need Assessment Scenarios**

A. Scanga, participating electronically, appeared with respect to the Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report. She advised that she is a Youth Organizer with Climate Justice Durham. She also advised that Climate Justice Durham is a grassroots youth led group, dedicated to advocating for climate action at all levels of government.

A. Scanga advised that of the five Community Area Land Need Scenarios, they support Scenario 5, as they believe it's the best option for the community and the planet. She also advised in January 2020 the Region declared a climate emergency and acknowledged that climate change is the biggest existential threat of our time and promised to act accordingly. She stated that the Region agreed to look at all major decisions through a climate lens and that this decision can make or break that promise. She also stated that Envision Durham sets the tone for the next several decades in our Region and the buildings built today will exist for at least 70 years.

A. Scanga further advised that the recent IPCC report makes it clear that this is a crucial moment to reduce the expected casualties. She stated that it is more difficult and expensive to retrofit things for sustainability than to do it from the outset and if we don't use a climate lens when making a decision, and don't prioritize climate change, we will lose so much.

A. Scanga referenced the Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report and Scenario 5 Assessment. She stated that there is a huge demand for housing in Durham. She also stated that Scenario 5 does not represent the elimination of low-density units, as 20% of new units would be low-density and by 2051 low-density would represent almost half of Durham's total unit mix. She further stated that Scenario 5 demonstrates a better balance between low-density, medium-density and high-density units than any other scenario and does not require any new community area land, allowing Durham to avoid urban sprawl.

A. Scanga responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by J. Taylor,

That a subcommittee of seven DRRCC members be formed to review the alternative land need scenarios assessment summary report and the Impact of Land-Use Scenarios on GHG Emissions, and develop a proposed recommendation to be brought forward to the April DRRCC meeting for consideration, and that the sub-committee consist of the following members:

- D. Hoornweg (Chair)
- B. Bridgeman
- Councillor Crawford
- J. Taylor
- T. Hall
- G. MacPherson
- M. Vroegh.

CARRIED

## 5. Presentations

- A) Overview of Alternative Land Need Assessment Scenarios – Colleen Goodchild, Manager Policy & Special Studies, and Brad Anderson, Principal Planner, Durham Region Planning Division
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Colleen Goodchild, Manager Policy & Special Studies, and Brad Anderson, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Envision Durham Growth Management Study Alternative Land Need Scenarios.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Envision Durham: Major Theme Areas
- Growth Management
- Growth Management Study
- 2 Employment Area Scenarios and 5 Community Area Scenarios have

been modelled

- Range of Community Area Scenarios
- Scenario 1: Emphasis on Low Density Housing
- Scenario 2: Primarily Low Density Housing
- Scenario 3: Shifting the Unit Mix
- Scenario 4: Balancing the Unit Mix
- Scenario 5: Emphasis on Higher Densities
- Scenario Assessment: 5 Principles
- Employment Scenarios
- Alternative Scenarios – Public Consultation Period
- Envision Durham – Next Steps

C. Goodchild responded to questions from the Committee with respect to urban boundary expansion decisions of other municipalities and how Durham compares; the public information session on March 24, 2022; the ability to appeal if Scenario 5 is adopted by Regional Council; and impacts of the pandemic on intensification.

B) Climate considerations associated with land needs assessment scenarios – Yuill Herbert, Sustainability Solutions Group

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Yuill Herbert, Sustainability Solutions Group, provided a presentation regarding the Impact of Land Use Scenarios on GHG Emissions. A draft briefing paper from Sustainability Solutions Group was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

I. McVey advised that this is a follow-up to the request at the November DRRCC meeting for a discussion and briefing on Envision Durham and the Land Need Scenarios. He also advised that the land needs assessment methodology stipulated by the province does not explicitly include an analysis of climate change impacts and to help inform DRRCC's deliberations Sustainability Solutions Group was commissioned to develop a discussion paper.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Atlanta vs. Barcelona
- Home Based Vehicle Kilometres Travelled (VKT), Region of Durham
- GHG Emissions (assuming current conditions)
- Land-use efficiency
- What if?
- Conclusions

Y. Herbert responded to questions from the Committee with respect to energy consumption for apartments; optimal unit type for energy consumption; transit; the Region's proposed Land Need Scenarios; whether there are any calculations on the potential loss of carbon sink benefits; and the impact on resilience of the overall community.

C) Climate and Sustainability Program Update – Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

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Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Climate and Sustainability Program Update.

I. McVey provided updates on the following projects:

- Durham Greener Homes
- Durham Greener Homes Launch Event
- Durham Greener Homes Training and Capacity Building
- Durham Greener Homes Multi-Unit Residential
- District Energy – Dockside Whitby Sewer Heat
- District Energy – Clarington Energy Park/Courtice Major Transit Station Area Next Steps

**6. Items for Information and Discussion**

A) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report Working Group II report – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

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A copy of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report Working Group II report was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

B) Whitby memo to Council – Proposed Changes for the Next Edition of Ontario's Building Code

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A copy of a Town of Whitby Memorandum to Council re: Proposed Changes for the Next Edition of Ontario's Building Code, was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

C) Report #2022-P-7 – Envision Durham Identifying a Regional Natural Heritage System

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A copy of Report #2022-P-7: Envision Durham Identifying a Regional Natural Heritage System was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

I. McVey advised that Amanda Bathe, Senior Planner, will provide a presentation at the April DRRCC meeting on the draft Regional Natural Heritage System.

D) Report #2022-INFO-9 – Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Alternative Land Need Scenarios

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A copy of Information Report #2022-INFO-9 – Envision Durham – Growth Management Study – Alternative Land Need Scenarios was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

E) Report #2022-INFO-15 – Durham Greener Homes Program Update

A copy of Information Report #2022-INFO-15 – Durham Greener Homes Program Update was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

F) Report #2022-INFO-16 - Proposed Wastewater Energy Transfer Project - Dockside Development in the Town of Whitby

A copy of Information Report #2022-INFO-16 - Proposed Wastewater Energy Transfer Project - Dockside Development in the Town of Whitby was provided to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

**7. Correspondence**

There were no communication items to be considered.

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 starting at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Highet,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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

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T. Fraser, Committee Clerk