



DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DEAC) 2016 WORKPLAN

1. Policy Development and Implementation

a. Provide advice on:

- Regional Official Plan – input and advice on proposed amendments
- Coordinated (Provincial Plans) Review.
- Regional Transportation Master Plan Update.
- Aggregate Resources Act Review.
- Environmental Assessment (EA) Studies.
- Public and/or Stakeholder Advisory Committees, including Southeast Collector Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- Source Water Protection Plans, including Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

2. Community Outreach and Stewardship

a. High Priority:

- Promote and continue to implement the Environmental Achievement Awards.
- Participate in community environmental and stewardship events.

b. Medium Priority:

- Update DEAC website materials.
- Monitor and maintain the Environmental Information Guide, “Natural Areas as Neighbours”.
- Host a joint stewardship workshop with the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- Participate in Climate Change outreach activities/events hosted by the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change.

3. Committee Education & Development

a. The Committee will expand its knowledge in some of the following issues:

- Source water protection.
- Human health and the environment.
- Energy (e.g. sources, alternatives, producers, efficiency, etc.).

- Noise and light pollution.
- Incineration, gasification and carbonization.
- Green infrastructure and low impact development.
- Species at Risk.
- Waste reduction and management progress.
- Lifecycle assessment of products and packaging (e.g. plastics).
- Microplastics.
- Forest health.
- Climate change.
- Pesticides and alternatives.
- Invasive species.
- Biodiversity.
- Urban sustainability.
- Air quality.
- Food security.
- Community gardens.
- Aggregate pit rehabilitation.
- Peat moss and top soil removal and restoration.
- Road salt.

4. Issues of Interest

a. The Committee will continue to monitor the following issues as prioritized by current events:

- Conservation Authority initiatives and activities, such as Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update and McLaughlin Bay Restoration Strategy.
- Provincial planning initiatives.
- Oak Ridges Moraine.
- Regional Official Plan Amendment applications.
- Water – groundwater, surface water, watersheds (e.g. Great Lakes Protection Act).
- Transportation developments (e.g. 407 extension).
- Waterfront protection and development.
- Darlington Nuclear Generating Station refurbishment.
- Nutrient management planning.
- Future airport lands and Rouge National Urban Park.
- Urban forest/naturalization strategies.
- Energy from Waste Facility.

5. Meeting Schedule

Due to the Committee's workload, DEAC will schedule 11 meetings for 2016. In general, meetings will take place on the second Thursday of each month. Resources (Planning Division and Legislative Services) will be required to accommodate the schedule and workload.