



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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March 8, 2019

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2019-INFO-15
Date: March 8, 2019

Subject:

The People's Health Care Act, 2019

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's (MOHLTC) announcement of Bill 74, the [People's Health Care Act, 2019](#).

2. Background

- 2.1 On February 26, 2019, the MOHLTC introduced Bill 74 which would, if passed, enact the *Connecting Care Act, 2019*, which supports establishment of local Ontario Health Teams and integrates multiple existing provincial agencies into a single agency named Ontario Health.
- 2.2 MOHLTC is planning on establishing Ontario Health Teams to coordinate and deliver primary care, hospital care, rehabilitative care, home and community care, residential long-term care and mental health and addictions services.
- 2.3 The following agencies would transition to Ontario Health if the legislation is passed:
- a. Cancer Care Ontario
 - b. eHealth Ontario
 - c. HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency
 - d. Health Shared Services Ontario
 - e. Ontario Health Quality Council
 - f. Trillium Gift of Life Network

g. 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)

- 2.4 The proposed legislation also allows for any other organization that receives funding from MOHLTC or Ontario Health, and that provides programs or services that are consistent with the objects of Ontario Health, to be transitioned in the future.
- 2.5 Bill 74 also amends the [*Ministry of Health and Long-Term Act*](#) to require the establishment of an Indigenous health council and French language health services advisory council to advise the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

3. Current Status

- 3.1 The [*Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability*](#) (OPHS) require the medical officer of health of a board of health to formally engage with the chief executive officer from each LHIN within the geographic boundaries of the public health unit on population health assessment, joint planning for health services, and population health initiatives.
- 3.2 If the proposed legislation is passed, there may be an impact to the requirements to engage currently articulated in the OPHS. There has been no communication from MOHLTC to date regarding any potential changes.
- 3.3 DRHD is continuing to engage with the Central East LHIN through ongoing engagement opportunities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The MOHLTC has communicated that the transition to Ontario Health will take place over a number of years.
- 4.2 MOHLTC has committed to provide regular updates during the transformation through ontario.ca/connectedcare.
- 4.3 DRHD will monitor ongoing updates through the transformation to determine if there are any impacts to public health programs and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: [#2019 -INFO- 16](#)
Date: March 8, 2019

Subject:

Contract Amendments Funded Within Approved Capital Project Budgets and Emergency Expenditures for Period from November 1, 2018 Ending January 31, 2019

Recommendation:

Receive for Information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides details related to eleven contract amendments for which the increased financial commitment has been funded within an approved capital project budget for the period from November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019, in accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy.
- 1.2 It also provides details related to one emergency expenditure in accordance with Section 11 of the Region's Purchasing By-law 68-2000 (Amended).
- 1.3 Dollar amounts followed by an asterisk (*) are before applicable taxes.

2. Contract Amendments Funded within the Approved Project for the Period of November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

- 2.1 For the period of November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019, amendments to nine engineering or consulting services agreement with increased financial commitments exceeding the limits set out in Section 10 of the Budget Management Policy were processed. In addition, two construction contracts were amended that exceeded the limits prescribed in Section 12.1 of the Budget Management Policy. Funding for these amendments were available from contingencies within the approved capital budgets for each project.

Project	Contract Cost *	Total Revised Contract Cost*	Total Increase*
<u>Additional Engineering and Consulting Services:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precision Construction Services-Construction and Urbanization of Main Street, Municipality of Clarington (R1511) 	\$58,500	\$94,500	\$36,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIMA Canada Inc.-Reconstruction of the Brock Street and Rossland Road Intersection, Town of Whitby (R1619) 	\$57,513	\$120,642	\$63,129
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH2M HILL Canada Limited-Corbett Creek WPCP Headworks, Town of Whitby (D1409) 	\$147,430	\$274,730	\$127,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reed Jones Christopherson-Rehabilitation of the Parking Garage and Stairwells, Town of Whitby (G1703) 	\$99,165	\$133,810	\$34,645
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIMA Canada Inc.-Reconstruction of Brock Street and Manning Road Intersection, Town of Whitby (R1523) 	\$50,972	\$115,294	\$64,322
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHD Limited-Consulting for Whites Bridge, City of Pickering (R1732) 	\$59,853	\$134,763	\$74,910
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHD Limited-Consulting for Extension of Construction John Mills Bridge Rehabilitation, Town of Ajax, (R1528) 	\$55,153	\$80,153	\$25,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSP Canada Group Limited-Site Inspection for Trunk Sanitary Sewer from Energy Park Drive to Courtice Rd, Municipality of Clarington (D1842) 	\$59,975	\$120,685	\$60,710
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Software-Implementation and configuration of enterprise Workforce Scheduling software (G1708) 	\$470,075	\$672,803	\$202,728
<u>Additional Construction:</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esposito Brothers Construction-BRT Improvements on Westney Road and Hwy. 2, Town of Ajax (H1033, H1046, R1303, R1636) 	\$6,847,362	\$7,508,165	\$660,803
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esposito Bros Construction-Reconstruction and Widening of Victoria Street (Halls Rd. to Seaboard Gate), Town of Whitby (R1638) 	\$10,017,088	\$10,723,339	\$706,251

3. Emergency Expenditures to January 31, 2019

- 3.1. On an emergency basis, both Pinchin Environmental and CRCS DKI were retained to perform remediation work at the Oshawa Water Supply Plant (WSP), Waste Treatment Facility building to address mold growth on the interior walls and to install dehumidification equipment in the Waste Treatment facility at the plant to prevent future mold growth.

Pinchin Environmental was retained to define the methodology and procedures for the safe removal of the mold as well as to oversee the remediation work and complete all required air tests. CRCS DKI was retained to remove the mold and sanitize the walls.

In addition, dehumidification equipment was purchased from Kilmer Environmental to prevent future mold growth. The electrical and plumbing work required for the installation of the equipment was completed in house by the Works Department-Facilities Maintenance and Operations staff.

The cost to the Region is as follows;

Environmental Consultant	\$2,150*
Mold Remediation and Clean Up	\$21,980*
Purchase of 3 Dehumidifiers	<u>\$30,450*</u>
Total Cost	<u>\$54,580*</u>

- 3.2. Expenditures totalling \$54,580 were funded from the HVAC maintenance repair accounts in the facility budget for the Oshawa WSP.

4. Conclusion

In accordance with the Regional Budget Management Policy, Regional Council is to be informed on a quarterly basis when it is estimated that expenditure limits specified in Section 10 (Consulting) and 12.1 (Capital Projects) will be exceeded and funding is available within the project. This report has been reviewed by the Works Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by Nancy Taylor

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA CA,
Commissioner of Finance



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2019

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – March 1, 2019

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, Performance Reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 1, 2019

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Competition Bureau Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y2bx7u69>

- Weight loss claims must be true and supported by testing (Feb 8)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/y2jc33xq>

- New benefits are providing more support to the middle class and those working hard to join it (Feb 11)

<http://tinyurl.com/y4qstlsp>

- Government of Canada provides skills training and job opportunities for young Canadians in Quebec and Ontario (Feb 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxu9wbgv>

- Government of Canada takes action to ensure Canadian workers are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow (Feb 14)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5etkckt>

- Environment and Climate Change Canada launches weather app (Feb 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3tnnzo9>

- Government of Canada responds to Saskatchewan Court Hearing on Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Feb 14)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3j2uyoz>

- Government of Canada announces support to accelerate transition to zero carbon buildings (Feb 20)

Health Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/yatxaecm>

- Health Canada proposes stricter advertising rules to tackle youth vaping (Feb 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4j7o66v>

- Health Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor tables the 2017-18 Canada Health Act Annual Report in Parliament (Feb 21)

Infrastructure Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y2geqh9d>

- Canada's Infrastructure Minister takes concrete action to make federal infrastructure plan more responsive to the needs of provinces and territories (Feb 21)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/y6s3anyq>

- Canada is building a nation of innovators (Feb 12)

Prime Minister's Office

<http://tinyurl.com/yyuc2488>

- Investment in automotive innovation to make vehicles safer and create jobs for Canadians (Feb 15)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/y2tvf3sl>

- Public Health Agency of Canada Supports Falls Prevention Among Canadian Seniors (Feb 12)

Public Safety Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y6hkmrne>

- Government of Canada funds trip-planning app to make outdoor adventures more safe (Feb 8)

Transport Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y5hnxsz6>

- Minister Garneau orders precautionary safety measures following Canadian Pacific derailment near Field, British Columbia (Feb 8)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Government House Leader's Office

<http://tinyurl.com/y3ogfutc>

- Ontario Government Focused on Respect for Taxpayers as House Resumes for Spring Session (Feb 19)

Office of the Premier

<https://tinyurl.com/yy584mbe>

- Ontario Takes Action to Drive Prosperity in the Automotive Sector (Feb 14)

Ontario Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services

<https://tinyurl.com/y83kzwe2>

- Ontario Takes Decisive Action to Help More Families with Autism (Feb 6)

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<http://tinyurl.com/y5alxz29>

- Ontario Announces Next Stage in Environmental Plan (Feb 12)

<http://tinyurl.com/y3hjrtao>

- Statement by Minister Rod Phillips on Saskatchewan's Challenge to the Federal Carbon Tax (Feb 12)

Ontario Ministry of Finance

<https://tinyurl.com/yyvtkjhc>

- Ontario's Third Quarter Finances Show \$1 Billion Reduction in Deficit (Feb 13)

Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

<http://tinyurl.com/y5eqh6tw>

- Province Helping Job Seekers and Employers Make Ontario Open for Business (Feb 12)

Treasury Board Secretariat

<http://tinyurl.com/yynx83jb>

- President of the Treasury Board Welcomes Distinguished Expert Charles-Antoine St-Jean to Support Government's Mission of Restoring Trust and Accountability (Feb 12)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

<http://tinyurl.com/y4lbgorq>

- alPHA's Premier's Council 1st Report Response (Feb 12)

<https://tinyurl.com/y584fyt3>

- alPHA's Bill S-228, *Child Health Protection Act* Letter (Feb 15)

Canadian Institute for Health Information

<https://tinyurl.com/y7prd6d6>

- Physician payment increases slowing in Canada (Feb 7)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://tinyurl.com/y2wen3ad>

- Government of Canada invests more than \$11 million in research into post-traumatic stress injuries in public safety personnel (Feb 8)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6r6ydw>

- Newly released FAO commentary reveals Ontario's labour market continued to perform strongly in 2018 (Feb 5)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6dodqwf>

- Just released FAO commentary compares Ontario's fiscal position with other provinces (Feb 14)

Food Banks Canada

<https://tinyurl.com/y87bfon9>

- Food Banks Canada for First-Time Releases HungerCount Digital Report for all Access (Feb 5)

Heart & Stroke Foundation

<https://tinyurl.com/yddqp659>

- Warning! Dementia ahead: New research reveals connections between heart conditions, stroke and cognitive decline (Feb 7)

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

<http://tinyurl.com/y6zwywo>

- People who live in rural Ontario at greatest risk of stroke (Feb 14)

ParticipACTION

<https://tinyurl.com/yb69xyeo>

- Is February the new January? Resolutions set later in the year believed to have better results, ParticipACTION survey finds (Feb 7)

Public Health Ontario

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fyn5tl>

- PHO Connections (Feb 19)

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March 4, 2019

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Dear Mr. Walton:

**Re: Calling of a Special Regional Council Meeting
(File: C00-00)**

In accordance with Section 8.3 of the Council Rules of Procedure, I hereby request that a special meeting of Regional Council be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, Centennial Room A, 160 Alexandra Street, Oshawa.

The Special Council meeting is for the express purpose of participating in facilitated discussions on trends, strengths, challenges, opportunities and pressures as a foundation; the vision and mission for the Strategic Plan; and identification of Strategic Plan priorities.

The meeting will be open to the public, and no delegations will be heard as there will be opportunities for public input throughout the process.

Yours truly,

John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO



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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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February 27, 2019

Re: **Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones**

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by the General Government Committee at its meeting held February 19, 2019 and endorsed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held February 25, 2019:

1. That the Report entitled "Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones" be received for information.
2. That staff's comments included as Attachment 1 to this Report be endorsed and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as the Town's comments to Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (EBR Registry No. 013-4504); the Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones (EBR Registry No. 013-4506); Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 311/06 (EBR Registry No. 013-4505); and Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 525/97 (EBR Registry No. 013-4507).
3. That this Report, Attachment 1, and a copy of Council's Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in advance of the February 28, 2019 comment deadline.
4. That a copy of this Report be distributed to the Region of Durham, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority.

A copy of the staff report that prompted this action has been enclosed. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Sean McCullough, Senior Planner, at 905-619-2529 ext 3234 or sean.mccullough@ajax.ca

Sincerely



Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Region of Durham
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

Town of Ajax Report



Report To: General Government Committee

Prepared By: Sean McCullough, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner

Subject: Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones

Ward(s): All

Date of Meeting: February 19, 2019

Reference: May 21, 2015 General Government Committee;
October 3, 2016 Community Affairs and Planning Committee;
November 13, 2017 General Government Committee;
Community Action Plan: Strategic Development and Economic Prosperity; Environmental Leadership

Recommendations:

1. That the Report entitled “Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones” be received for information.
2. That staff’s comments included as Attachment 1 to this Report be endorsed and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as the Town’s comments to Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (EBR Registry No. 013-4504); the Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones (EBR Registry No. 013-4506); Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 311/06 (EBR Registry No. 013-4505); and Proposed Modifications to O.Reg. 525/97 (EBR Registry No. 013-4507).
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1.0 Context:

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (the “Growth Plan”) is a long term Provincial Plan that provides a framework to manage growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Its objectives are to reduce urban sprawl; make better use of existing infrastructure; encourage the development of more complete communities for people in all stages of their life, and provide for development that reduces the reliance on single occupant vehicles; support transit and

active transportation; and encourage economic growth. The Growth Plan first came into effect on June 16, 2006.

In 2015, the Province began a coordinated review of four Provincial Plans (the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan). Following several years of consultation, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (Growth Plan, 2017) came into effect on July 1, 2017. The Town provided comments during the consultation process in October 2016.

Currently, single-tier and upper-tier municipalities are working on Municipal Comprehensive Reviews (MCR)¹ of their Official Plans to bring them into conformity with the Growth Plan, 2017. The Region of Durham started their MCR, known as “Envision Durham”, on May 8, 2018 and has been completing studies to support their MCR process, such as the Update of the Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan.

2.0 Background

In the Fall of 2018, the Ontario Growth Secretariat held municipal and stakeholder working group sessions organized to discuss workable solutions to challenges implementing the policies of the Growth Plan, 2017. Staff attended 5 sessions organized into the following categories: Employment Lands, Settlement Area Boundary Expansions, Major Transit Station Areas, Natural Heritage and Agricultural Systems, and Intensification and Designated Greenfield Area Density Targets.

On January 15th, 2019, the Province released 4 proposals on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry proposing: amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017; a new framework for Provincially Significant Employment Areas; and amendments to associated transition regulations. The Province has requested comments on the following 4 proposals by February 28, 2019:

EBR Registry No. 013-4504 ²	Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017
EBR Registry No. 013-4505 ³	Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters – Growth Plans) made under the Places to Grow Act, 2005 to implement the Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017
EBR Registry No. 013-4506 ⁴	Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Areas
EBR Registry No. 013-4507 ⁵	Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments) made under the Planning Act to Implement Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017

Attachment 1 provides staff comments to the Ontario Growth Secretariat on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (EBR Registry No.

¹ Under the Growth Plan, a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) is an exercise that is undertaken by a single-tier, or upper-tier municipality (not a lower-tier municipality).

² Link to EBR Posting No. 013-4504: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4504>

³ Link to EBR Posting No. 013-4505: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4505>

⁴ Link to EBR Posting No. 013-4506: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4506>

⁵ Link to EBR Posting No. 013-4507: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4507>

013-4504) and Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Areas (EBR Registry No. 013-4506).

3.0 Discussion

A number of changes to the Growth Plan, 2017 have been proposed. The proposed changes occur across broad categories which follow the same themes of the stakeholder working sessions held in the Fall of 2018.

The following is an overview of the key proposed changes to the Growth Plan, 2017. Staff's detailed comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to the EBR postings has been included in Attachment 1.

3.1 Employment Planning

Proposed changes as they relate to planning for employment include:

- Providing upper-tier and single-tier municipalities with a one-time window to undertake employment land conversions in advance of the next MCR to permit residential and commercial development that would otherwise be prohibited on employment lands
- Removing the 'prime employment area designation'
- Introducing a 'Provincially Significant Employment Zone' designation that would require the conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses in such zones to only be considered during a MCR and would require provincial approval
- Removing the requirement for an Employment Strategy
- Modifying language that allows single-tier and upper-tier municipalities to set multiple employment land density targets rather than a single employment area density target (for example Durham Region can set a different employment density targets for each lower-tier municipality)

Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan, 2017 would allow conversions of employment areas to permit residential and commercial uses, subject to criteria, before the next MCR is undertaken by the Region of Durham. To qualify for a conversion it would need to be demonstrated that there is a need for the conversion, that sufficient employment lands would be available to meet the forecasted employment growth to the horizon of the plan, and that there is existing or planned infrastructure.

Any landowner request for a conversion of employment lands would be directed to the Region as the employment land designation would need to be changed in the Regional Official Plan first.

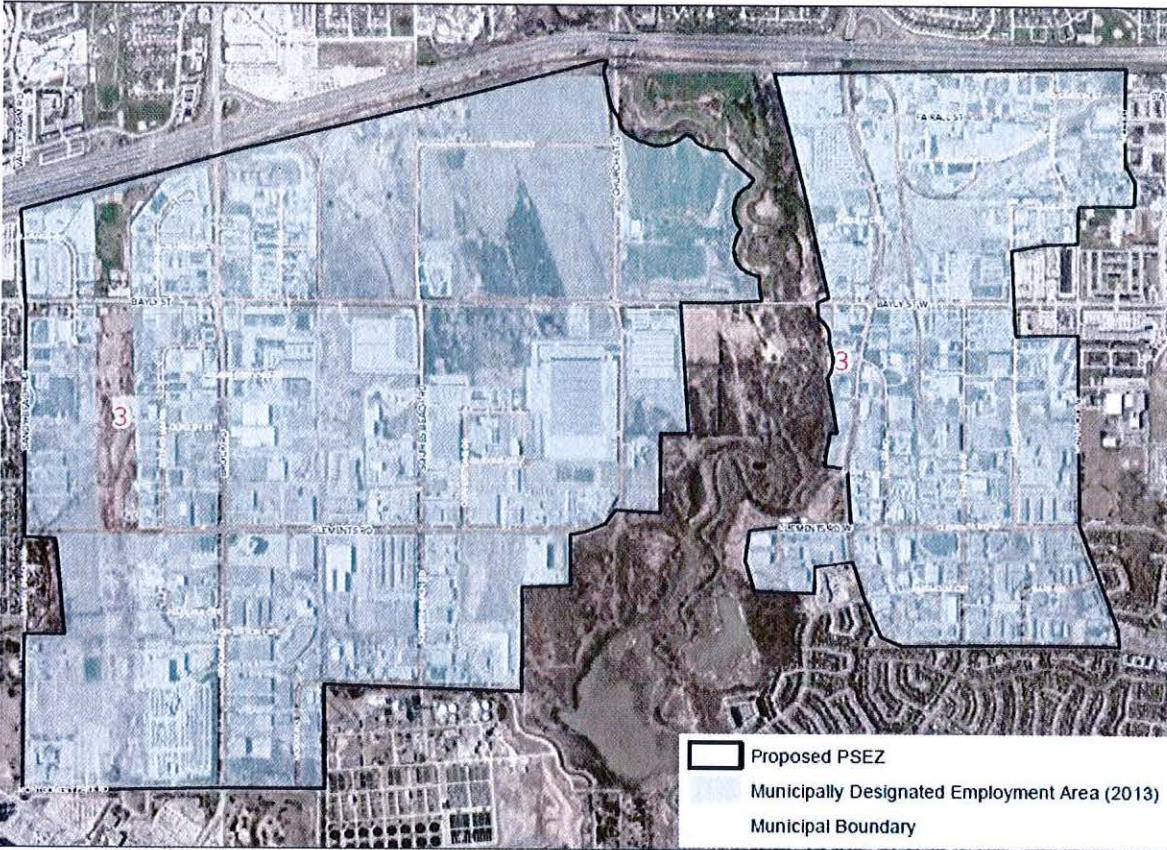
Between 2003 and 2011, the Town of Ajax was involved in multiple lengthy and costly appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board and the Ontario Superior Court to protect employment lands from being converted to permit residential and commercial uses. Currently the *Planning Act* does not allow an appeal to a municipality's refusal of an application to convert employment lands. The Town supports the preservation of employment lands for their intended purpose, and the protection from appeals as outlined in the *Planning Act*. No amendments have been proposed to the *Planning Act*, and Ministry staff have confirmed that protections from appeals to convert employment lands will remain.

To ensure that employment areas that are crucial to the Province's economy are not converted without a more comprehensive assessment of employment needs, the Province is proposing the creation of Provincially Significant Employment Zones. The conversion of employment lands to

non-employment uses in these zones could only be considered during a MCR and would require provincial approval.

A list and mapping of proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones has been included in EBR Posting No. 013-4506. As shown in Figure 1, Provincially Significant Employment Zone #3 (South Durham – Pickering and Ajax) proposes to designate employment lands in south Ajax as Provincially Significant.

Figure 1: Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zone #3



Zone Name: Durham South (Pickering and Ajax)

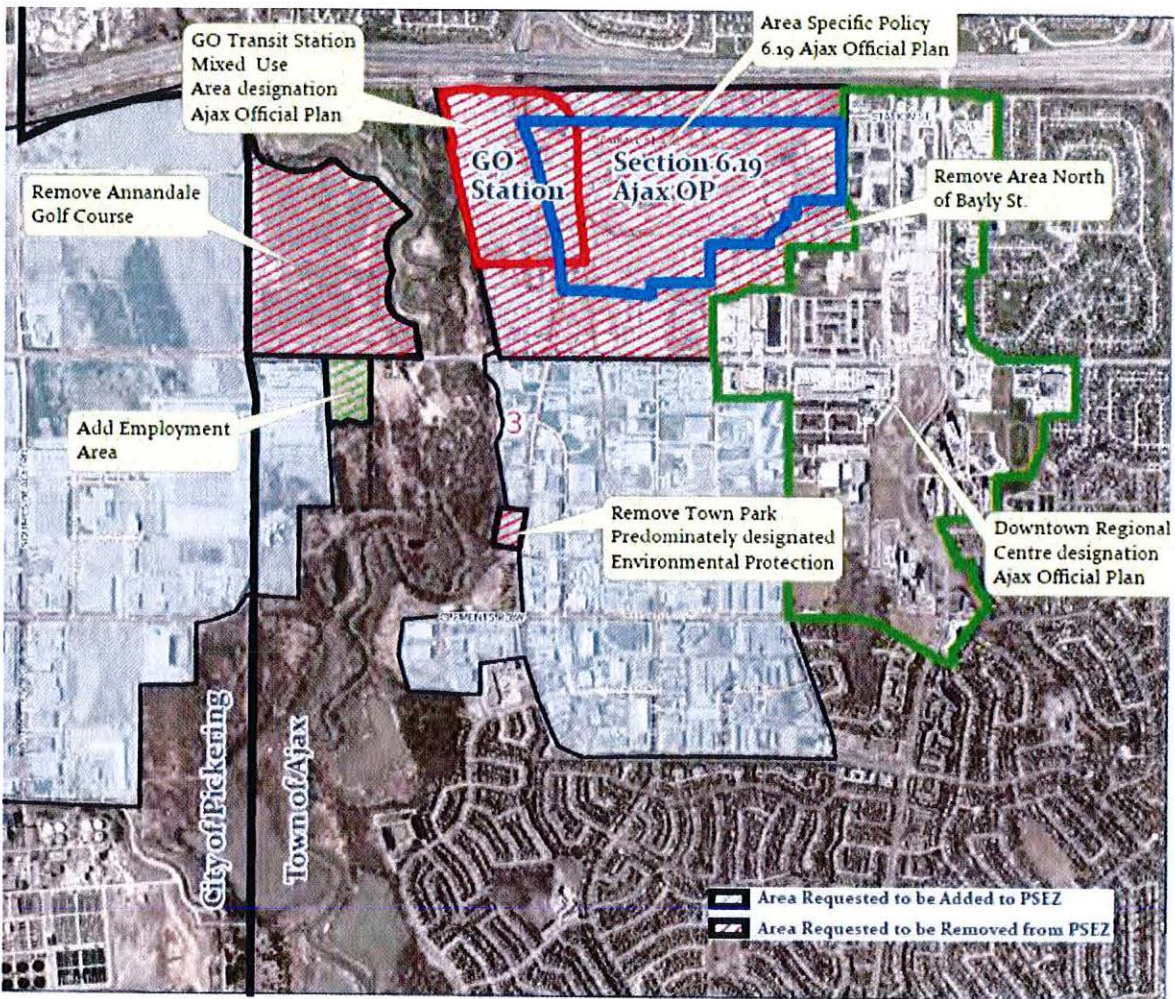
The Ajax Official Plan designates lands in the vicinity of the Ajax GO Station as GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area (See Figure 2), which permits a mix of uses including residential. The Region has also started to consult with local municipalities to discuss the delineation of Major Transit Station Areas, including the possible expansion of the Ajax GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area.

The employment lands generally located north of Bayly Street West, south of Highway 401, between the Ajax GO Station and the Downtown Regional Centre are within Area Specific Policy 6.19 in the Ajax Official Plan. As Downtown Ajax and the GO Station begin to experience residential and mixed-use growth, the viability of industrial uses in this specific employment area may be diminished. To protect for the possible future expansion of the Downtown Ajax Regional Centre and the Ajax GO Station Mixed Use Area, both strategic intensification areas, Area Specific Policy 6.19 reads:

“The nature and design of development in the Area Specific Policy shall be sensitive to the potential for residential development forms within the Downtown Centre and the vicinity of the GO station lands (s. 6.19c ii)”.

As a result, staff are recommending that the Provincially Significant Employment Zone designation north of Bayly St be removed. Staff are also recommending minor additions and removals to better reflect the existing Prestige Employment and General Employment designations identified in the Ajax Official Plan (See Figure 2).

Figure 2: Proposed Amendments to PSEZ #3



To maintain the Town's commitment to protecting employment lands for employment uses, staff are recommending that other employment areas within the Town be added to the Provincially Significant Employment Zone #3. Employment lands in north and east Ajax provide large vacant employment parcels that have been pre-zoned and serviced to permit employment uses (See Figure 3). The parcels have direct access to Highways 401 and 412, and some have prime exposure to Highway 401. There are also existing major employers within this area, such as but not limited to, Loblaws Distribution Centre, East Penn Canada, and a future Gordon Food Services distribution facility.

The addition of these lands to the PSEZ will protect them from one-off land-use conversions and may be re-examined during the upcoming MCR.

Figure 3: Proposed additions to PSEZ #3



3.2 Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

Proposed changes as they relate to Settlement Area Boundary Expansions include:

- Allowing municipalities to undertake settlement area boundary expansions that are no larger than 40 hectares outside of a MCR, subject to criteria

- Removing requirements to provide specific studies, such as watershed plans, stormwater master plan, agricultural impact assessment, to justify and evaluate the location of settlement area boundary expansions

One of the criteria is that a settlement area boundary cannot be expanded into the Greenbelt Area. All lands within Ajax that are located outside the existing settlement area boundary (i.e. Urban Area Boundary in the Ajax Official Plan) are located within the Greenbelt Area. Therefore, a settlement area boundary expansion could not be considered in Ajax.

Further, to ensure that settlement area boundary expansions permitted in advance of a MCR do not become 40 hectare 'islands', staff recommend that criteria be added to only allow settlement area boundary expansions that are contiguous and comprehensively planned with existing settlement areas.

The proposed amendment also removes requirements to complete watershed plans, stormwater master plans and agriculture impact assessments to justify locating proposed settlement area boundary expansions. Although some analysis is still required, staff recommend that these studies continue to be required to ensure a more consistent and comprehensive evaluation is used throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe to justify and locate settlement area boundary expansions.

3.3 Intensification and Designated Greenfield Area Density Targets

The Growth Plan establishes and distributes population and employment projections to the upper and single-tier municipalities. To manage growth, a percentage of all development in a municipality is to be accommodated through intensification in areas that have already been built up. The remaining growth occurs in designated greenfield areas. Density targets (people and jobs per hectare) are established to ensure designated greenfield areas are developed efficiently and to help support transit.

The proposed changes make adjustments to the intensification targets and designated greenfield area density targets, applying different targets to municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe to reflect local growth. Table 1 compares the intensification targets and designated greenfield area density targets for Durham Region between the original and updated growth plans, and the proposed amendment:

Table 1: Existing and Proposed Intensification and Designated Greenfield Area Density Targets

		Growth Plan, 2006	Growth Plan, 2017	Proposed Amendment 1 to Growth Plan, 2017
Durham Region Targets	Intensification Target	40%	40% (now to MCR) 50% (MCR to 2031) 60% (2031 to 2041)	40% (now to MCR) 50% for Durham Region (MCR to 2041)
	Designated Greenfield Area Density Target	50 people and jobs per hectare	Now to MCR: 50 people and jobs per hectare MCR to 2041: 60 people and jobs per hectare (existing Designated Greenfield Areas) and	Now to 2041: 50 people and jobs per hectare for Durham Region

	Growth Plan, 2006	Growth Plan, 2017	Proposed Amendment 1 to Growth Plan, 2017
		80 people and jobs per hectare (Designated Greenfield Areas approved on or after July 1, 2017)	

The current intensification target for Ajax is 54%, which contributes to Durham’s ability to achieve an overall target of 40% region-wide. An increase in the intensification target to 50%, when compared to the Growth Plan, 2017 overall target of 60%, will result in a more modest increase in intensification for Durham’s Lake Ontario shoreline municipalities, including Ajax.

Greenfield areas are vacant lands within the Settlement Area Boundary that have been designated for future development. As shown in Figure 2, recent development approvals in Ajax have achieved or exceeded the minimum designated greenfield area target of 50 residents and jobs per hectare:

Table 2: Examples of Approved Development in Ajax’s Designated Greenfield Area

Development Name	Location	Density (Residents and Jobs per hectare)
Magnum Opus	East of Shoal Point Road, south of Bayly Street	84.7
Duffins Village (Cougs Investments)	East side of Church Street North, south of Hydro Corridor	57.2
Jizoco	North Side of Rossland Road west adjacent to the Ajax/Pickering border	54.9

The reduction of the existing designated greenfield area target for Durham Region from 60 residents and jobs per hectare to 50 residents and jobs per hectare represents a ‘business-as-usual’ approach.

A key goal of the Growth Plan is to direct development to existing settlement areas in order to take advantage of existing infrastructure and to create complete communities with a wide range of housing options. Lowering the intensification target for Durham Region means that less development (than what is currently required in the Growth Plan, 2017) would have to be directed to already built up areas over the 2041 planning horizon. A reduced intensification target in combination with a lower designated greenfield area target for Durham Region could support a rationale for expanding settlement area boundaries in order to accommodate more lower density housing (e.g. single detached homes), which may result in the unnecessary development of ‘whitebelt’⁶ lands such as the Carruthers Creek headwaters.

To continue to create transit supportive and complete communities, and avoid unnecessary development of the ‘whitebelt’, Planning staff support the higher intensification and designated greenfield area targets in the Growth Plan, 2017.

⁶ The ‘whitebelt’ is land within the Growth Plan Area Boundary that has not been designated for urban growth and as such these lands are not subject to the Growth Plan policies. These lands are also not subject to the Greenbelt Plan. These lands are currently used primarily for agricultural and rural uses.

3.4 Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)

MTSAs, such as the Ajax GO Station, are strategic growth areas surrounding higher order transit. The Growth Plan, 2017 requires that MTSAs achieve a minimum of 150 residents and jobs per hectare for those served by a GO Transit rail network. During the previous review of the Ajax Official Plan, the Town pre-emptively designated some lands within 500 metres of the Ajax GO Station as 'GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area'; permitting residential uses, provided that a minimum job threshold is met first.

The proposed changes maintain the existing density targets and create a streamlined approach to allow the delineation of MTSAs to happen more quickly. Proposed changes include:

- Allowing municipalities to delineate MTSAs in advance of the MCR
- Clarification that an MTSA can range in size with a radius between approximately 500 metres and 800 metres
- Revised criteria to request alternative targets surrounding MTSAs to reflect on-the-ground realities

In October 2016, the Town's comments to the Province on the review of the Growth Plan recommended that flexibility be provided when delineating MTSAs, specifically recommending that the walking distance increase to 800 metres from 500 metres. Staff are pleased to see this has been included in the proposed changes.

Staff do not have a concern with MTSA boundaries being delineated in advance of an MCR. Ajax Planning staff are currently in conversations with Regional Planning staff regarding the expansion of the Town's GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area as part of the Region's MCR. Staff do not see the need to review of the GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area outside the Region's MCR process as the Town would need to wait for the Region to delineate Ajax's MTSA (i.e. GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area) in their Official Plan before the Town could proceed with changing the boundary in the Ajax Official Plan.

3.5 Natural Heritage and Agricultural System

The Growth Plan, 2017 introduced new policies indicating that the Province would prepare mapping for a Provincial Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System. The mapping and supporting documentation of the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural Systems was released in February 2018 and supersedes local Official Plan and Zoning By-laws. In Ajax, almost half of the lands in the Greenbelt Area were identified as Prime Agricultural, which removed the ability of some uses such as golf courses and cemeteries from locating in these areas.

Proposed changes to the Growth Plan, 2017 would postpone the implementation of the Natural Heritage System and Agricultural System mapping until it was incorporated into municipal Official Plans. Staff are supportive of this approach as it allows more detailed analysis of the systems.

4.0 Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with the endorsement of the recommendations contained within this Report.

5.0 Conclusion:

The Province is proposing amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, including the introduction of a new Provincially Significant Employment Zone designation to protect certain employment lands from conversion. Staff are recommending that Council receive this report for information and endorse staff's comments to the Ontario Growth Secretariat in Attachment 1 in response to the EBR postings.

ATT 1 – Town of Ajax Comments regarding Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan and Provincially Significant Employment Zones

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Submitted by:

Dave Meredith – Acting Director of Planning and Development Services

Approved by:

Shane Baker – Chief Administrative Officer

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February 22, 2019

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Submitted via email to: growthplanning@ontario.ca

Re: EBR Registry Numbers: 013-4504 – Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017; 013-4505 – Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters – Growth Plans); 013-4506 – Proposed Framework for Provincially Significant Employment Zones; 013-4507 – Proposed Modification to O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments)

Dear Mr. O'Hara:

EBR Registry Numbers 013-4504, 013-4505, 013-4506, and 013-4507 were posted on January 15, 2019 and requested comments on a proposed amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 ("Growth Plan, 2017"), a proposed framework for Provincially Significant Employment Areas, and modifications to Ontario Regulations 311/06 and 525/97.

Staff attended the municipal stakeholder working group sessions organized by the Ontario Growth Secretariat held in the Fall of 2018. The following comments are on Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan, 2017 and proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones; and also reiterate some of staff's comments presented during the municipal stakeholder working group sessions.

These comments have been prepared by Town staff, and are accompanied by a resolution from Council. A copy of the February 19, 2019 staff report presented to Council has also been included for reference.

Town of Ajax Comments

In October 2016, the Town submitted a staff report entitled "Comments on the Province's Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan" during the Coordinated Provincial Plans Review process. The Town is happy to see that some of the Town's recommendations from October 2016, that were not reflected in the Growth Plan, 2017, have been incorporated into Proposed Amendment 1. Including flexibility in the size of an MTSA buffer and the way employment lands are designated.

However as outlined in the following comments, the Town does not agree with a reversal on other comments the Town made that were successfully included in the Growth Plan, 2017.

Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan, 2017 (EBR No. 013-4504)

Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)

In October 2016, the Town requested that the Province provide additional flexibility to the 500 metre walking distance for intensification around MTSAs so as to respond to local conditions including extensive surface parking within the vicinity of these stations.

Comments: The Town is supportive of the proposed amendment to provide clarification that MTSAs may range in size between 500 metres and 800 metres. This helps provide flexibility to municipalities to achieve desired growth targets within MTSAs while accounting for local constraints.

Intensification and Designated Greenfield Area Targets

In October 2016, the Town advised the Province that it supports the principle of increased levels of intensification within the Proposed Growth Plan, subject to the provision of the required funding from senior levels of government for infrastructure investments to support increases in intensification.

The current intensification target for Ajax is 54%, which contributes to Durham's ability to achieve an overall target of 40% region-wide. An increase in the intensification target to 50%, as opposed to 60%, will result in a more modest increase in intensification targets for Durham's Lake Ontario shoreline municipalities, including Ajax. Ajax is well positioned to accommodate additional growth within planned intensification areas, such as Downtown Ajax and Uptown Ajax, as well as modest intensification along Regional and Local Corridors and through neighbourhood infill.

Comments: The Town continues to support the principle of increased intensification. A key goal of the Growth Plan is to direct development to existing settlement areas in order to take advantage of existing infrastructure and to create complete communities with a wide range of housing options. To continue to create transit supportive and complete communities, and avoid unnecessary development of the 'whitebelt', the Town supports the higher intensification and designated greenfield area targets in the Growth Plan, 2017.

The Town also encourages the Province to support intensification by prioritizing the enhancement of existing servicing infrastructure (water and sanitary) within planned intensification areas. Further, to help municipalities achieve their intensification targets, the Town continues to encourage the Province and other senior levels of government to provide financial support to municipalities to make improvements to existing infrastructure in intensification areas.

Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

The proposed amendments would allow Settlement Area Boundary expansions to occur in advance of a municipal comprehensive review, provided that the expansion is no larger than 40 hectares. During municipal stakeholder sessions held in the Fall of 2018, the need for this policy was described to accommodate settlement areas expansions in 'logical' locations adjacent to existing settlement areas.

Comments: The Town recommends that additional criteria be introduced to policy 2.2.8.5 to require minor settlement area boundary expansions to be contiguous and comprehensively planned with existing settlement areas. This would ensure that new settlement area boundary expansions do not become 40 hectare 'islands' separated from existing settlement areas.

Additionally, the Town supports policy 2.2.8.5 c) which does not allow Settlement Area Boundaries to expand into the Greenbelt Area.

The proposed amendment softens requirements to complete watershed plans, stormwater master plans and agricultural impact assessment to justify the location of proposed settlement area boundary expansions. The proposed amendment also removes the requirement to conduct asset management planning and revenue generating analysis for public infrastructure required to support new settlement area boundary expansions.

Comments: The draft Watershed Planning Guidelines prepared by the Province helped to create a more consistent framework to be followed by conservation authorities and municipalities when preparing watershed plans. Although some analysis would still be required to be completed, removal of the requirement to prepare a watershed plan to inform settlement area boundary expansions returns to an inconsistent approach to evaluating watersheds. It is recommended that the requirement to complete a watershed plan be added. It is also recommended that the Province continue to develop the watershed planning guidelines to help guide the preparation of these studies.

The proposed amendment removes the requirement for an Agricultural Impact Assessment previously required to be completed in section 2.2.8.3 h) to justify the location of Settlement Area boundary expansions. The Town continues to recommend that Agricultural Impact Assessments be completed to properly evaluate the impacts on existing agricultural operations and help justify the location of new settlement areas that will be the least impactful on viable agricultural operations and/or detail appropriate mitigation measures.

The removal of examples of financial tools that can be used to evaluate the financial life cycle of public infrastructure lessens the importance of evaluating the full cost of extending servicing to support housing on the outer limits of settlement areas. Municipalities continue to take on liabilities accepting new infrastructure, while experiencing a funding shortfall to upgrade and maintain existing infrastructure. A comprehensive analysis of the full cost of this infrastructure is critical to good decision making, and providing examples of tools available to conduct the analysis may be useful to some municipalities.

Provincially Significant Employment Zones Framework (EBR No. 013-4506)

The Town has an employment target of 1.0 job for every 2.0 Ajax residents in the Official Plan, similar to the Region of Durham's target. To achieve this goal the Town has designated and defended lands for employment uses to the horizon of the previous Growth Plan, and is currently evaluating its needs to 2041. Between 2003 and 2011, the Town of Ajax was involved in multiple lengthy and costly appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board and the Ontario Superior Court to protect employment lands from being converted to permit residential uses.

The Town supports the preservation of employment lands for their intended purpose, and the protection from appeals as outlined in the *Planning Act*. The following comments are made with

the assumption that the protections currently provided to employment lands under the *Planning Act* will remain.

The Town supports the principle of Provincially Significant Employment Zones ("PSEZ") as a way to protect key employment areas from land use conversions. The following comments are intended to help refine the policy structure for PSEZ and provide feedback on PSEZ#3 (South Durham), as it relates to Ajax:

In October 2016, the Town commented that the Province should reconsider its approach to designating Prime Employment Areas which compel low employment-generating warehousing and logistics uses along Provincial highways. It is the Town's objective to maximize the employment generating capacity of its employment lands, particularly in locations well served by transportation infrastructure.

Comments: The Town is pleased to see that the Province has reconsidered its approach to designating employment lands. To continue to support and encourage higher density employment uses, it is recommended that a variety of employment uses be encouraged in PSEZs to continue to allow employment uses the flexibility to grow. Examples throughout the GTA have seen companies concentrate uses in a single 'campus' style development to include offices, training, research and development, and warehouse/distribution centres all integrated together (eg. Honda Canada in Markham, Mazda Canada in Richmond Hill). Staff recognize the importance of encouraging office uses to locate in strategic growth centres and MTSAs, however a variety of uses such as office and research and development facilities, together with manufacturing and warehouse/distribution, should continue to be encouraged in Provincially Significant Employment Zones. This allows flexibility to the fluctuating employment landscape and encourages higher employment densities.

The Town's existing GO Station Mixed Use designation is one of the many MTSAs located entirely within a PSEZ. The GO Station Mixed Use designation is a mixed use designation that requires a minimum job density threshold of 50 permanent jobs per hectare to be achieved prior to permitting high density residential uses. This target exceeds the Town's employment area target of 37 jobs per hectare. Therefore, staff are supportive of reasonable conversions of employment areas to permit MTSAs provided that jobs are maintained.

Comment: The Town recommends that PSEZ designations be removed where MTSAs are designated in municipal official plans, and that flexibility, by way of a policy, be provided to allow municipalities to alter a PSEZ boundary to establish or expand an MTSA in advance of the municipal comprehensive review.

Mapping of Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zone #3 (Durham South – Pickering and Ajax)

Proposed PSEZ #3 provides protections for existing employment areas in south Ajax. The proposed PSEZ to be designated in Ajax is generally bounded by Highway 401 to the north, Westney Road to the south, Duffins Creek to the west (with some exceptions) and generally Monarch Avenue to the east. Bayly Street divides this area across the middle, creating a northern area and southern area (See ATT 1 – Proposed PSEZ #3 South Ajax).

Currently, the employment area located north of Bayly Street West (south of the 401) is located between the Ajax GO Station and the Downtown Ajax Regional Centre. A portion of the proposed PSEZ is designated GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area in the Ajax Official Plan, and

the Town is currently engaged in discussions with the Region of Durham to examine expanding the Ajax GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area through the Region's review of MTSA's during their MCR.

To protect for the possible future expansion of the Town's Downtown Regional Centre and the GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area, both strategic intensification areas, the Town has Area Specific Policy 6.19 in its Official Plan which reads:

"The nature and design of development in the Area Specific Policy shall be sensitive to the potential for residential development forms within the Downtown Centre and the vicinity of the GO station lands (s. 6.19c ii)".

Additionally, the Town is initiating a land-use and infrastructure study in 2019 to examine development potential and maximum densities in the Downtown Regional Centre, GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area, the employment lands between, and lands known as Annandale Golf Course located to the west of Duffins Creek. The purpose of the study is to examine the existing area, infrastructure capacity and expansion opportunities and constraints, road network improvements to support existing and future residents in this area. The Town is also updating its Commercial and Employment Land Needs Strategy and Economic Development Strategy which will help evaluate the employment land needs and focus on intensifying employment density; and the Recreation Master Plan which will examine the recreational needs of future residents in this area. These studies are intended to support the Town's comments through the Region's MCR process and the Town's upcoming Official Plan Review.

Comments: The Town supports the designation of the PSEZ in the area located south of Bayly Street as this area contains large well-established industry.

However, as the Downtown Regional Centre and the GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area begin to experience more residential growth, the viability of industrial uses in the employment area north of Bayly Street may be diminished. As a result, the Town would like to have the proposed PSEZ designation north of Bayly Street (south of the 401) removed. This would allow for consideration of expansions to the GO Transit Station Mixed Use Area and the Downtown Region Centre in the future. It also allows the Town to examine this area in a comprehensive manner through the Town's upcoming Downtown and GO Station land-use and infrastructure study, which for the purposes of the study includes lands as far west as Annandale Golf Course.

It may be appropriate to include criteria that is applied when considering adjustments to a PSEZ during an MCR. For example, it may only be appropriate to consider adjustments to the PSEZ to permit the delineation of an MTSA or adjusting strategic growth areas. In the case of amendments to delineate an MTSA, it may be appropriate to continue to require a minimum job density threshold.

Additionally, to better reflect the existing land use designations within the Town, some other minor additions and removals have been proposed. Specifically the following:

- Additional lands along Bayly Street, west of Duffins Creek, to be added where a new employment use was recently constructed

- Lands on Westney Road South which are primarily designated environmental protection and contain a town owned park are requested to be removed

See Attachment 1 for an illustration of the areas requested to be added and removed from the Provincially Significant Employment Zone #3.

To maintain the Town's commitment to protecting employment lands, the Town is requesting to add other employment areas in north and east Ajax to Provincially Significant Employment Area #3. The lands proposed to be added consist of large vacant parcels pre-zoned for employment uses with existing infrastructure available; or have existing employment uses such as Loblaws distribution centre and the future Gordon Food Services distribution centre. Some of the lands have exposure to Highway 401 and have access to interchanges along Highways 401 and 412.

See Attachment 2 for an illustration of employment lands proposed to be added to list of Provincially Significant Employment Zones.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Should you have any questions please contact Sean McCullough, Senior Planner at Sean.mccullough@ajax.ca or (905) 619-2529 ext. 3234.

ATT 1: Proposed Adjustment to PSEZ #3 in South Ajax

ATT 2: Lands Proposed to be added to PSEZ #3

ATT 3: Town of Ajax Staff Report, General Government Committee: Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones

ATT 4: Town of Ajax extract of Council minutes

Regards,

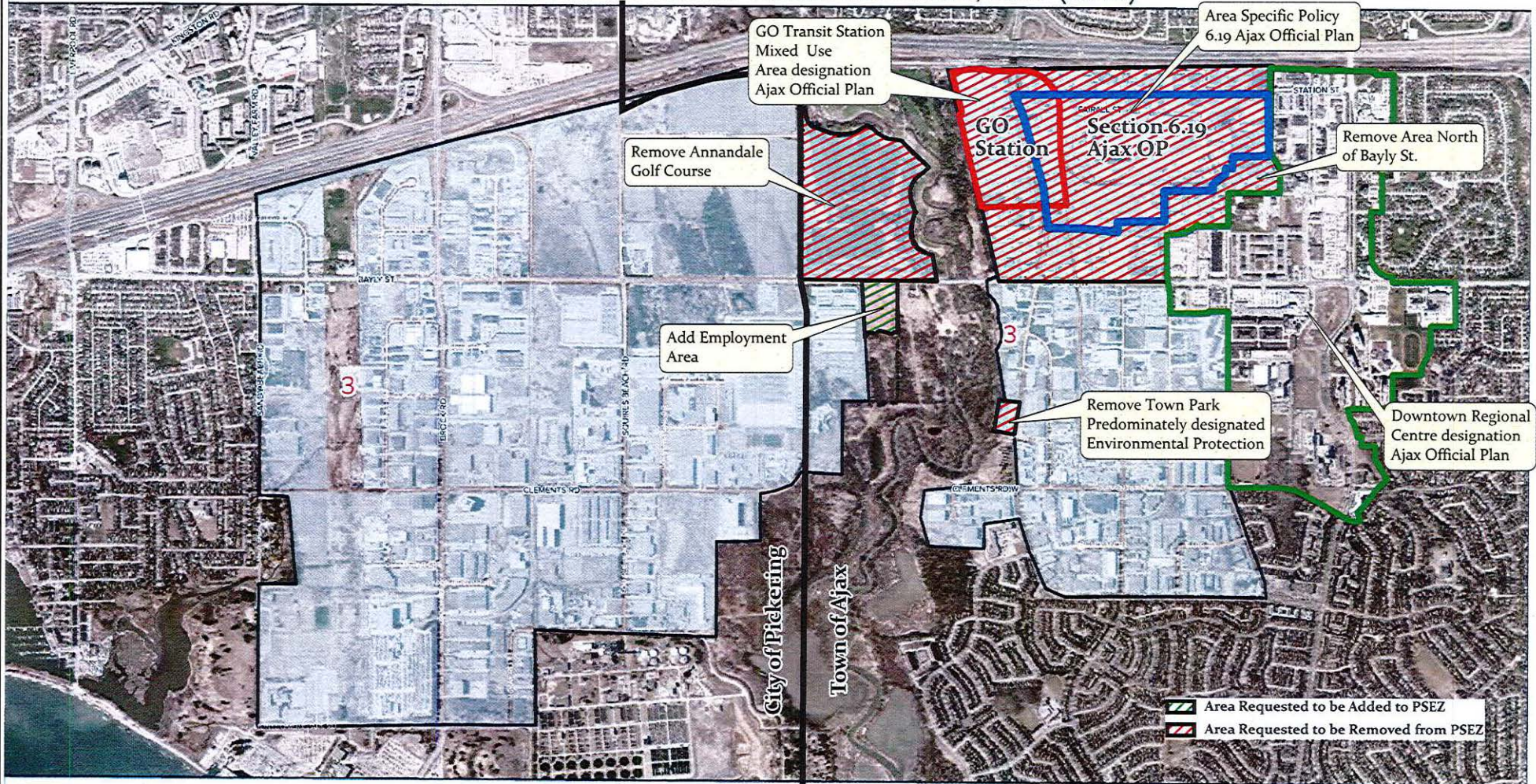
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Proposed Provincially Significant Employment Zones for Consultation Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (2019)



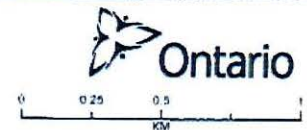
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- Municipal Boundary

Zone Name: Durham South (Pickering and Ajax)

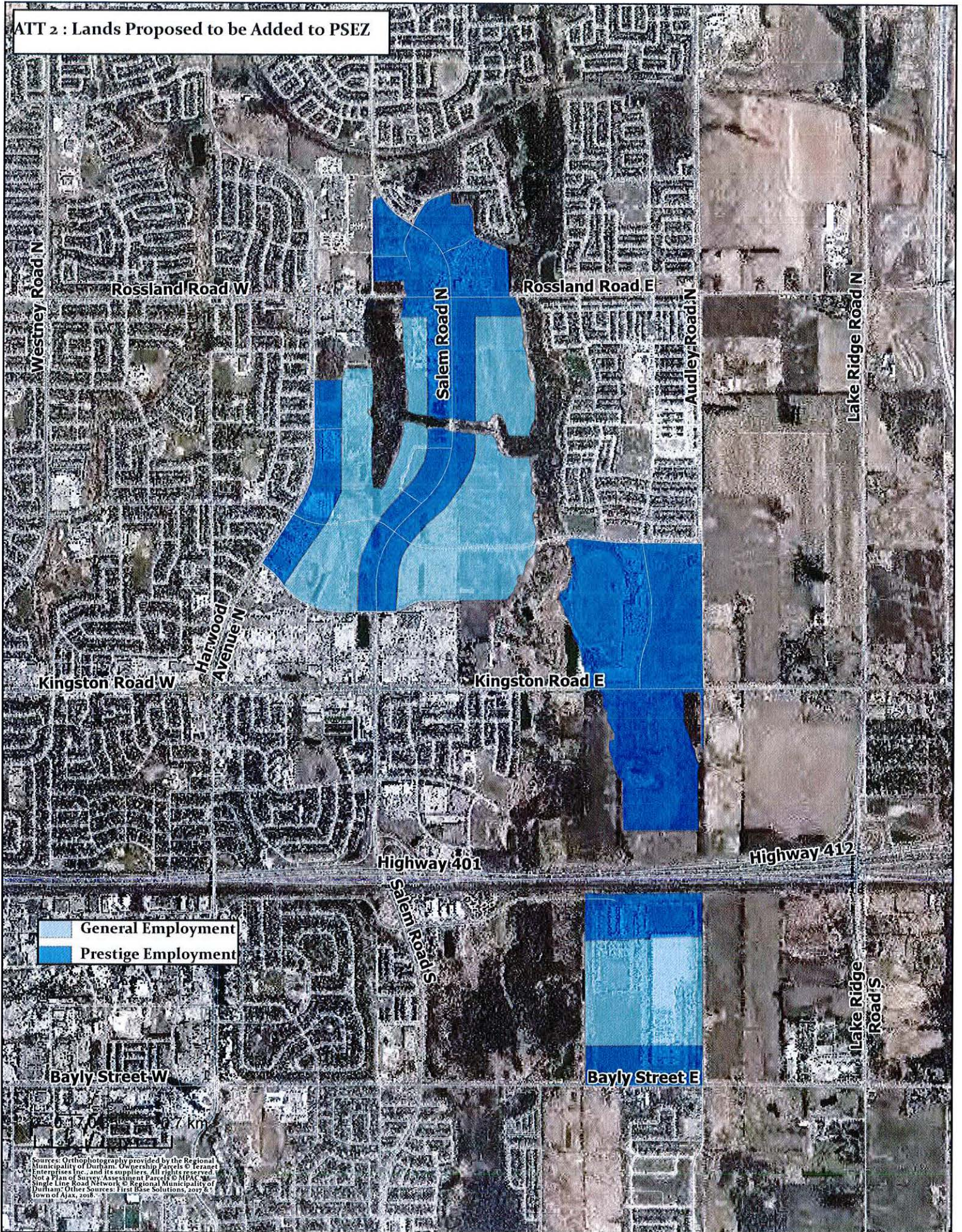
Zone Number: 3

Upper- or Single-Tier Municipality: DURHAM

Data Sources: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



ATT 2 : Lands Proposed to be Added to PSEZ





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February 27, 2019

Re: Proposed Rent Increases at 33 and 77 Falby Court

Please be advised that the following resolution was endorsed by Ajax Town Council at its Meeting held February 25, 2019:

WHEREAS safe, good quality and affordable rental spaces are critical to a sustainable, balanced housing supply in Ajax; and

WHEREAS rental percentage increases on properties 33 and 77 Falby Court of 6.3% and 6.4% respectively have been requested by the property owners Homestead Land Holdings Ltd., which are in excess of the provincial guideline increase of 1.8%; and

WHEREAS above guideline rent increases (AGIs) are sought under the Residential Tenancy Act, and sometimes used as a tool to procure vacancies in established properties. An AGI was requested as a result of capital infrastructure improvements made to the properties, which is now before the Landlord and Tenant Board for a decision; and

WHEREAS this level and extent of AGI notice came as a surprise to tenants, and a lack of communication is increasing tenant uncertainty and insecurity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ajax Council strongly encourages Homestead Land Holdings Ltd. to provide uniform, accurate and timely updates to residents in a public meeting format to ensure questions are addressed and a solution is reached; and

THAT Ajax Council supports Falby Court tenants' position that rental pricing increases need to be incremental to ensure long-term affordability for all residents; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Landlord and Tenant Board, Hon. Rod Phillips (MPP Ajax), the Regional Municipality of Durham, and all local municipalities in Durham Region.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me, at 905-619-2529 ext 3342 or alexander.harras@ajax.ca

Sincerely



Alexander Harras
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Landlord and Tenant Board,
Hon. Rod Phillips (MPP Ajax)
Regional Municipality of Durham
All local municipalities in Durham Region

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF SAUGEEN SHORES**

MOVED BY:  RESOLUTION NO: 17-2019
SECONDED BY:  DATE: February 11, 2019

Whereas The Town of Saugeen Shores believes that building modern infrastructure is important, and that good quality infrastructure supports job creation and helps attract businesses and residents to our community and communities across the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas Recreation Infrastructure is one of the most important core investments that can be made into the prosperity, health, and security of urban and rural communities; and

Whereas the need for infrastructure renewal projects far exceeds the capital available in municipalities for investment in Recreation Infrastructure; and

Whereas Recreation Infrastructure is often put to the bottom of the list, as other infrastructure takes priority; in fact, there has not been a meaningful Recreation Infrastructure program since 2008; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario places long term borrowing restrictions on Municipalities; and

Whereas Saugeen Shores does not have the borrowing capacity to fund these large scale projects; and

Whereas some Municipalities do have the capacity to fundraise and borrow to 1/3 of project costs but rely on other levels of Government for remaining partnership funding; and

Whereas, while the Town of Saugeen Shores welcomes the inclusion of Recreation Infrastructure funds through the Gas Tax Fund, it is apparent that Gas Tax Funds alone are not sufficient to support large scale Recreation Infrastructure projects; and

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores agrees with both Parks and Recreation Ontario and with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario that the infrastructure gap will continue to grow, especially once all of the municipal asset plans are completed; and

Whereas both the Federal and Provincial Government could leave a positive and lasting impact on rural communities by helping municipalities to renovate or build new Recreation Facilities, and in the process create cost savings to our health system. After all, health is a Provincial expense, and as citizens live healthier lifestyles and maintain healthy bodies, this leads to less frequent visits to doctors' offices, hospital emergency departments and rehabilitation centres, and consequently less costs towards medical costs; and

Whereas in 2016 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities study found that nearly half of all types of sport and recreation facilities in Canada are in fair or poor condition, with a replacement value of \$23 billion across Canada; and

Whereas in Ontario, the replacement value for aging pools, arenas and community centres in fair or poor condition in Ontario is estimated to be \$6 billion (Parks and Recreation Ontario); and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has endorsed the Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing; and that the vision for the Framework is "a Canada where everyone is engaged in meaningful, accessible recreation experiences..." and that the first goal of the Framework is that governments should enable participation in physically active recreation; and

Whereas the Framework for Recreation in Canada has as priority 4.3 as follows: "Enable communities to renew Recreational Infrastructure as required and to meet the need for green spaces by securing dedicated government funding at all levels.... for the necessary development, renewal and rehabilitation of facilities and outdoor spaces"; and

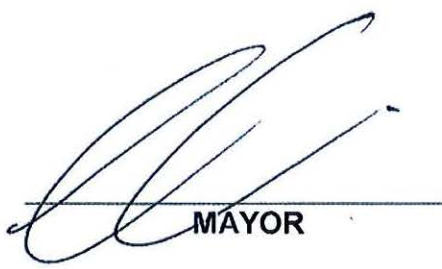
Whereas through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada is investing over \$180 billion over 12 years in Infrastructure projects across Canada with these investments being made by 14 Federal Departments and Agencies; and

Whereas the Governments of Canada and Ontario signed a bi-lateral agreement on March 14th, 2017 and created the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan"; and be it

Resolved that the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario move forward with accepting applications for funding agreed to by the Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario under the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program" to help address the Recreation and Culture Capital Infrastructure deficit that currently exists across Canada; and

Further, that this resolution and background Council Report be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Government's, local MP's and MPP's, Parks and Recreation Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting their support.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



MAYOR

DIVISION OF RECORDED VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PEC INT
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GRACE				
MATHESON				
MYATT				
MYETTE				
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
SAUGEEN SHORES

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: Mike Myatt, Vice Deputy Mayor

Subject: Request to Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario to open the application process for the Bi-lateral "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program" that was signed on March 14th, 2017

Background

The Town of Saugeen Shores, a community population of approximately 14,000 and growing, is faced with a problem that many Ontario Municipalities are experiencing. Many of our recreation and cultural facilities were built in the 1970's and 1980's and now require modern upgrades or replacement. Our pool is over 40 years old and needs to be replaced; our 100 year old Town Hall is in need of repairs; our ball diamonds are aging and our Southampton Ice Facility requires significant repairs. For a community our size, these facilities represent community hubs; they represent gathering places and facilities where members of our community can exercise their mind and bodies on route to living healthier lives. Our residents want to be active, some are active now, but our aging facilities are becoming a deterrent for those who wish to live active lifestyles. In most cases, the Town of Saugeen Shores is able to fundraise and borrow for 1/3 of the cost to make these facility replacements become a reality, but we need bi-lateral funding between the Federal Government and Provincial Government to allow for capital funding allocations to support these facility upgrades or in some cases to support total replacement.

Like other essential municipal infrastructure, Recreation and Cultural Infrastructure is in need of investment. A 2007 study by Parks and Recreation Ontario revealed that over \$5 billion in deferred capital investment is required to repair or replace existing recreation facilities in Ontario – that number is now \$6 billion. The same study showed that 50% of municipally-owned Recreation Infrastructure is at or near the end of its expected lifespan. Additionally, all community recreation facilities that are in mid-life cycle require renovation or upgrades, consistent with their age. Many community facilities built before 1990 require retrofit investments to protect customer safety, improve energy efficiency or enhance services particularly from an accessibility standpoint.

Nationally, the Canadian Recreation and Parks Association (CPRA), an alliance of all 13 provincial and territorial recreation and park associations, has continued to research this issue. CPRA participated on the Advisory Board for the 2016 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card 5. This Report Card includes data on municipal recreation facilities and the results show that almost 1 in 2 recreation facilities are in 'very poor', 'poor' or 'fair' condition and need repair or replacement. In comparison to other municipal infrastructure assessed in the Report Card, recreation facilities were in the worst state and require immediate attention. Furthermore, new facilities are required to meet future needs linked to rapid population growth being experienced by the Town of Saugeen Shores.

Through budget 2016, the Federal Government allocated \$14.4 billion in new funding for the repair and modernization of key Infrastructure. This funding via the Investing in Canada Plan has gone towards vital public transit systems, clean water and wastewater systems, and Social Infrastructure such as affordable housing. These are all very important needs for many communities in Ontario, but the Town of Saugeen Shores would like to suggest that replacement of aging recreation facilities is also a high priority for Municipalities.

Building on the first phase of the Investing in Canada Plan, \$81.2 billion in additional funding was made available in the Federal 2017 budget to support five priority areas over the next decade: Public Transit, Green, Social, Trade and Transportation, and Rural and Northern Communities' Infrastructure and provides predictable funding and focusses on large-scale transformational projects.

The Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario have an infrastructure agreement that was signed March 14th, 2017, and this bi-lateral agreement now includes a new stream named "Community, Culture, and Recreation". The Town of Saugeen Shores needs to request this program be opened in the short term to allow our community and other communities around the Province to submit applications. It is this next phase that Saugeen Shores Council needs to start lobbying our MP and MPP for Provincial and Federal support to help make this happen.

The attached Motion is being proposed for Council consideration and pending approval, it is being recommended that the Town of Saugeen Shores encourages all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario to pass a similar motion and forward to the Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario to stress the importance of opening the application process for Recreation and Culture Infrastructure funding under the "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program".

Respectfully Submitted
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SENT VIA EMAIL (gcoulombe@matticevalcote.ca)

March 5, 2019

Municipality of Mattice-Val Côté
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Attn: Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk

RE: KINGSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT OF MATTICE-VAL CÔTÉ TOWN COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 11, 2019 Council of the Town of Kingsville supported Council of the Township of Mattice-Val Côté's Resolution passed December 10, 2018 as follows:

"130-2019

Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong

Seconded By Councillor Laura Lucier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville received the resolution and correspondence from the Township of Mattice-Val Côté regarding Council Members' Declaration of Office;

AND THAT Council endorses and supports the replacement of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations",

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, and to our provincial and federal parliament representatives and to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED"

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A copy of your correspondence is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Astrologo".

Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Corporate Services Department

JA/so

Enclosure

cc: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Tracey Ramsey, MP
Taras Natyshak, MPP
All Ontario Municipalities

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Sandy Kitchen

From: Sandy Kitchen
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Sandy Kitchen
Subject: FW: Council resolution - Declaration of office
Attachments: Oath of allegiance.pdf

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From: Suzanne Fauchon <sfauchon@matticevalcote.ca>
Date: 2019-01-11 8:38 AM (GMT-05:00)
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Subject: Council resolution - Declaration of office

Good morning,

Our Municipal Council recently passed a resolution asking the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to amend paragraph 4 of municipal council members' Declaration of office.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of said resolution, and of its accompanying letter, which have been sent to the Minister, to the Premier and to our parliament representatives.

We would appreciate your support in this regard.

Sincerely,



Guyline Coulombe
CAO/Clerk

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December 11th, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
P5G 2E5

Attention: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Honourable Minister,

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Section 232 of the *Municipal Act, 2001 (Ontario)* provides that a person cannot take a seat on the council of a municipality until he or she takes the declaration of office on the form established by the Minister for that purpose.

In its current version, the declaration of office contains a statement whereby newly elected members of Council promise and declare their faith and allegiance to the Queen. Said statement is considered by many as irrelevant to the current political state of affairs, while many others find it simply offensive.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recently passed the enclosed resolution requesting that your Ministry amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office in order to address these very legitimate concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dupuis
Mayor

Encl. Resolution no. 18-190



Meeting no. 18-15

Resolution no. 18-190

Date: December 10th, 2018

Moved by: Daniel Grenier

Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the requirement for members of municipal Council to be faithful and to bear true allegiance to the Queen is considered by many to be outdated and representative of a different era, and;

WHEREAS said requirement can go against or be contrary to an individual's culture, principles and beliefs, and;

WHEREAS said requirement presents an obstacle for some individuals who would have otherwise been willing to run for Council and serve at the municipal level of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, to our provincial and federal parliament representatives, Guy Bourgouin and Carol Hughes, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Mayor, Marc Dupuis
Presiding Officer

Recorded Vote

(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by: 
Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in Boardroom 1-B, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:06 PM.

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog
S. Clearwater, Whitby
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member
G. Layton, Uxbridge, Member at Large
H. Manns, Chair, Clarington
K. Murray, Clarington, Member at Large
K. Sellers, First Vice-Chair, Ajax
M. Thompson, Ajax, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering
K. McDonald, Uxbridge
W. Moss-Newman, Oshawa
C. Pettingill, Second Vice-Chair, Brock
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large

Staff

Present: A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Sellers, Seconded by G. Carpentier,
That the agenda for the February 21, 2019 DEAC meeting, as
presented and as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by M. Thompson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
November 15, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by K. Sellers, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
January 17, 2019 be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Heather Brooks, Chair, re: Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative

H. Brooks provided a Presentation titled: "Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative".

H. Brooks asked that the Committee keep the following questions in mind during the presentation:

- 1) Are there adaptation methods, products, or programs, that you as a committee think are important to engage regarding resilience of the natural environment?
- 2) Are you aware of any gaps that if implemented, would enhance climate change resiliency?

H. Brooks advised the Committee that the climate is expected to get warmer, wetter and wilder, with an increase in temperatures by 4 degrees, 16% more precipitation, rain storms that will become more extreme, and violent storms that will increase by about 15%. These changes will result in very hot days that will impact the vulnerable communities, infrastructure, and erosion of natural systems.

H. Brooks stated that building climate resilience will involve both mitigation (action to reduce emissions that cause climate change) and adaptation (action to manage the risks of climate change impacts) strategies.

H. Brooks advised that the Towards Resilience: Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan was approved in December 2016 and to achieve climate change resilience in the natural environment would involve:

- 1) Adaptive Management of Plans & Policies;
- 2) Collaboration; and
- 3) Stewardship, Education and Outreach.

H. Brooks noted that the Natural Environment Climate Collaborative was established at the end of August 2018 to avoid duplication, exchange information with all municipalities, and network. She also noted that a key outcome of the Ontario Climate Consortium (OCC) report was a recommended completion of an Ensemble Climate Change Model specific for Durham Region.

H. Brooks advised that funding was secured to hire an individual to update the model which is planned to be completed by the end of 2019. It will incorporate the global climate model, dynamic downscaling, and extremes and averages for the variables that are being put into the model. This in turn will help inform the Watershed Plans, Official Plans, Conformality Amendment and other programs and policies that need to be updated.

H. Brooks also advised the Committee that on March 7, 2019 at St. Francis Centre for Community Arts & Culture in Ajax, there will be the Durham Region Natural Climate Change Summit, meant to promote the importance of the natural environment, share successes, create opportunities for implementation, and share and gain knowledge.

A. Luqman advised that the Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative is looking for two members of DEAC to be represented at the Summit, and she will email the details of the Summit and the presentation to the Committee.

H. Brooks responded to questions of the Committee regarding short and long-term projections and analyzing the old model to help the future; the concentration of developments resulting in more heat islands; bringing the agricultural and developmental sectors together at the Natural Environment Climate Change Collaborative; and whether there is a distinct group that takes ownership of the mitigation strategies.

5. Items for Discussion/Action

A) Update on 2019 DEAC Awards

A. Luqman advised the Committee that the DEAC Awards are tentatively set for June 26, but that date is dependant on when new members come in. She noted that a report will be considered at the March 5, 2019 Planning & Economic Development Committee regarding the appointment of new members. The report will be considered by Regional Council on March 27, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding soliciting nominations prior to the new committee being formed and that members for the DEAC Awards Sub-committee should be appointed at the DEAC meeting on March 21, 2019.

B) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority – Invitation to a Stormwater Management Workshop on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Cardinal Golf Course from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

A copy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority – Invitation to a Stormwater Management Workshop was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

C) Rain it in Student Competition, Water Environment Association Ontario

A copy of the Rain it in Student Competition, Water Environment Association Ontario correspondence was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

A. Luqman advised the Committee that the co-founder of the Rain it in Student Competition, Ellen Stitt, was a former DEAC youth member.

6. Items for Information

A) Monitoring – Regular Reports

1. Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-149 – Monitoring of Growth Trends

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-149 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

2. Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-154 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the November 5, 2018 meeting

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-154 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

3. Commissioner's Report #2019-INFO-3 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the December 10, 2018 meeting

A copy of Report #2019-INFO-3 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

4. Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-158 – Durham York Energy Centre Source Test Update

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-158 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the maximum point of impingement compared to the limits within the Ontario Regulation 419/05 Air Pollution – Local Air Quality.

The Committee noted their interest on having a speaker on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) at a future meeting.

5. Commissioner's Report #2018-INFO-159 – Summary of Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the Third Quarter of 2018

A copy of Report #2018-INFO-159 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That Information Items 6A), 1) to 5) inclusive, be received for
information.

CARRIED

B) Water Quality

1. Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks 2017-2018 Chief Drinking
Water Inspector Annual Report

A copy of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks 2017-2018
Chief Drinking Water Inspector Annual Report was received as Attachment
#10 to the agenda.

2. Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Minister’s Annual Report
on Drinking Water 2018

A copy of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Annual
Report on Drinking Water 2018 was received as Attachment #11 to the
agenda.

S. Clearwater noted her concerns regarding the use of systemic pesticides
and neonicotinoids, and the ecological damage they may cause.

Discussion ensued regarding posing the following question to the Ministry of
the Environment: what monitoring, or standards do you have in place for
systemic pesticides?

3. Mark Majchrowski, CAO Kawartha Conservation – re: Writing to the
Honourable Rod Philips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
regarding the ongoing challenges that face the rural municipalities in
providing cost effective water rates to the community, while meeting Drinking
Water Standards

A copy of the correspondence from Mark Majchrowski, CAO Kawartha
Conservation regarding the ongoing challenges that face the rural
municipalities in providing cost effective water rates to the community, while
meeting Drinking Water Standards was received as Attachment #12 to the
agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the tone of the letter and whether it is a normal
process to ask the province to de-regulate and impose no further regulations
regarding drinking water standards.

4. Commissioner's Report #2019-INFO-4 – 2018 Source Water Protection Annual Report

A copy of Report #2019-INFO-4 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #13 to the agenda.

S. Clearwater noted that for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Region, risk management procedures will be negotiated dependent on pesticide being applied.

S. Clearwater was asked by the Chair to follow-up on the Trent website, to find more detailed information on their fertilizers and pesticides and bring back to the Committee.

Moved by G. Carpentier, Seconded by M. Thompson,
That Information Items 6B), 1) to 4) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

C) Environment and Climate Change

1. Regional Response to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Environment and Climate Change Canada regarding Bill C-69 Impact Assessment

A copy of the Regional Response to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Environment and Climate Change Canada regarding Bill C-69 Impact Assessment was received as Attachment #14 to the agenda.

2. Consultation #2 on Draft Durham Agricultural Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

A copy of the Consultation #2 on Draft Durham Agricultural Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was received as Attachment #15a and 15b to the agenda.

S. Clearwater noted her concern on Page 7 of Attachment 15b that stated, "due to the seasonal nature of agriculture and the timing of work on the creation of the Durham Climate Adaptation Plan (DCCAP), the agricultural sector stakeholders were not available to participate". Discussion ensued regarding the tone that statement sets for the whole document and that the grassroots group is missing.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by K. Sellers,
That Information Items 6C), 1) and 2) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

D) Conservation

1. Commissioner's Report #2019-COW-5 – Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations – A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan

A copy of Report #2019-COW-5 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received as Attachment #16 to the agenda.

S. Clearwater noted her concerns with there being no mention of a GO Train being extended to the North to service those residents; and the province considering a new approach for hauled sewage.

2. Correspondence from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer – Regional response regarding Bill 66 (Schedule 10) – Proposed Amendments to the Planning Act and Open-for-Business Planning Tool and Regulation

A copy of the Correspondence from Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer regarding the Regional response regarding Bill 66 (Schedule 10) – Proposed Amendments to the Planning Act and Open-for-Business Planning Tool and Regulation was received as Attachment #17 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the old school mentality that sustainable living is opposed to economic development.

A. Luqman advised that all of schedule 10 of Bill 66 has been repealed.

3. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's comments on Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan

A copy of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's comments on Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan was received as Attachment #18 to the agenda.

It was advised that the deadline for comment was January 28, 2019.

4. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority – 2018 Year in Review publication with highlights from some of their 2018 programs and services

A copy of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority – 2018 Year in Review publication with highlights from some of their 2018 programs and services was received as Attachment #19 to the agenda.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by K. Sellers,
That Information Items 6D), 1) to 4) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Other Business

A) Quorum At Meetings

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the issue of obtaining a quorum during the few months after a new term of Council comes into effect, and possible changes to the appointment process that could be made to streamline the process.

It was also noted that receipt of nominations from area municipalities can be an issue and delay the appointments of new members.

Further discussion ensued regarding Ajax decreasing the number of advisory committees by almost half.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

9. Adjournment

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by K. Sellers,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

H. Manns, Chair, Durham Environmental
Advisory Committee

S. Penak, Committee Clerk