



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO-20
Date: February 13, 2017

Subject:

Durham Tourism E-Newsletter – February 2017

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter is a monthly snapshot of the tourism initiatives and activities across the Region of Durham. It serves as an environmentally-conscious, cost-effective marketing tool to promote economic development and tourism activity in Durham Region.

2. Background

2.1 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter was distributed to 7,529 subscribers in February 2017 with a 37% open rate. It is also posted on the Region's Economic Development website, and distributed via social media channels through the Corporate Communications office.

- View the [Durham Tourism E-newsletter](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Family-fun-in-Durham-Region.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=2BbCgUi7H0E) online at <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Family-fun-in-Durham-Region.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=2BbCgUi7H0E>.

2.2 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter is produced in cooperation with Corporate Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO-21
Date: February 13, 2017

Subject:

Agriculture and Rural Affairs E-Newsletter – February 2017

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter is a bi-monthly snapshot of the initiatives, activities and partnerships within the agriculture and rural areas across the Region of Durham. It serves as an environmentally-conscious, cost-effective tool to relay information regarding the latest agricultural and rural economic development activity in Durham Region.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter was distributed to 341 subscribers in February 2017 with a 49% open rate. It is also posted on the Region's Economic Development website, and distributed via social media channels through the Corporate Communications office.

- View the [Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--Innovation---celebrate-the-New-Year-with-new-ideas.html?soid=1102359044820&aid=JXku8DzE95E) online at <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Agriculture-and-Rural-Affairs-Newsletter--Innovation---celebrate-the-New-Year-with-new-ideas.html?soid=1102359044820&aid=JXku8DzE95E>.

2.2 The Agriculture and Rural Affairs e-newsletter is produced in cooperation with Corporate Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO- 22
Date: February 14, 2017

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the January 16, 2017 meeting

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Overview

1.1 Attachment 1 summarizes decisions made by the Land Division Committee at its meeting of January 16, 2017. The approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. No appeals are recommended

2. Distribution

2.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee

3. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart for the January 16, 2017 Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, January 16, 2017

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 046/2016	Woud, Antje	Part lot 14, Conc. 5 Twp. of Scugog (former Reach)	Consent to add a 0.68 hectare agricultural parcel with an existing dwelling to the south, retaining a 52 hectare agricultural parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 099/2016	Forbes, Scott	Part lot 37, Conc. 4 Twp. of Uxbridge (former Uxbridge)	Consent to sever a 1.0 hectare surplus farm dwelling, retaining a 48.5 hectare farm related rural residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 002/2017	Carette, Della Carette, Tom	Part lot 2, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 398.7 square metre vacant residential lot, retaining a 2,725.9 square metre residential lot with an existing dwelling and garage to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 003/2017	Carette, Della Carette, Tom	Part lot 2, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 409.9 square metre vacant residential lot, retaining a 2,316.0 square metre residential lot with an existing dwelling and garage to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 004/2017	Carette, Della Carette, Tom	Part lot 2, Conc. 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 429.9 square metre vacant residential lot, retaining a 1,886.1 square metre residential lot with an existing dwelling and garage to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 005/2017	Bhatia, Vishal Bhatia, Xaine	Part lot 27, Conc. 1 City of Pickering	Consent to add a 817.0 square metre residential parcel of land to the west, retaining a 1,084.8 square metre residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 007/2017	Fisico, Victoria	Part lot 13, Conc. 5 Twp. of Brock (former Thorah)	Consent to sever a vacant 348.3 square metre residential lot, retaining a 916.8 square metre residential lot.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 008/2017	Fisico, Victoria	Part lot 13, Conc. 5 Twp. of Brock (former Thorah)	Consent to sever a vacant 397.9 square metre residential lot, retaining a 518.9 square metre residential lot.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 009/2017	Bigioni, Denis	Part lot 14, Conc. BF Town of Ajax	Consent to sever a vacant 5,092.2 square metre industrial parcel of land, retaining a 26, 217.9 square metre vacant industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 012/2017	821017 Ontario Limited Tonno, William 825901 Ontario Limited	Part lot 5, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 3.57 hectare vacant, agricultural parcel of land, retaining a 12.28 hectare vacant agricultural parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2017-INFO-23
Date: February 15, 2017

Subject:

Dissolution of the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee (GTA AAC)

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Action Committee (GTA AAC) has been dissolved as of November 2016. Its important work, however, will continue through the efforts of the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance (GHFFA).

2. Background

2.1 The GTA AAC was established in 2005 to protect and promote the interests of agriculture in a coordinated manner across the entire GTA. It consisted of representatives from Regions of Durham, York, Peel, Halton, the Federation of Agriculture, the provincial, and the federal governments. The main role of the GTA AAC was to implement the Greater Toronto Agricultural Action Plan which was officially launched on September 6, 2005. In its eleven years of existence, the GTA AAC made great strides in achieving its mandate. Among its accomplishments are the following:

- Established strong working relationships between urban and rural organizations such as the Federations of Agriculture and the Toronto Food Policy Council, Sustain Ontario, Ontario Culinary Tourism, EcoSource etc;

- Became a resource for factually accurate agricultural information for urban consumers;
 - Raised awareness of the local food movement through presentations and information booths at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair that featured GTA farmers and work on local food procurement projects;
 - Developed relationships within the grocery and food processing sectors;
 - Delivered information GTA AAC members about the economic impact of the agriculture and food sector, trends in world crops, and research priorities in food and farming;
 - Provided support to Regions for special projects – ie Durham Farm Fresh Marketing Study 2008-2009;
 - GTA AAC members provided significant comments on government policy such as the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement, Local Food Act, Value Added Agriculture, Rouge Park National Park, Minimum Distance Separation Formula, Growth Plan, GTA West Corridor etc; and
 - Produced Agricultural Profile studies based on Census data for the GTA to define and demonstrate the unique features and strengths of agriculture, demographic trends and challenges for agriculture in the near urban area.
- 2.2 In February 2012, the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan was launched which effectively updated and replaced the 2005 Agricultural Action Plan. This new Action Plan had, as one of its action items, the formation of a new steering committee which would soon become the GHFFA.
- 2.3 In recent years, it became evident that duplication was occurring between the GTA AAC and GHFFA. At its meeting on November 16, 2016, the GTA AAC passed a resolution which recognized that they had completed their mandate, and that the GHFFA would continue to implement the 2012 Action Plan.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 Since it was created in 2005, the GTA AAC achieved a great deal to advance the cause of agriculture in the GTA. However, it was recently determined that two similar agricultural bodies are not required; hence, the decision to dissolve the GTA AAC. However, its important work to protect and promote agriculture will be continued by the GHFFA.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Corporate Services
Report: #2017-INFO-24
Date: February 17, 2017

Subject:

Regional Headquarters Public Wi-Fi

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is provide Regional Council with an update regarding the provision of Public Wi-Fi at Regional Headquarters.

2. Results

- 2.1 In late 2016 staff were requested to investigate and advise Council on the implementation of Public Wi-Fi at Regional Headquarters. Public Wi-Fi means the provision of an open Wi-Fi network where anyone has access. Staff have investigated the cost of Public Wi-Fi at Regional Headquarters in addition to several other Regional locations.
- 2.2 In 2013, Regional Council authorized the award of RFP-164-2013 to Bell Canada for the provision of an internet and Wide Area Network (WAN) Solution to Regional facilities. The agreement with Bell Canada was for a term of seven (7) years commencing April 2014. The Region is permitted through the agreement to be able to adjust Internet and WAN services, at additional cost, to meet business requirements. The additional cost is primarily determined by the capacity (Mbps).
- 2.3 Public Wi-Fi will depend on the Region's internet connection and WAN. In order to ensure adequate performance for users of Public Wi-Fi, without suffering any impact to Regional business requirements, additional capacity and network services would be required through the WAN for most locations.
- 2.4 In 2017 as part of the continuing upgrade to the network, Corporate Services – Information Technology staff are planning the installation of 10 additional Wi-Fi access points in Regional Headquarters at an additional annual cost of

approximately \$14,000. Costs for these access points are included in the capital project for network operations approved by Council for 2017.

- 2.5 The following table outlines the other areas that Corporate Services – Information Technology staff are recommending for Public Wi-Fi implementation for inclusion in the 2018 budget, and the estimated costs for implementation.

Location	Estimated One Time and Annual Costs
Long Term Care Facilities	\$62,000 one time and \$142,103 annually (Approximately \$13 per month per resident)
Health – EMS, Environmental Health, Oshawa and Port Perry Sexual Health Units	\$51,000 one time and \$60,769 annually
Social Services – 140 Commercial, 200 John, Child Care offices, Sunderland Family Services	\$42,000 one time and \$63,241 annually
Works – Duffin Creek, EFQ, Oshawa Depot, Traffic	\$3,000 one time and \$45,021 annually

- 2.6 Annual costs above are for the purpose of improving WAN connections, ensuring technology is in place for content filtering and quality of service is achieved, and in some locations potentially implementing a separate Internet circuits to provide the Public Wi-Fi simply based on the volume of potential users (i.e. Long Term Care facilities).
- 2.7 In light of the cost implications, Corporate Services will include the cost for Regional HQ in the 2018 draft budget submission in order to test the provision of public Wi-Fi. Thereafter, such services can be rolled out across the corporation on an incremental basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

M. Gaskell
Commissioner of Corporate Services

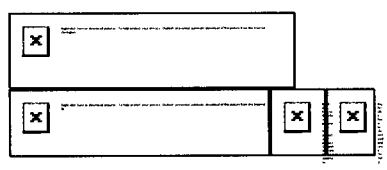
From: Patenaude, Lindsey <LPatenaude@clarington.net>
Sent: February-10-17 4:31 PM
To: 'sdelduca.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org'
Subject: Waverley Road/Highway 401 Interchange
Attachments: Waverly Road-Highway 401.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence on the above noted matter.

Thank you, have a great day.

Lindsey Patenaude
Temporary Licensing Clerk
Clerk's Department
Municipality of Clarington
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Take Appr. Action

Clarington

February 10, 2017

Honourable Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
VIA Email: sdelduca.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Re: Waverly Road/Highway 401 Interchange

File Number: T04.GE

At a meeting held on February 6, 2017, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #C-041-17:

That Report CAO-001-17 be received;

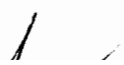
That, recognizing the significant investments already made or committed by the Province in transportation infrastructure throughout the Region of Durham and the Municipality of Clarington and given the business case presented in this Report, the Mayor be authorized to write to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to,

- (a) request that any future planned and as yet unfunded, expansion and rehabilitation improvements to the Highway 401 Waverley Road interchange be significantly accelerated and included in its five year capital works plan; and
- (b) advise of Clarington's intentions to partner with SmartREIT, and to encourage the Region of Durham to join this partnership such that:
 - i. the three parties would equally share \$7,485,000, based on current cost estimates, towards the capital cost of constructing such improvements to offset costs that the Ministry will incur in advancing this project at least 14 years earlier than the Ministry deems needed; and
 - ii. the Municipality of Clarington and each of the other two parties contribution would be 13% or \$2,495,000 based on current estimates.

That staff return to Council before any legal commitment is made and report on results of discussions with affected parties including cost containment measures; and

That a copy of this Report be forwarded to all interested parties noted.

Yours truly,


C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO
Municipal Clerk

CAG/lp

c: Granville Anderson, M.P.P., Durham
Roger Anderson, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham
Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, Regional Municipality of Durham
Garry Cubitt, CAO, Regional Municipality of Durham
Steve Mayhew, Manager, Transportation Infrastructure, Regional Municipality of Durham
Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development, Regional Municipality of Durham
Teepu Khawja, Central Region Director, Ministry of Transportation
Ornella Richichi, Executive Vice President, Development, SmartREIT
Clarington Board of Trade
Bowmanville BIA
Newcastle BIA
Orono BIA

Office of the Mayor, Tom Rowett

February 10, 2016

Honourable Minister Mauro
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Honourable Minister Mauro,

Re: Greenbelt Boundary Minor Changes

Original To: CAP ✓
Copy To: B. BRIDGEMAN
S. SLOVIC
C.C. S.C.C. File
Take Appr. Action

The Township of Scugog has received the proposed changes to the Greenbelt contained in the eblast provided by the Ministry on January 11, 2017. Our staff have reviewed the proposed changes to the Greenbelt boundary and have advised me that the request by the Council of the Township of Scugog to extend the Port Perry settlement area within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt northerly by approximately 180 metres to the Whitfield Road road allowance has not been accommodated in the proposed amendments.

Council had submitted a request to the Province to further consider this minor amendment to the Greenbelt Plan in order to provide for the logical expansion of the Port Perry urban area. Our submission, dated October 17, 2016 (Section 2.9.2), is attached to this letter (Attachment No. 1) for your reference.

Under the current provisions of the Greenbelt Plan, specifically Section 3.4.4.1, there are provisions for Settlement Area expansions where a municipality has initiated the consideration of a settlement expansion prior to December 16, 2003. This provision of the existing Greenbelt Plan is proposed to be deleted in the new Greenbelt Plan. Our Council has serious concerns with respect to this matter as it relates to our prior request to expand the Port Perry Urban Area to Whitfield Road as well as unresolved issues related to the boundaries of the hamlets of Blackstock and Caesarea.

With respect to the Port Perry Urban Area, in 1998 the Township of Scugog initiated work on preparing a new Official Plan for the Municipality. This Plan included defining the urban boundaries of Port Perry. At that time, the Municipality undertook the necessary background studies and adopted an Official Plan, which included the Port Perry urban area boundaries extending northerly to Whitfield Road. In its approval of the Township of Scugog Official Plan in 2001, the Region of Durham included a portion of these lands as a permitted urban expansion but Council of the Region of Durham did not clearly make a decision with respect to the remainder of the lands proposed to be expanded prior to the December 16, 2003 date included in Section 3.4.4.1 of the current Greenbelt Plan.

The Township of Scugog adopted a new Official Plan, updating the 2001 Official Plan in 2010. In that Plan, Council again approved the Urban Area boundaries of Port Perry to Whitfield Road. At that time, the Region of Durham deferred a decision on that expansion and that deferral, referenced in the Regional Official Plan as Approval of Deferral 5-1, continues to this day.

In 2016, Council adopted the next update to the Port Perry Urban Area Secondary Plan (OPA # 5), which again illustrated the Urban Area Boundary extending to Whitfield Road. In its decision on OPA # 5, dated December 20, 2016, the Region has again deferred the decision on the extension of the Urban Area to Whitfield Road. In its decision related to OPA # 5, the Region has cited a failure to comply with the minimum distance separation formula (MDS) as part of the rationale for not approving the expansion of the urban area. Since that decision has been made, the Municipality has received updated MDS calculations, which indicate that a large portion of the proposed expansion area could be accommodated in compliance with the Provincial MDS Guidelines.

The developers of the southerly plan of subdivision have requested the logical completion of the subdivision including utilization of the municipal infrastructure that has already been constructed to service that subdivision. The central street in the subdivision has been extended with accompanying street lights to Whitfield Road, approximately 180 metres to the north.

This block of land having a depth of approximately 180 metres between Whitfield Road and the boundary of the Port Perry Urban Area should not be included as part of the Greenbelt Plan. We see no relationship between these lands and the surrounding agricultural areas. Further, these lands being included in the Greenbelt would not further the objectives of the Greenbelt Plan. We have reviewed the Province's proposed changes to the Greenbelt in Markham and Whitby and conclude that this request has equal merit.

I therefore ask the Minister to reconsider the decision with respect to the Port Perry urban boundary in light of the information previously provided to the Ministry and our request today.

Sincerely,



Tom Rowett
Mayor
Township of Scugog

cc: Members of Council, Township of Scugog
Paul Allore, CAO, Township of Scugog
Kevin Heritage, Director of Development Services, Township of Scugog
John Paul Newman, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk, Township of Scugog
Granville Anderson, MPP, Durham
Debbie Wilcox, Clerk, Region of Durham
Rick Rondeau



Township of Scugog Staff Report

To request an alternative accessible format, please contact the Clerks Department at 905-985-7346.

Department: Development Services - Planning
Report To: General Purpose and Administration Committee
Date: October 17, 2016
Reference: Strategic Plan – Financial Sustainability and Natural Environment
Report Title: Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review – Township of Scugog Comments

Recommendations:

1. That the Staff report entitled “Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review – Township of Scugog Comments”, dated October 17, 2016 be received and endorsed; and
 2. That the Clerk forward the Staff report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Ontario Growth Secretariat) and the Region of Durham.
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1. Background:

On May 10, 2016, the Province of Ontario released a document entitled “Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, A Guide to Proposed Changes to: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH); The Greenbelt Plan; The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan; and the Niagara Escarpment Plan” (see Attachment 1).

The release of this document follows a consultation and reporting process led by former federal cabinet minister and mayor of Toronto, David Crombie, to provide input to the Province on the four plans. The Region of Durham, with the participation of the local municipalities, previously provided comments to the Crombie Panel.

The subject Staff report provides specific Township of Scugog comments on the co-ordinated review to both the Province of Ontario and the Region of Durham. Feedback has been requested by the Province by October 31, 2016. Don Gordon, the former Director of Community Services, prepared the initial draft of this staff report.

2. Discussion:

The Guide describes the proposed changes to the four plans on the basis of several themes. They are:

- Building complete communities;
- Supporting agriculture;
- Protecting natural heritage and water;
- Growing the Greenbelt;
- Addressing climate change;
- Integrating infrastructure;
- Improving plan implementation; and
- Measuring performance, promoting awareness and increasing engagement.

2.1. Building Complete Communities

A key theme of all Provincial land use policies is the building of complete communities throughout Ontario. Such communities are characterized by easily accessible homes, jobs, schools, and parks and recreation facilities. Complete communities encourage active transportation, including walking or biking, support public transit and generally provide opportunities for people to connect with one another.

Particular policy changes aimed at achieving complete communities that relate to the Township of Scugog are:

- Increasing the aggregate intensification target for urban areas within regional and single tier municipalities from 40% to 60% by requiring most new residential development to occur within existing built-up areas;
- Increasing the greenfield area density target from a minimum of 50 to 80 residents and jobs per hectare, and excluding non-developable natural heritage areas, infrastructure rights-of-way and prime employment areas;
- Establishing stronger environmental, agricultural and planning criteria for settlement area boundary expansions; and
- Providing new policies for outer ring municipalities (outside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area) that enable greater flexibility for growth.

2.1.1. Issues

a. Intensification and Density Targets

The Township Official Plan (OP), which was adopted by Council in 2009 and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in 2011, currently contains a policy that permits a maximum density of 30 units per net hectare with a maximum building height of five storeys above grade. It also specifies that 30% of all new housing within the Residential designation shall occur through intensification, such as multiple unit buildings, including townhouses and apartments (Section 4.1.3 a).

The above policy is proposed to be replaced by Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 5 (Port Perry Secondary Plan) as follows: *“Residential developments within areas designated Residential may be permitted at a maximum density of 50 units per net hectare with a maximum height of five storeys above grade. A minimum of 30% of new housing within the Residential designation shall occur through intensification within the built boundary shown on Schedule I.”*

The primary purpose of the proposed OPA is to increase the maximum permitted density from 30 to 50 units per net hectare in order to achieve housing and density targets, and to clarify that 30% of all new housing in Port Perry is to be located within the existing built boundary.

Proposed OPA 5 also modifies Section 4.1.3 p of the OP by confirming the densities associated with different forms of development as follows: *“For the purpose of this Plan low density shall be defined as up to 25 units per hectare, medium density is defined as 25 to 40 units per hectare and high density shall be defined as 40 to 50 units per hectare. The density should be based on net area, excluding roadways, parkland and environmentally protected, non-developable areas on a site.”*

The Region of Durham OP reflects current provincial policy, requiring that 40% of all residential development on an aggregate basis is to occur through intensification within built-up areas. Minimum intensification allocations are established in the plan for each municipality, including Scugog. Total housing unit growth to 2031 is shown as 1,908, of which 576 units (30%) are allocated to intensification. In addition, the Region of Durham OP establishes an overall gross density target of 50 residents and jobs combined per hectare. Specific targets for the area municipalities have been allowed to vary, with Scugog, Uxbridge, Brock and Clarington having the lowest targets/allocations.

As noted previously, the provincial land use planning review is now proposing that the intensification target in the Growth Plan be increased to a minimum of 60% of all new residential development occurring annually within the existing built-up area on an aggregate basis for regional and single tier municipalities. Such a target will be difficult for the urban municipalities in south Durham to achieve and is inappropriate for smaller settlement areas in north Durham such as Port Perry. Densities of this

magnitude will not result in urban design that is compatible with the historic nature and built form of Port Perry.

The Growth Plan should not be viewed as a one-size fits all plan. There needs to be more flexibility in the targets for smaller centres, but at the same time, work towards fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Growth Plan.

Staff recommend that the intensification target for Port Perry remain at 30% for new housing to be located within the existing built boundary and, further that, the Growth Plan be revised to make it clear that intensification and density targets not apply to settlement areas that are not serviced by Lake Ontario based sewage treatment facilities. In addition, the Growth Plan should contain policies that encourage intensification to be compatible with the existing built form and community.

b. Housing

The Township Official Plan contains an appropriate policy framework that encourages a diverse stock of housing types, tenure and design. For a smaller municipality, Scugog is attracting development applications with a healthy housing mix, including condominium apartments, street townhouses, semis and singles of varying sizes. However, overall housing affordability, an absence of rental accommodation, and the lack of transitional housing to enable residents to age in place, continue to be challenges in Scugog and throughout many municipalities in southern Ontario. The Township's Housing Advisory Committee has been established to advise Council on these and other housing issues and is currently preparing a housing policy.

However, the presence of the Greenbelt and the province's policy efforts to contain urban sprawl may be a contributing factor to the escalation in housing prices. While there are thousands of acres of land available for development throughout the GGH, much of it is not "development ready", meaning it does not have the necessary infrastructure (e.g. sewage treatment) in place to proceed.

The Port Perry urban area is a prime example where certain lands designated for development are not "development ready." With the completion of the Nonquon sewage treatment facility early next year, much needed new housing will begin to be built over the next several years. It is anticipated that much of that housing will be built and sold within the next five years due to strong pent-up demand, after which the sewage capacity will be consumed. The exact number of units built will depend on such factors as housing occupancy rates and the resulting sewage flows, but will range from between approximately 600 and 850 units. Once this housing is built, there will likely be significant upward pressure on housing prices in Port Perry until the sewage treatment facility can be expanded yet again.

Staff recommend that the Region of Durham be requested to review its growth forecasts for Scugog Township as part of the next municipal comprehensive review of the Durham Regional Official Plan, and in particular the Port Perry urban area, with

the view to preparing a master servicing plan to accommodate future growth in the community.

2.2. Supporting Agriculture

Another key theme of the provincial review is the protection of rural communities and the region's prime agricultural land base in order to support a strong and viable agricultural sector. To achieve this, there is one particular policy change proposed that will impact Scugog, as follows:

- The types of uses permitted in prime agricultural areas will be clarified as they relate to on-farm diversified uses such as home industries and agri-tourism.

2.2.1 Issues

a. Permitted Uses in Prime Agricultural Areas

The provincial land use policy framework currently places severe restrictions on the development of non-agricultural uses within prime agricultural areas. Virtually all of Scugog Township (approximately 95% of the land area), except for designated settlement areas (i.e. Port Perry urban area, hamlets, residential clusters and shoreline areas) are within the Greenbelt Plan's Protected Countryside and considered prime agricultural lands. Prime agricultural lands include those identified in the Canada Land Inventory as Class 1, 2 or 3 lands, which have the highest capability for agriculture. The area of the Township located within the Oak Ridges Moraine, which is also part of the Greenbelt, is generally comprised of lands of lesser capability for agriculture.

Within prime agricultural areas, permitted uses include normal farm practices, and a range of agricultural, agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses. These areas also typically include natural heritage and hydrologic features such as woodlots, wetlands and streams.

Agriculture-related uses are defined in the Greenbelt Plan as: *"...those farm-related industrial uses that are directly related to farm operations in the area, support agriculture, benefit from being in close proximity to farm operations, and provide direct products and/or services to farm operations as a primary activity."*

On-farm diversified uses are defined as *"...uses that are secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property, and are limited in area. On-farm diversified uses include, but are not limited to, home occupations, home industries, agri-tourism uses, and uses that produce value-added agricultural products."*

The proposed Greenbelt Plan policies do not expand the permitted uses in the Protected Countryside area. More specifically, non-agricultural uses are simply not permitted in the prime agricultural areas of the Protected Countryside, with the exception of home occupations and home industries, which act as small business incubators. Once they outgrow their premises (i.e. in a house for a home occupation or in a detached building for a home industry), they are expected to relocate to larger premises in a settlement area such as Port Perry or one of the Township's hamlets.

The fact remains that some non-agricultural uses, by their very nature, must be located within non-urban environments. Country inns are a case in point.

While bed and breakfast establishments are permitted in prime agricultural areas as an agri-tourism use, the Greenbelt Plan proposes to eliminate the maximum three bedroom limit, thereby enabling local municipalities to set their own limits. The Township zoning by-law currently establishes a maximum three bedroom limit for this land use. A country inn, on the other hand, is larger and often includes accessory uses such as wedding facilities. Staff's interpretation of the proposed Greenbelt Plan modifications is that a country inn will continue to be excluded as a permitted use in prime agricultural areas. Such a policy is overly restrictive considering almost all of the rural area of Scugog, except for those lands located in the Oak Ridges Moraine, is in a prime agricultural area. This land use would also not be permitted in the moraine. Country inns however, make a significant contribution to the rural economies in which they are located.

Staff recommend that the Greenbelt Plan be revised to permit country inns or, at the very least, the province establish a working group to further examine the issue of non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas.

b. Farm Severances

The Greenbelt Plan continues to permit severances of farm parcels provided the resulting lot size is not less than 40 hectares (100 acres). In addition, the severance of surplus farm dwellings continues to be permitted.

Council considered the matter of surplus farm dwelling severances in June of this year in response to a Region of Durham review of its Official Plan severance policies. A Scugog staff report dated June 27, 2016 was endorsed by Council and forwarded to the Region.

The staff report concluded that the current policy framework, while not perfect, is largely achieving positive land use planning outcomes for the rural areas of the Region. It was suggested that certain elements be re-examined as follows:

- Where surplus farm dwelling severances involve abutting parcels owned by the same farm operation, there should be a requirement that the parcels be consolidated;
- Since these severances are permitted by the Regional Official Plan in non-abutting farm situations, there should be no need for an Official Plan amendment;
- The habitable dwelling provision of the existing policy should be reviewed to consider allowing old houses to be demolished and new ones erected; and
- The transfer of development rights from rural to urban areas should be examined in further detail.

Staff recommend that the staff report be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Ontario Growth Secretariat) as input to the Coordinated Land Use Planning Review (see Attachment 2).

2.3. Protecting Natural Heritage and Water

In recognition of the region's natural heritage features and ecosystems, both of which include lakes, rivers, streams and aquifers, the four plans contain policies aimed at protecting natural heritage and hydrologic (water) features.

Policy changes relevant to Scugog are:

- The province will identify the natural heritage system across the Greater Golden Horseshoe;
- A requirement that natural heritage systems be protected when incorporated into expanded settlement areas; and
- Encouraging municipalities to develop soil re-use strategies to sustainably manage excess soils through planning approvals.

2.3.1 Issues

a. Natural Heritage Systems

While the guide document suggests that the province will identify the natural heritage systems across the GGH, the Growth Plan document clearly states that *"Municipalities will identify a natural heritage system in accordance with the methodology established by the Province..."* (sec. 4.2.2).

Staff recommend that the matter of the identification of natural heritage systems be clarified so that municipalities, in concert with conservation authorities, assume this

responsibility. In existing settlement areas, the policy protections in the Provincial Policy Statement for natural heritage systems would continue to apply.

b. Soil Re-use

The Growth Plan contains new policies regarding soil management practices that encourage municipalities to develop strategies to reuse soil on-site to the maximum extent possible and to ensure fill shipped to a site does not have an adverse impact on the natural environment.

This policy however, is insufficient to protect the GGH's prime agricultural lands. These highly fertile soils are easily ruined by the dumping of even non-contaminated material, particularly if it is absent of topsoil and is comprised only of mineral soil. While local municipalities can prohibit the large scale dumping of fill on prime agricultural lands, such a prohibition should originate at the provincial level so as to avoid a regulatory patchwork quilt across the GGH.

Staff recommend that the province incorporate a policy into the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan that prohibits the commercial dumping of fill on prime agricultural lands.

2.4. Growing the Greenbelt

The existing Greenbelt area encompasses some 800,000 hectares (two million acres) and permanently protects significant agricultural and natural heritage areas from urban development. Included within the Greenbelt are the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Niagara Escarpment.

While not impacting Scugog directly, the most significant policy change concerning the growing of the Greenbelt is the public component of urban river valleys are proposed to be included. In addition, the adding of lands to the Greenbelt will not require municipal support. In this regard, the province will be looking at the possible expansion of the Greenbelt outside of the GTHA.

It is appropriate to consider the expansion of the Greenbelt into the municipalities comprising the "outer ring" since development pressures are also being exerted on those areas, particularly as transportation infrastructure (i.e. GO rail and the provincial highway system) is extended outward. Typically, settlement patterns follow transportation infrastructure. The province has established a working group to examine the possible expansion of the Greenbelt.

Staff recommend that the Township express its support for the possible expansion of the Greenbelt beyond the GTHA.

2.5. Addressing Climate Change

The four plans currently contain policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change. They work together to contain urban sprawl and create higher density communities that are more compact and, therefore, more walkable and transit supportive.

The Greenbelt also acts as a carbon sink by absorbing and storing greenhouse gases.

As it relates to Scugog, the key policy changes proposed to address climate change include:

- Municipalities will be encouraged to develop greenhouse gas inventories, emission reduction strategies, and related targets and performance measures;
- Municipalities will be required to undertake more comprehensive stormwater management planning for settlement areas and to examine their infrastructure to identify possible weaknesses; and
- Encourage the use of green infrastructure and require use of low-impact development techniques so as to generate less runoff from developed land.

2.5.1 Issues

a. Greenhouse Gas Emission Data

While a laudable goal, the collection of greenhouse gas emission data is yet another task that small, Greenbelt municipalities such as Scugog are not resourced to undertake.

Staff recommend that the province establish a fund to enable small municipalities to collect greenhouse gas emission data.

b. Stormwater Management

Scugog Township has been working closely with the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority to proactively implement low impact development (LID) techniques such as increasing pervious surfaces as a means of reducing stormwater runoff. All subdivision and site plan applications are now reviewed with such techniques in mind.

Staff recommend that the Township express its support for the broad application of green infrastructure and LID techniques across the GTHA.

2.6. Integrating Infrastructure

Policies in this area are aimed at better integrating land use and infrastructure planning to ensure the best use of limited resources and that infrastructure is built where it is most needed. This relates primarily to transportation, water, wastewater, stormwater and other public infrastructure.

The existing and proposed policies more specifically speak to the movement of people (i.e. higher order public transit) and goods, and are mostly relevant to larger urban centres.

Infrastructure planning as it relates to the Nonquon Sewage Treatment Facility has been addressed in section 2.1.1.b of this report.

2.7. Improving Plan Implementation

The four plans were originally established at different times and for different purposes. The proposed changes are intended to make their policies consistent with one another, including definitions.

One change that indirectly impacts Scugog is a requirement that only municipalities in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe would be eligible for alternative targets for intensification and greenfield density. This issue has been addressed previously in this report in section 2.1.1.a.

2.8. Measuring Performance, Promoting Awareness and Increasing Engagement

To determine if the plans' overall objectives are being met, the province intends to work with stakeholders, including municipalities, to monitor their implementation and progress. It is proposed that single-tier and upper-tier municipalities be responsible for regularly reporting on plan implementation. The Region of Durham would, therefore, assume this responsibility.

2.9 Other Matters

2.9.1 Financial Impact on Greenbelt Municipalities

While the protection of the GTHA's best farmland and natural features, along with the curbing of urban development, are laudable goals, it must be recognized by the province that those local municipalities that comprise the Greenbelt pay a heavy financial price. The Greenbelt Plan, combined with severe servicing restrictions (i.e. sewage treatment capacity), means Scugog Township will continue to have very limited development and growth in property tax assessment, unlike the municipalities in the southern part of the Region that are on the York-Durham Servicing System.

Limited assessment growth means existing property owners carry the burden of the ever increasing cost of municipal services. This situation is fundamentally unfair to Scugog since the Township would realize more development and population growth if not for such policy based restrictions.

In 2015, the Township updated its Roads Needs Study to determine the amount of funding required to improve the Township's roads to a good condition. It was concluded that even with the assistance of current Federal and Provincial Grant funding, the Township will be unable to maintain its roads and bridges in good condition. Unfortunately, the Township has an insufficient property tax base to maintain its infrastructure.

If the province expects Scugog and its rural counterparts to be the "breadbasket" of the GGH, a new financial arrangement is needed. This could take the form of provincial grants for Greenbelt communities to compensate for the reduced ability of municipalities to increase their assessment through growth.

Staff recommend that a provincial working group be established to examine the financial implications associated with being located in the Greenbelt and identifying appropriate mitigation measures for predominantly rural municipalities such as Scugog.

2.9.2 Resolution of Outstanding OP Deferrals

There are currently three outstanding land use related deferrals associated with the Township Official Plan (OP). They are:

- D5-1 (north end of Port Perry urban area, south side of Whitfield Road);
- D2-1 (hamlet of Blackstock); and
- D2-2 (hamlet of Caesarea).

Attachments 3, 4 and 5 show the location of the lands subject to the deferrals.

The deferrals, in all three cases, essentially mean the land use designations that would have permitted development on the lands were not approved by the Region when the rest of the OP was approved in 2010, pending further study. In the case of D5-1, Council had adopted an Official Plan in 2001 that included these lands. The 2010 Official Plan also included these lands and remains deferred. The reason for the deferral was due in part to the Provincial Policy Statement not permitting development on private services within an urban area. However, the 2014 PPS has provided opportunity for rounding out areas on private or partial services. The Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan should reflect this change in the PPS.

D2-1 and D2-2, on the other hand, were deferred to enable further analysis to support the rounding out of the hamlets.

Although there has been some dialogue with the landowners involved, it was ultimately determined that the best opportunity for resolution would be in the context of the Greenbelt Plan and Growth Plan reviews currently ongoing. Staff understands that the province has established a working group to deal with site specific boundary issues for settlement areas.

Nevertheless, the province proposes to delete the existing policy in the Greenbelt Plan (Section 3.4.3.2) that permits the minor rounding out of Hamlet Boundaries. Staff recommend that this policy be reinstated and that the working group deal with specific requests.

Staff recommend that the province be requested to refer the outstanding Official Plan deferrals to the working group on boundary issues for resolution, and that any studies required to support their resolution be funded by the landowners.

3. Financial Implications:

Both the Region and the Township will be required to undertake municipal conformity exercises with respect to their own official plans, which in turn may require further amendments to the Township zoning by-law. This will be very costly for small municipalities such as Scugog.

Staff recommend that the province provide one-time funding to small municipalities to complete their Official Plan and zoning by-law conformity exercises.

4. Communication Considerations: N/A

5. Conclusion:

The subject report provides Scugog-specific comments and recommendations on the province's Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review, which includes the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Along with the Provincial Policy Statement, these documents provide the policy basis for all land use planning and land development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Region of Durham and the Township of Scugog Official Plans are required to be in conformity with, and implement, the policies in these documents.

While the province has endeavoured to simplify and better coordinate the plans, they remain complex and prescriptive for municipalities, requiring OP conformity exercises to be undertaken both at the Regional and local municipal level.

The recommendations from this report are summarized as follows:

- that the target for Port Perry remain at 30% of all new housing to be located within the existing built boundary and, further that, the Growth Plan be revised to clarify that intensification and density targets not apply to settlement areas that are not serviced by Lake Ontario based sewage treatment facilities;
- that the Region of Durham review its growth forecasts for Scugog Township as part of its next municipal comprehensive review, and in particular the Port Perry urban area, with the view to preparing a master servicing plan to accommodate future growth in the community;
- that the Greenbelt Plan be revised to accommodate tourist attractions such as country inns or, at the very least, the province be requested to establish a working group to further examine the issue of non-agricultural uses in the prime agricultural areas;
- that the matter of the identification of natural heritage systems be clarified so that municipalities, in concert with conservation authorities, assume this responsibility;
- that the province be requested to incorporate a policy into the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan that prohibits the commercial dumping of fill on prime agricultural lands;
- that the Township express its support for the possible expansion of the Greenbelt outside of the GTHA;
- that the province establish a fund to enable small municipalities to collect greenhouse gas emission data;
- that the Township express its support for the broad application of green infrastructure and LID techniques across the GTHA;
- that a provincial working group be established to examine the financial implications associated with being located in the Greenbelt and identifying appropriate mitigation measures for predominantly rural municipalities such as Scugog;
- that the province be requested to refer the outstanding Scugog Official Plan deferrals to the working group on boundary issues for resolution, and that any studies required to support their resolution be funded by the landowners; and
- that the province provide one-time funding to small municipalities to complete their Official Plan and zoning by-law conformity exercises.

Respectfully Submitted:

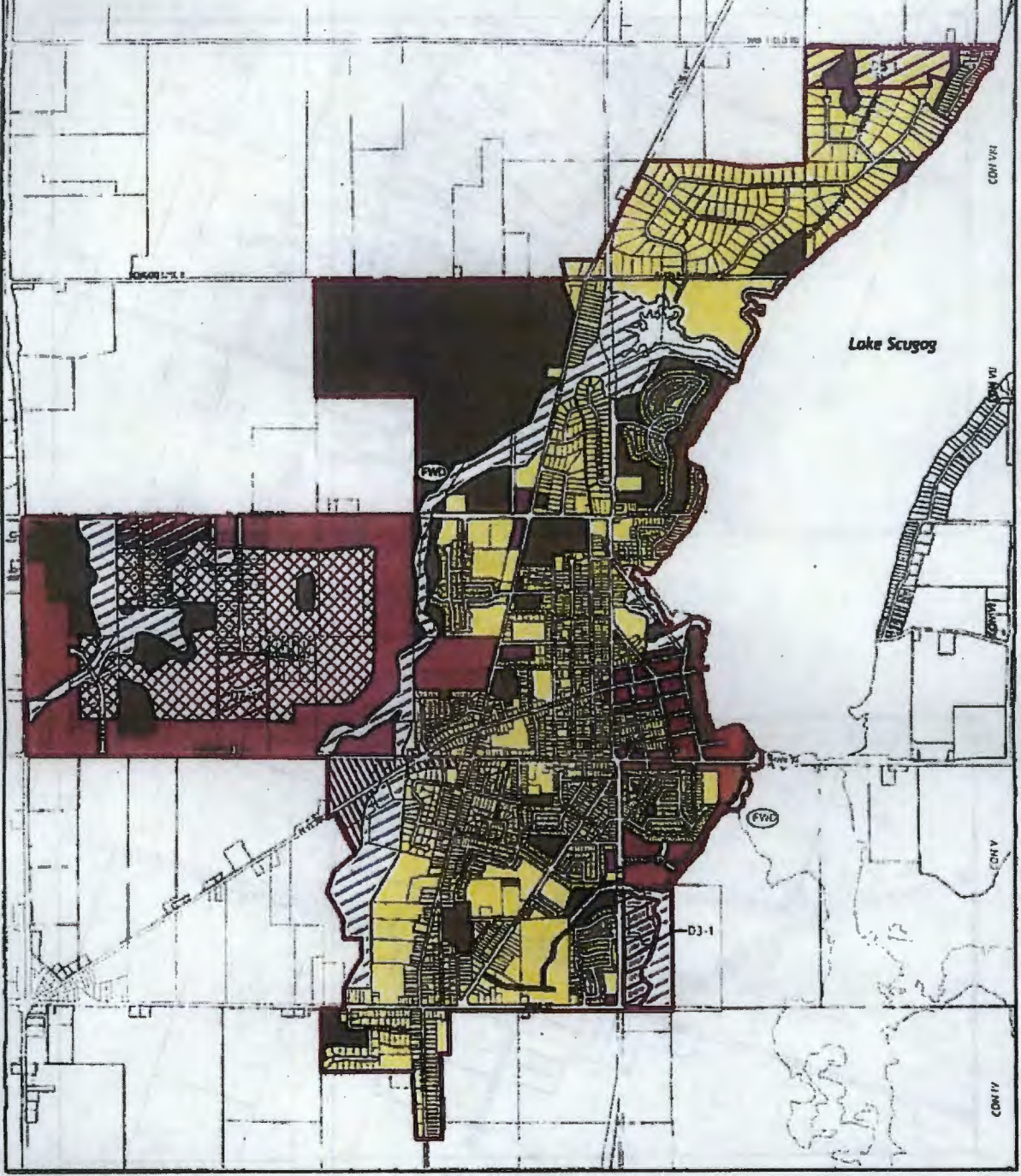
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Director of Development Services

Attachments:

- ATT-1: Shaping Land Use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- ATT-2: Township of Scugog Comments on Surplus Farm Dwelling Severance Policies
- ATT-3: Township of Scugog Official Plan Schedule A-1
- ATT-4: Township of Scugog Hamlet Boundaries – Blackstock and Epsom
- ATT-5: Township of Scugog Hamlet Boundaries - Caesarea

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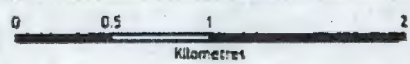
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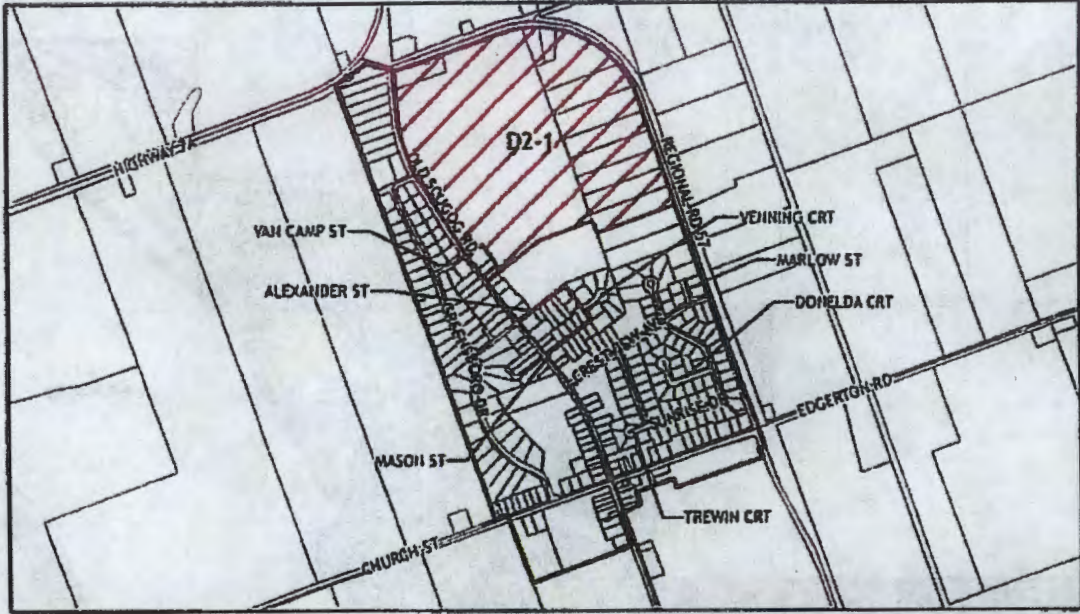
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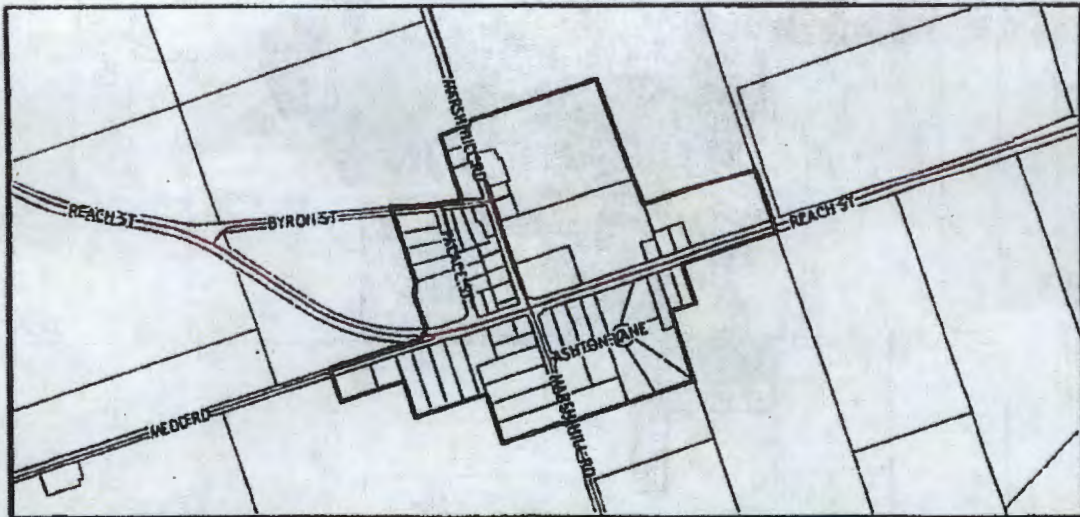


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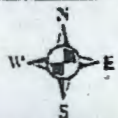
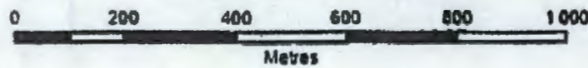
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TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG HAMLET BOUNDARIES



Schedule H-9
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Clarington

February 10, 2017

The Honourable Erin O'Toole
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Re: Clarington Council Supports the National Council of Canadian Muslim's Charter for Inclusive Communities

File Number: R00.GE

At a meeting held on February 6, 2017, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington unanimously adopted the enclosed "National Council of Canada Muslim's Charter for Inclusive Communities.

Yours truly,

C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO
Municipal Clerk

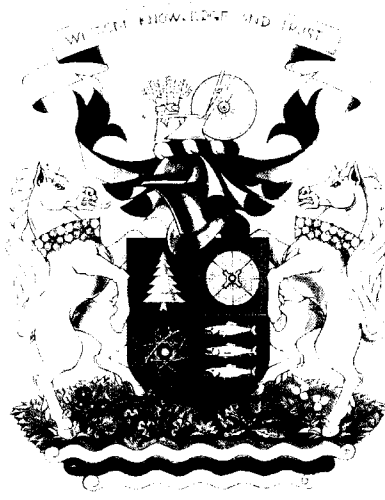
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C: Granville Anderson, MPP (Durham)
Lynn Dollin, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Debi Wilcox, Regional Clerk/Dir. of Legislative Services, Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Region Municipalities

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Clarington Council supports the National Council of Canadian Muslims' Charter for Inclusive Communities

Resolution

Whereas the Charter for Inclusive Communities affirms the dignity of every person and calls for a concerted effort to counter prejudice and hate and to develop programs and policies specific to the reduction and elimination of Islamophobia in all its forms.

And Whereas the rise of anti-Muslim incidents across Canada and the recent attacks in Quebec City risk eroding the strength of our country's rich social fabric;

Now therefore be it resolved that Clarington Council endorses and supports the National Council of Canadian Muslims' Charter for Inclusive Communities which reads:

The recent rise in anti-Muslim incidents in Canada is disturbing and risks eroding the strength of our country's rich social fabric. When Muslim women are attacked in the streets, when mosques are vandalized or when people face prejudice in their workplace or school, it is not only Canadian Muslims that suffer; Canadian society as a whole is weakened because our values of equality, respect, justice and dignity for all are threatened.

Hate crimes against Muslims have risen dramatically in recent years both in Canada, and around the world. Given the unfortunate climate of fear that seems to have entered some segments of public life, it appears that this trend is increasing.

Islamophobia is real and it is wrong, despite what some may say to downplay it or dismiss it. This type of hate and discrimination tells Canadian Muslims that they do not belong by isolating them and their communities through stigmatization and casting them as outsiders and the 'other'.

Our Commitment

By signing this Charter, we commit to standing up for the rights and dignity of everyone in order to promote inclusive, just, and respectful communities in Canada.

We strongly affirm that:

- Islamophobia, like all other forms of racism, hate, xenophobia, and bigotry, has no place in Canadian society.
- Discrimination and acts of hate against anyone marginalize individuals and communities and exclude them from participating fully in society and fulfilling their potential.
- The dignity of every person in Canada is essential to a healthy and vibrant society.
- Everyone has a role to play in creating safe environments for us all.
- All levels of government, civil society, communities, and public officials have a duty to work together in developing policies, programs and initiatives to reduce and eliminate Islamophobia in all its forms.
- By working together, we can nurture inclusive communities and strengthen our shared commitment to Canada's values of equality, respect, justice, and the dignity of all persons.

Mayor Adrian Foster
Municipality of Clarington

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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February 9, 2017

The Honourable Bill Mauro
Minister of Municipal Affairs
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Subject: Request for Legislation to Establish Updated Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews and to Create an Independent Body to Conduct those Reviews

Dear Minister Mauro:

At its meeting of February 8, 2017, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5, which reads as follows:

7.5 Guidelines for Ward Boundary Reviews

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to request that the Province develop legislation to establish updated guidelines for ward boundary reviews and to create an independent body to conduct the reviews, taking into consideration the principle of effective representation and having sensitivity to the relevant interests of Ontario's rural and urban communities; and,

(b) That a copy of this motion be circulated to area municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities Ontario for consideration.

We respectfully request your consideration with respect to this matter, and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Eisenberger

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From: Tania Wilson <twilson@porthope.ca>
Sent: February-13-17 10:56 AM
To: premier@ontario.ca
Subject: Municipality of Port Hope - Fire Department Infrastructure
Attachments: Resol 05-2017.pdf

Honourable Wynne,

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port hope at its Council meeting on February 7th, 2017 passed Resolution 05/2017, petitioning the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as a critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

If you require any further information, please contact our offices at 905.885.4544 or myself at the below contact.

Kind regards,

Tania Wilson, Administrative Assistant

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February 7, 2017
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Jeff Yurek, MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities."

The Council respectfully requests that consideration be given to provide funding for Fire Department Infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre

Jim Maudsley
Mayor

cc: Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure
Jeff Yurek, MPP, Elgin-Middlesex-London
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Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
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February 7, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queen’s Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

At its last regular meeting held on February 6, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Thames Centre reviewed a resolution enacted by the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth, at its regular meeting held on January 16, 2017, with regard to funding for Fire Department Infrastructure.

I wish to advise that the Thames Centre Council enacted the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Thames Centre, hereby supports the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth’s resolution, passed at its meeting held on January 16, 2017, to have the municipal fire service recognized as critical infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments;

AND WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities’ managed capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Jim Wilson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

**Cindy Anne Maher CMO
Clerk/Director of Administration Services**



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January 26, 2017

Via Email

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Municipal Fire Department Infrastructure

Please be advised that Council adopted the following motion at their meeting of January 16, 2017;

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments;

AND WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

**MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION**

Date: 07 Feb 2017

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WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire protection, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS there are total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the Province of Ontario comprised of 32 Full-time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-time Firefighters staffing these departments;

AND WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Port Hope hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Lou Rinaldi, MPP for Northumberland-Quinte West, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Mayor R.J. Sanderson

From: Gord Geissberger
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To: News Release List

Hello, please find attached the above news release with regards to the low water conditions for your information and distribution.

If you cannot open the attachment please contact me at the conservation office.

Have a great day!

Gord

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Downgrades To Level 1 Low Water Conditions



Mild weather in periods in December and January have helped with low water conditions across the Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) watershed. Stream flows have recovered and some shallow groundwater recharge has occurred after several rain and snow melt events. The Central Lake Ontario Water Response Team is downgrading the Level 2 Low Water Condition to a Level 1 for watersheds within their jurisdiction. Residents are still asked to continue with their water conservation efforts.

“December and January precipitation amounts were 83% and 90% of our historical normal respectively. For the 3-month period of November through January, our watershed received about 69 % of the normal precipitation, and our streamflow is above normal for this time of year,” states Neil MacFarlane, Environmental Engineering Analyst for Central Lake Ontario Conservation.

Although precipitation and streamflow conditions have improved, groundwater levels in shallow aquifers marginally improved through the beginning of January. Groundwater levels will be slow to recover with current frozen ground conditions. For residents experiencing problems with their shallow wells, information is available through the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change website at www.ontario.ca/page/managing-your-water-well-times-water-shortage#section-2 . Residents with well problems are also encouraged to map their well on the Interactive Drought Reporting Map. A link may be found at www.cloca.com/resources .

“Unfortunately, the low water condition is not expected to recover in the near future as it will take an extended period of rain or snow melt to bring water reserves back to normal,” says MacFarlane. “In 2016, the watershed only received two thirds (67%) of our average annual precipitation.”

For more information please contact Neil MacFarlane at Central Lake Ontario Conservation (905) 579-0411, ext. 134 or email: nmacfarlane@cloca.com.

Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.

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

The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:05 PM.

Present: M. Sutherland, Oshawa
M. Bell, DMHS
Councillor J. Drumm left the meeting at 1:35 PM
D. McAllister, Executive Director, DREN
M. Roche, Oshawa
P. Rundle, Clarington
S. Sones, Whitby

Absent: R. Atkinson, Whitby
S. Barrie, Clarington
J. Stevenson, Ajax

Staff

Present: J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Drumm made a declaration of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* with respect to any items pertaining to Durham Region Transit. He indicated that his son is employed by Durham Region Transit.

2. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

A) Election of Chair

J. Traer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by P. Rundle, Seconded by M. Roche,
That M. Sutherland be nominated for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by D. McAllister,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

J. Traer asked if M. Sutherland wished to stand. M. Sutherland indicated she would stand.

M. Sutherland was acclaimed as Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

B) Election of Vice-Chair

J. Traer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. McAllister, Seconded by M. Sutherland,
That S. Sones be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Drumm, Seconded by M. Roche,
That nominations be closed.
CARRIED

J. Traer asked if S. Sones wished to stand. S. Sones indicated she would stand.

S. Sones was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

M. Sutherland, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

M. Sutherland requested that the 2017 AAC Workplan and Review of the AAC's Subcommittees be added under Item #9, Administration Matters.

Moved by D. McAllister, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the agenda for the January 24, 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, as amended, be approved.
CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by M. Bell,
That the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Presentation

A) Ray Smith, Coordinator, Advocacy & Stakeholder Engagement, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Toronto re: Advocacy Initiatives and the New CNIB Foundation

R. Smith, Coordinator, Advocacy & Stakeholder Engagement, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Toronto, appeared before the Committee to discuss advocacy initiatives and the new CNIB Foundation.

R. Smith stated that the CNIB is a registered charity that provides community-based support to Canadians who are blind or partially sighted. He stated that the CNIB works hand-in-hand with Canadians to advocate for a barrier-free and inclusive society.

He advised that he suffered a workplace injury in 1986 which resulted in a 90% loss of vision, leaving him legally blind. He stated that the CNIB has helped him tremendously in his journey to re-gain employment.

R. Smith stated that the CNIB has recently unveiled The Path to Change, a new strategic plan that calls for the CNIB to work in partnership with those they serve, as well as provincial governments, the medical community, volunteers and supporters to ensure all Canadians who are blind or partially sighted have the confidence, skills and opportunity to fully participate in life. He also stated that the CNIB is working towards a national advocacy strategy to advance key issues facing communities and is looking to create resources and provide support to enable people who are legally blind or partially sighted to self-advocate.

R. Smith requested that the Committee advise him whether there are any issues or concerns in Durham Region that require advocacy from the CNIB. He also inquired whether there is a need for ambassadors and volunteers.

R. Smith responded to questions of the Committee and discussion ensued with regards to the possibility of partnering with the MS Society as the concerns of the CNIB can be integrated with those of the MS Society.

The Committee recessed at 1:43 PM and resumed at 1:48 PM.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

A) Update on Questions to be presented to the Transit Advisory Committee

M. Sutherland advised that the eight questions discussed at the November 22nd AAC meeting will be provided to the Transit Advisory Committee meeting on January 24th at 7 PM.

7. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to be considered.

8. Reports

A) Education Sub-committee Update

J. Traer asked whether anyone was interested in volunteering to sit on the Education Sub-committee as M. Cordahi has resigned. D. McAllister and P. Rundle volunteered to sit on the sub-committee.

J. Traer advised that there will be a presentation from Durham Region Transit at the February meeting with regards to new bus stop signs. She also advised that there will be a presentation on accessible housing and accessible design in housing at the March meeting.

J. Traer advised that there is a Breakfast Conference entitled, "Inclusive Workplaces Make a Difference" scheduled for February 7, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Abilities Centre. She advised that the keynote speaker will be John Draper.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

M. Sutherland advised that she did not have an update as the TAC meeting had not yet taken place. She advised that the meeting was scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 7 PM.

C) Update from the Accessibility Coordinator

- J. Traer provided an update on the new Region of Durham website. She stated that the Steering Committee meets every Thursday and that the website's accessibility is an important issue. She advised that numerous staff sessions have been held and they are now in the next stage. She advised that a Site Map Public Focus Group has been scheduled for February 28, 2017 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM and inquired whether any members were interested in attending. M. Sutherland, S. Sones and J. Stevenson volunteered to attend. Discussion ensued with regards to how emails are re-directed from the regional website to the appropriate individual.
- J. Traer stated that there are 26 new Appointees to the Order of Ontario. She advised that Robert Pio Hajjar was acclaimed the "transformative" motivational speaker.
- J. Traer advised that January 25, 2017 is "Bell Let's Talk Day" which promotes awareness and action with a strategy built on the following key pillars: fighting the stigma; improving access to care; supporting world-class research; and leading by example in workplace mental health.
- J. Traer advised that she has requested she be advised of any upcoming Regional events that the Committee may be interested in attending.
- J. Traer advised that the Whitby AAC has requested that a Committee member attend one of their upcoming meetings. M. Sutherland advised that she would be interested in attending together with J. Traer on behalf of the Committee.
- J. Traer advised that Whitby MP, Celina Caesar-Chavannes, will be hosting an Accessibility Town Hall meeting on January 25, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Abilities Centre.

D) 2016 Accessibility Report

J. Traer advised that the Regional Municipality of Durham's 2016 Accessibility Report was approved at the December 14, 2016 Regional Council meeting. She stated that plans are in place with regards to the printing and posting of the report in an accessible format.

9. Administration Matters

A) AAC Workplan for 2017

A copy of the 2017 Workplan was provided to the Committee.

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by D. McAllister,
That we recommend to the Committee of the Whole for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee Workplan, as approved by the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

B) Review of AAC's Subcommittees

i) Site Survey Sub-Committee

- J. Traer advised that the Site Survey Sub-committee will continue to meet to review Regional Projects. S. Sones, M. Sutherland, M. Roche and P. Rundle volunteered to sit on the sub-committee.

iii) National Access Awareness Week Sub-committee

- J. Traer advised that the National Access Awareness Week sub-committee will meet monthly to plan regional events for this year's National Access Awareness Week. M. Sutherland and M. Bell volunteered to sit on the sub-committee.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 1:00 PM.

12. Adjournment

Moved by M. Roche, Seconded by D. McAllister,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

M. Sutherland, Chair
Accessibility Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

Action Items Committee of the Whole and Regional Council

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff was requested to provide information on the possibility of an educational campaign designed to encourage people to sign up for subsidized housing at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. (Region of Durham's Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan for the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Program) (2016-COW-19)	Social Services / Economic Development	October 5, 2016
September 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Section 7 of Attachment #1 to Report #2016-COW-31, Draft Procedural By-law, as it relates to Appointment of Committees was referred back to staff to review the appointment process.	Legislative Services	First Quarter 2017
October 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole	That Correspondence (CC 65) from the Municipality of Clarington regarding the Durham York Energy Centre Stack Test Results be referred to staff for a report to Committee of the Whole	Works	
December 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole	Staff advised that an update on a policy regarding Public Art would be available by the Spring 2017.	Works	Spring 2017
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Discussion also ensued with respect to whether implementing a clear bag program will help to increase recycling and green bin program compliance at curbside. Staff was directed to bring an updated report on a clear bag program to an upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole.	Works	

Meeting Date	Request	Assigned Department(s)	Anticipated Response Date
January 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole	Inquiry regarding when the road rationalization plan would be considered by Council. Staff advised a report would be brought forward in June.	Works	June 2017