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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2019-INFO-88](#)
Date: November 29, 2019

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the November 4, 2019 Meeting

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarizes the decisions made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meeting of November 4, 2019 (see Attachment #1). The approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. No appeals are recommended.

2. Background

2.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

3. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart for the November 4, 2019 Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, November 04, 2019

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, December 03, 2019

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 032/2019	McDermott, Andrew McDermott, Miranda	Part lot 18, Conc. 6 Twp. of Scugog	Consent to sever a vacant 403.5 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 403.6 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 113/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 114/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 440 m2 to 570 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 115/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 116/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 117/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 118/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 119/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 120/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 121/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 122/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 123/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 124/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 125/2019	Chan, Eddy	Part lot 2, Conc. 4 City of Oshawa (former Whitby East)	Consent to sever 13 residential lots ranging in size from 580 m2 to 654 m2, retaining a 930 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 130/2019	Thakkar, Satish	Part lot 35, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 0.832 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 1.051 ha commercial parcel of land for future development. Application includes blanket easement.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 133/2019	Thakkar, Satish	Part lot 35, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to grant a blanket easement over a 1.051 ha commercial parcel of land in favour of the 0.832 ha residential/commercial parcel of land to the east.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 134/2019	Cullen, Janet Margaret Cullen, Gordon Thomas	Part lot 2, Conc. 8 Twp. of Scugog	Consent to add a 4,023.3 m2 rural residential parcel of land to the south, retaining a 4,072.8 m2 rural residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 135/2019	Thistle, Deb	Part lot 143 - 146 Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a lease over 21 years over a 1,676.9 m2 commercial parcel of land, retaining a 1,731.8 m2 commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously
LD 137/2019	Doiron, Chad	Part lot 24, Conc. 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to add a vacant 2.2932 ha industrial parcel of land to the West, retaining a 24.33 ha industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved unanimously

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: [#2019-INFO-89](#)
Date: November 29, 2019

Subject:

Opioid Information Videos to Help Address Stigma

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) information campaign to address stigma associated with opioid use disorders. Opioid use disorder is a problematic pattern of opioid use that causes significant impairment or distress.

2. Background

2.1 In accordance with the Harm Reduction Program Enhancement mandate, DRHD is required to develop and implement a [local opioid response plan](#) related to opioid use and overdose.

2.2 As part of this multifaceted strategy, the DRHD has partnered with numerous community agencies to increase awareness of the impact that stigma has on individuals with opioid use disorder.

2.3 Stigma (negative attitudes or beliefs) can have a major impact on the quality of life of people who use drugs, people who are in recovery and their friends and family. It is important that efforts are made to reduce stigma around drug use, so people can get help when they want and need it.

2.4 Evidence shows that stigma is a significant factor that can prevent people from getting help as it creates barriers to accessing important health and social services.

- 2.5 When people who use drugs face stigma in the community or health system, they are less likely to seek help or follow through on a treatment program out of fear they will face stigma again.
- 2.6 Evidence indicates that simple steps, such as carefully choosing the words used to describe people who experience addictions, can help to address stigma. Additionally, education and communication strategies aimed at providing information and sharing perspectives of people who use drugs can be beneficial.

3. Current Status

- 3.1 DRHD is promoting an information campaign entitled "People Who Use Drugs are Real People. Get Informed. Get Involved. Get Help." This campaign includes a four-part video series aimed to reduce the stigma associated with opioid use disorder.
- 3.2 The video series includes stories from residents who have lived experience of opioid use, comments from Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter, Paul Martin, Chief of Police, as well as representatives from various community partners including Durham Regional Police Service, local fire departments, and Lakeridge Health. The video series is available on durham.ca and through the following You Tube links:
 1. [The Opioid Crisis in Durham Region](#)
 2. [The Reality of the Opioid Crisis in Durham Region](#)
 3. [The Importance of a Caring Community](#)
 4. [Finding a Solution to the Opioid Crisis Together](#)
- 3.3 To support this campaign, DRHD launched a new [webpage](#) to provide information and resources about opioid use and opioid use disorder.
- 3.4 Additionally, DRHD continues to work closely with the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN) and Lakeridge Health on strategies to link health care professionals with training and supports to help reduce stigma within health care settings.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 As part of the local opioid response plan, DRHD will promote the opioid awareness campaign and video series throughout the community to help address stigma associated with opioid use disorders.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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VIA Email <justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca>

November 19, 2019

Justin Trudeau
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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RE: Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on November 5, 2019, and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS Single-use wipes are a \$6 billion industry and growing, and are now being advertised as a clean alternative to toilet paper that is safe to flush; and

WHEREAS Single-use wipes accumulate in the sewer system and eventually clog the sanitary sewer system, requiring significant additional repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Enforcement Sewer Use Group estimates non-flushable materials cause \$259 million in annual repairs across Canada; and

WHEREAS a 2019 study released by Ryerson University tested 101 types of single-use disposable wipes and found that all of the wipes failed basic requirements of flushable products; and

WHEREAS there is no one standard for what the word "flushable" means; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of public awareness of the impact caused by non-flushable wipes being flushed down toilets and consumer education and outreach could play a large part in reducing the impact; and

WHEREAS Single-use wipes, even when properly disposed of as waste, are an inefficient and unsustainable use of resources that contribute significantly to environmental degradation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to ban single-use disposable wipes; and



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THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Local Members of Provincial Parliament, York Region and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Yours truly,

Kristina Soolepp, Council Coordinator
(905) 640-1910 x 2463

cc. Honourable Premier of Ontario,
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Local Members of Provincial Parliament,
York Region
All Municipalities within the Province of Ontario



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November 18, 2019

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Legislative Building Rm. 281, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Attention: Honourable Premier Ford

Re: Support for Town of Prescott Resolution on the Transformation of Building Services and creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority with regard to building service delivery

The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron at the Regular Council meeting on November 4, 2019;

554-2019

Moved by: T. Oke

Seconded by: B. Willard

"That South Huron Council support the Town of Prescott Resolution on the Transformation of Building Services and creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority with regard to building service delivery; and

That this motion is sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Msuya-Collison".

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk
Municipality of South Huron
519-235-0310 x227
clerk@southhuron.ca

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing,
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 25, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON
M7A 2J3

Re: Declaration of Climate Emergency in the Town of Amherstburg

Dear Hon. Yurek,

At its meeting of November 12th, 2019, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following resolution as recommended by the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee:

***"WHEREAS** the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee is sounding the alarm and urging the City of Windsor and the County of Essex to declare Climate Emergencies and work together to reduce emissions; and,*

***WHEREAS** more than 444 Canadian municipalities (including Chatham-Kent, London, Sarnia, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener and the Waterloo Region) have declared Climate Emergencies, some of which are also implementing strategic plans in order to help reduce global carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and,*

***WHEREAS** Amherstburg distributed sandbags to residents this summer in the face of historic water levels and has 43.7 km of shoreline along the Detroit River and Lake Erie, along with 12.4 km of shoreline on inland waterways, and is thus greatly affected by water levels in the Great Lakes basin; and,*

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 12 years, in order to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and,

WHEREAS based on current projections of the future impacts of human-caused climate change, climate change will adversely the local economy, local infrastructure and property, put a strain on municipal budgets and result in significant economic and health burdens for local residents, particularly our vulnerable populations; and,

WHEREAS climate change will jeopardize the health and survival of many local plant and animal species as well as their natural environments and ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS Amherstburg and the surrounding region is already experiencing climate change impacts including, but not limited to, overland flooding, heavy rain event flooding, emergence of invasive species, an increased number of high heat days, the rise of vector borne diseases, the re-emergence of blue-green algae and harmful algal blooms in our lakes and rivers; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are understood to produce and/or have regulatory jurisdiction over approximately 50% of carbon emissions in Canada; and,

WHEREAS Amherstburg is embarking on a review of the Town's Official Plan; and,

WHEREAS implementing climate action and making a transition to a low-carbon economy also represents a significant opportunity to stimulate economic growth, increase job opportunities and develop new technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Amherstburg declare a Climate Emergency and direct administration to prepare a report containing recommendations for priority actions items, implementation measures and cost requirements to accelerate and urgently work towards the reduction of emissions and preparing for our climate future.”

cc:

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)
Ontario Municipalities
Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex
Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee

Regards,



Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk
tfowkes@amherstburg.ca



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 25, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay St., 11th Floor
Toronto, ON
M7A 2S9

Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Town of Amherstburg Support

At its meeting of October 15th, 2019, Amherstburg Town Council supported the Township of Springwater's Resolution regarding Joint and Several Liability Consultation *with the exception of Section 2e – Law Society of Ontario Charges*; the Town of Amherstburg does not support this section.

cc:
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex

Encl: Correspondence – Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Township of Springwater

Regards,

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Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk
tfowkes@amherstburg.ca

September 26, 2019

Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto ON, M7A 2S9

Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation

Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

a. No Requirement of Proof

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

2. *What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?*

a. Ethical Standard of Due Diligence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

b. Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

c. Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

d. Triage System for Claims

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent of frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

e. Law Society of Ontario Charges

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

3. *Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?*

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$234,942	\$247,262	\$254,388	\$274,936	\$304,688

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?

As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,



Jeff Schmidt, CPA, CGA, B.A.S.
Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Lydia Gerritsen

From: Ralph Walton
Sent: November 26, 2019 4:23 PM
To: Lydia Gerritsen; Afreen Raza
Subject: FW: ROMA and OGRA Discuss Future Opportunities

Cip please

From: Ontario Good Roads Association <DoNotReply@ConnectedCommunity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:29 PM
To: Ralph Walton <Ralph.Walton@durham.ca>
Subject: ROMA and OGRA Discuss Future Opportunities

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ROMA and OGRA Discuss Future Opportunities **November 26, 2019**

Representatives of the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) met with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Board on November 15, 2019 to discuss how the two organizations can collaborate in the future.

Both groups agreed to look for opportunities to work together on shared policy priorities that will support and strengthen Ontario's rural municipalities. The discussion also covered the matter of joint conferences. It was agreed that it would make sense to revisit this conversation in the future, given current commitments of both ROMA and OGRA related to their individual conferences.

"We look forward to working with OGRA on ways to strengthen our collective advocacy," said ROMA Chair Allan Thompson. "Ontario's rural community faces a broad range of challenges and it is important to work with others to advance our goals. It's also critical to keep the spotlight on rural issues and ensure the sector has a strong and effective voice."

"The opportunity to have a constructive dialogue with ROMA reminded us that the strength of OGRA is directly linked with our ability to work with like-minded organizations like ROMA to advance the interests of our members," OGRA President, Rick Kester. "We are excited to continue this discussion".

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Allan Thompson
ROMA Chair

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Rick Kester
President, OGRA

Join the conversation about this *Heads Up Alert* at [the OGRA Interchange](#)

The mandate of the Ontario Good Roads Association is to represent the transportation and public works interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training and the delivery of identified services.

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GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 17, 2019

GRCA 06/19

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Lees, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Mark Lovshin, Vice Chair - Township of Hamilton
Nicole Beatty - Town of Cobourg
Tim Belch - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Greg Booth - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg
Vicki Mink - Municipality of Port Hope
Joe Neal - Municipality of Clarington
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Leslie Benson, Interim Water Resources Engineer
Ed Van Osh, Forest Recreation Technician
Pam Lancaster, Stewardship Technician
Members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

GRCA 43/19

MOVED BY: Brian Darling

SECONDED BY: Joe Neal

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

An additional item of correspondence, which was circulated by email, was added to the agenda.

GRCA 44/19

MOVED BY: Nicole Beatty
SECONDED BY: Joe Neal

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Delegations

a) Off Road Vehicle (ORVs) and Bill 107 - Jane Zednik

Jane Zednik made a presentation to the Board of Directors on her concerns with regards to increased off-road vehicle (ORV) including ATV use in the forest as a result of Bill 107, the *Get Moving Act*, which received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019. She asked the Board of Directors to consider setting capacity limits for ORV's and doing a cost benefit analysis.

Joe Neal asked how capacity limits of ORV would be set. The presenter suggested only a limited number of passes are sold. He also asked how Bill 107 would increase ORV use and that there should not be multiple use in the forest.

Tim Belch mentioned that there are roads that provide direct access to the Forest. Jeff Lees stated that the OPP/local police are increasing enforcement around municipal roads.

Vicki Mink asked how many of the 911 calls are made to accidents in the forest. Peterborough Hospital and NHH have statistics and suggested that the cost of emergency services should be included in the cost benefit analysis.

GRCA 45/19

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the presentation by Jane Zednik be received for information and,
FURTHER THAT this matter be referred back to staff for analysis and report to the board.
CARRIED.

b) Citizens Committee for a Safer East Forest – Marg Dickson

Marg Dickson made a presentation to the Board of Directors on her concerns with regards to increased off-road vehicle (ORV) including ATV use in the forest and its impacts to the surrounding communities and the general safety of forest users.

Joe Neal asked about accessing the East Forest illegally and how is this being done. Nicole Beatty asked about the line of communication between the OPP and the GRCA.

GRCA 46/19

MOVED BY: Joe Neal
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the presentation by Marg Dickson be received for information.
FURTHER THAT this matter be referred to staff and the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users (RUC) Committee and report back to the March board meeting including ideas around re-classification of the East Forest and consideration of Bill 107.
CARRIED.

6. Presentations

a) Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan Update
Leslie Benson, Interim Water Resources Engineer and Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator, provided the Board of Directors with an update on the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan. The presentation included the regulatory framework governing shoreline hazards; the study that is currently used to inform hazard management decisions on the shoreline; and what the new study aims to provide to the GRCA and its member municipalities.

Board members followed up with questions in regards to the presentation. Joe Neal asked if valley lands without a water component are regulated. He further asked what type of shoreline protections would be happening that are not already known. Vicki Mink asked how far up rivers does the shoreline encompass.

GRCA 47/19

MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan update presentation for information.
CARRIED.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None

8. Correspondence

- a) 11-19 Letter from Chris J. Collins re. Ganaraska Forest Membership - East Forest
- b) 12-19 Letter from Olga Chernuck re. Ganaraska Forest Membership - East Forest
- c) 13-19 Letter from Premier Doug Ford re: response to Jeff Lees correspondence

GRCA 48/19

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Greg Booth

THAT the Board of Directors receive the correspondence for information.
FURTHER THAT correspondence a) and b) be forwarded to staff for information related to the delegation.
CARRIED.

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

GRCA 49/19

MOVED BY: Tim Belch
SECONDED BY: Mark Lovshin

THAT the Board of Directors receive the permits for information.
CARRIED.

Permit Application requiring Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors discussion:

None

10. Committee Reports:

None

11. New Business:

- a) Partnership with Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign

GRCA 50/19

MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin
SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT the Board of Directors receive the Partnership with Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign staff report for information.
CARRIED.

12. Other Business

None

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by Vicki Mink

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

JOINT FORUM OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

A Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Regional Headquarters, LL-C Boardroom, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 5:10 PM

Present: Region of Durham AAC
C. Boose, Ajax
D. Campbell, Whitby
D. Hume-McKenna, DMHS
R. Purnwasie, Ajax
M. Roche, Oshawa
M. Sutherland, Oshawa, Chair
S. Sones, Whitby, Vice-Chair
S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
J. Traer, Accessibility Coordinator
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

Town of Ajax AAC
Sepelene Deonarine
Barb Dowds
Sarah Moore
Kathreen Smith
Heather Steeves

Township of Brock
Lesley Donnelly
Maralee Drake
Jolene Munro

Municipality of Clarington
Janice Jones
Shea-Lea Latchford
Tim Van Leeuwen
Jeannette Whynot

City of Oshawa AAC
Lisa Hart
Lisa Knowlton
Lynda Lawson
Rosemary McConkey
Julie McCrea
Dorothy McFarland

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Steven Moenster
Linda Tamburro
Gino Vendetti

City of Pickering AAC

Syeda Saima Fatima
Tim Higgins
Peter Bashaw

Township of Scugog AAC

Julie Harris

Township of Uxbridge AAC

Margaret McCreath
Niko Pupella

Town of Whitby AAC

Jeffrey Beaton
Michele Cotton
Jim Lawrie
Ayse Yuksel
Liam Lacy

Other Attendees

Joanne Archer
David Billham
Candace Bitton
J. Christianson
Candace Cross
Cora Cunningham
Pam DeWilde
L. Dunn
Loretta Karikari
Sharon Milton
Devin Poole
Pat Rose
Tracy Roulston
Dave Simpson
Alf Spencer
Benito Suppa
Brianna Synyard
Tony Tamburro
Amanda Wilson
Regional Councillor Steve Yamada

1. Registration & Dinner

Those in attendance took the opportunity to meet and greet other AAC members.

2. Welcome/Opening Remarks

S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, welcomed new and returning members to the 16th Annual Joint Forum of the Accessibility Advisory Committees. She acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island.

3. Presentation – Pam DeWilde and Loretta Karikari re: Welcome Centre Immigrant Services

S. Austin introduced P. DeWilde and L. Karikari, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services in Ajax/Pickering. S. Austin stated that P. DeWilde brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in understanding the multiple barriers newcomers face when they come to Canada. She advised that as the manager of the Pickering Welcome Centre, P. DeWilde collaborates with over 40 organizations to respond to the needs of newcomers, immigrants and refugees accessing the services of the welcome centre while managing the core services of the Job Search Workshop and the TRIEC Mentoring Partnership programs for immigrant professionals. S. Austin stated that as a social worker with a background in health, L. Karikari is passionate about enhancing the individual and collective well-being of individuals and the community. She advocates for social justice, human rights, and equitable access to health and social services and endeavours to stimulate conversation that brings awareness of accessibility.

P. DeWilde and L. Karikari provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Welcome Centre Immigrant Services (Ajax and Pickering) and the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW).

P. DeWilde stated that the mission of the Welcome Centre is to provide a welcoming, positive, safe and inclusive environment that addresses and supports the complex and changing needs of newcomers by providing integrated services through community alliances. She advised that there are two welcoming centres in Durham Region, the Ajax Welcome Centre and the Pickering Welcome Centre and advised that the following core services are offered at both locations: case management; language assessments; language classes; employment help; resource centre; and settlement services. She stated that it is important that the services are accessible and ongoing. She further advised that the Welcome Centres are conveniently located near the GO stations and offer child care;

evening and Saturday hours of operation; multi-lingual staff and access to interpretation services; services regardless of immigration status; and access to the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW).

L. Karikari stated that the Durham Region Accessibility Awareness Working Group (DRAAW) was established in 2017 and is comprised of service providers from different sectors who work together to acquire new skills and knowledge in areas related to service provision, inclusion, and accessibility for people of all abilities and diversities. She advised that their aim is to enrich local agencies by becoming more aware of what organizations need to do to provide accessible and inclusive services. L. Karikari stated that the best way to work together is through an integrated approach consisting of employment services, recreation supports, municipalities, family supports, business community, health services, and settlement services. She stated that in moving forward, DRAAW will continue to establish criteria by which barrier removal can be prioritized by service providers; create community events that stimulate conversation on accessibility and the removal of physical and systematic barriers; and raise awareness of their services throughout Durham Region.

S. Austin thanked P. DeWilde and L. Karikari for their presentation.

4. Presentation – Alfred Spencer re: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

S. Austin introduced A. Spencer, Director of the Public Education and Outreach Branch at the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. S. Austin stated that A. Spencer is responsible for educating Ontarians about the advantages of inclusion and developing a network of strategic partnerships that help Ontario organizations become accessible. She advised that A. Spencer has overseen the implementation of over 100 community projects related to creating awareness of accessibility issues, including programs for early childhood educators, elementary school teachers, and post secondary students and professionals. His approach to community development has touched all aspects of social inclusion from places of faith to workplaces and sporting events. S. Austin further advised that A. Spencer has been named to the Canadian Paralympic Inclusion Committee and is an advisor/panelist to the newly announced Canadian Universities Association Leed Competition, a national competition dedicated to the development of tools and resources to improve accessibility across Canada.

A. Spencer provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Inclusion by Design". He stated that the Ministry's efforts currently addresses the needs of the following main audiences: Ontario communities; obligated organizations, businesses, broader public sectors, non governmental organizations; people with disabilities; and older adults. He advised that the Ministry's goal is to make Ontario more accessible for everyone and promote the benefits of accessible workplaces and communities where everyone is able to participate.

He provided the following key points with regards to Ontario's future:

- An inclusive lens is used at all levels of decision making
- Everyone enjoys high levels of participation in key areas of life
- Individuals are empowered to advocate for themselves
- Accessibility is a cultural norm
- There are increased employment rates for people with disabilities

He stated that the Ministry has had over 200 partners and is currently looking at partnering with the City of Pickering Accessibility Advisory Committee with regards to a project about service animals and comfort animals in businesses. He reviewed the roles of Accessibility Advisory Committees and provided examples of what they have done with regards to raising awareness.

Sandra thanked A. Spencer for his presentation and wished him all the best on his retirement on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

The Committees recessed at 7:15 PM and reconvened at 7:30 PM.

5. Accessibility Awards Presentation

S. Austin stated that The Regional Municipality of Durham recognizes the importance of an accessible community and that a key goal in the Regional Strategic Plan is to create a caring and fully inclusive environment. She stated that each year the Regional Municipality of Durham honours individuals, services or local businesses that have improved accessibility in their community. Nominations for the Awards are made by the local Accessibility Advisory Committees of the municipalities within Durham Region. S. Austin stated that each award recipient has succeeded in removing or preventing barriers and their efforts have helped to ensure that citizens have access to meaningful involvement and full participation in their community.

M. Sutherland, Chair and S. Sones, Vice-Chair joined S. Austin to present the awards and thank each recipient.

Town of Ajax – Jolie Café

S. Austin advised that Jolie Café is a small eatery/bakery with a warm and welcoming environment. She stated that the owners, Ms. Michelle McIntosh and Ms. Sandra Valentine, as well as staff, provide stellar customer service. They strive to get to know the customers and their needs so they can ensure their experience at the café is a positive one. They embrace feedback and continue to make their business more accessible. They recently eliminated a step at the entrance of the Café so there is a smooth transition from the sidewalk to the front door.

Ms. Sarah Moore, Town of Ajax AAC, accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC on behalf of Ms. Michelle McIntosh and Ms. Sandra Valentine of Jolie Café.

Township of Brock – Beaverton Town Hall Players

S. Austin advised that the Beaverton Town Hall Players believes in making their theatre accessible to everyone. She advised that the theatre purchased 8 hearing assisted devices in 2018 as many of their patrons are elderly and it is sometimes difficult for the volunteer actors to project their voices loud enough. These devices will assist the patrons to hear the voices on stage no matter where they sit in the theatre. A number of years ago, an elevator was also installed to access the second-floor auditorium.

Ms. Pat Rose of the Beaverton Town Hall Players accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Municipality of Clarington – Brianna's Sweet Treats

S. Austin advised that Brianna's Sweet Treats believes in meaningful and inclusive employment for persons with autism and has demonstrated this commitment by hiring Carley, who works part time at Brianna's Sweet Treats. With Brianna's support and mentorship, Carley's skills have improved, and her confidence has grown. She is a valued member of the team and the Bowmanville community. It is through this kind of leadership that barriers to employment are removed, biases challenged, and positive changes made.

Ms. Brianna Synyard of Brianna's Sweet Treats accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Oshawa – LivingRoom Community Art Studio

S. Austin advised that the LivingRoom Community Art Studio is a charity that provides supportive opportunities for individuals and families living in and around Central Oshawa to express themselves and connect with others through experiences of art making, skill sharing and dialogue. The studio services are offered at no or low cost in order to ensure that all members of the community are included. Staff at the LivingRoom believe that everyone is an artist and that art making is an activity enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities and walks of life.

Ms. Mary Krohnert of the LivingRoom Community Art Studio accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

City of Pickering – Team Frozen Foods

S. Austin advised that Team Frozen Foods is a team that participated in the Durham Region Police Services 2nd annual Polar Plunge in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on March 22, 2019. Team Frozen Foods raised \$12,425.00 in support of Special Olympics which was almost 60% of the event's annual grand total of \$21,000.00. S. Austin advised that The Torch Run engages law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

Ms. Sharon Milton and Mr. Devin Poole of Team Frozen Foods accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

Town of Whitby – Durham Escape Room

S. Austin advised that Durham Escape Room has built all their games to be completely accessible. They have also built their employee areas to physical accessibility standards to position them to be able to hire anyone. They are also working towards translating clues in different ways to accommodate patrons who are hearing or vision impaired by incorporating braille, audio and visual clues. By doing this, the Durham Escape Room is setting the bar high and ahead of the curve.

Mr. Benito Suppa of Durham Escape Room accepted the award and congratulations from M. Sutherland, Chair, and S. Sones, Vice-Chair of the Durham Region AAC.

S. Austin thanked all the recipients for their leadership and commitment in making Durham a more inclusive and accessible region.

6. Presentation – Challenger Baseball Field Project, Whitby

S. Austin introduced Tracy Roulston and David Billham. She advised that T. Roulston is a volunteer with Challenger Baseball. T. Roulston joined the league when there was 12 players and it now has over 90. She oversees the creation of their social media presence as well as rallied support and fundraising for approximately \$400,000 for a new accessible and inclusive baseball diamond.

S. Austin advised that D. Billham is a registered landscape architect with over 25 years of professional experience. D. Billham has been responsible for the design and management of numerous recreational and institutional projects throughout Ontario and the United States.

T. Roulston provided an overview of her involvement and background with challenger baseball and S. Billham provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Accessible Baseball Diamond.

T. Roulston advised that Challenger Baseball is a program that provides an opportunity for children, youth and adults with cognitive and/or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in baseball at a level structured to their abilities. The program aims to teach the core life skills inherent to baseball, including teamwork, communication, determination, resiliency, inclusion, independence, confidence, self-esteem, social skills and courage. T. Roulston advised that the challenger league field concept includes:

- Fully accessible soft surface field
- For all ages of players with special needs
- Social development through baseball
- Foster peer relationships
- Interact with buddies

T. Roulston stated that the Challenger League game format includes:

- 10 players per team of various ages
- Each player has a volunteer buddy to help with hitting and running bases
- Everyone bats, runs bases and scores
- Provides a level playing field

D. Billham provided examples of various accessible baseball diamonds and advised that the newly constructed Durham Region Accessible Baseball Diamond is located at Willow Park in Whitby. He advised that the site was unused with ample space and benefited from a connection to accessible restrooms, parking, tennis courts, lacrosse, senior baseball field and an accessible playground. He stated that the construction of the accessible baseball diamond started in July 2019 and was completed in October 2019.

7. Closing Remarks

S. Austin recognized the Accessibility Advisory Committee volunteers for their time, commitment and hard work. She stated that municipalities far exceed other organizations in the implementation of the accessibility standards and that progress is due to the dedication and input from the Accessibility Advisory Committees.

M. Sutherland acknowledged all the achievement and progress made so far and thanked the attendees for their hard work and dedication as well.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

November 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, November 15, 2019 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM.

Present: D. Hoornweg, Citizen Member, Chair
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
Regional Chair Henry left the meeting at 1:39 PM
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
J. Koke, Citizen Member
Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee attended the meeting at 1:44 PM
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member
C. Mee, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member

Absent: B. Cochrane, Citizen Member
T. Hall, Citizen Member
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee
R. Plaza, Citizen Member

Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
M. White, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by M. Vroegh, Seconded by C. Mee,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on October 18, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

4. Items for Action and Discussion

A) Roundtable Introductions of DRRCC Members

I. McVey invited each member to take 2-3 minutes to introduce themselves, provide a brief background, and include what brought them to the DRRCC.

B) Follow-Up on Green Infrastructure and Flooding Engagement Opportunity – Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

I. McVey provided an update to the Committee with respect to the presentation made to the DRRCC by Franz Hartmann at the October 18, 2019 DRRCC meeting regarding Green Infrastructure and Flooding Engagement. He advised that F. Hartmann would like to initiate a community working group on green infrastructure.

I. McVey advised that F. Hartmann is looking for one or two members from the DRRCC to join the working group. C. Mee and G. MacPherson expressed interest, and I. McVey noted that if any other members were interested, they could email him directly.

Discussion ensued with respect to also ensuring there is proper representation from the local area conservation authorities, and that this working group should build on the body of work already completed, instead of starting from scratch.

C) Update on Climate Emergency Declarations by Ontario Municipalities – Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

I. McVey provided an update to the Committee with respect to the Climate Emergency Declarations made by some Ontario Municipalities. He advised that 31 municipalities in Ontario have made a climate emergency declaration, including the Town of Whitby, the Town of Ajax, the Regional Municipality of Halton, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, and Prince Edward County.

I. McVey advised that none of the declarations have been declared officially under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. He also advised that there are two objectives of declaring a climate emergency: to rally for future action, or to present a specific set of actions for response.

Detailed discussion ensued with respect to whether Durham Region would consider declaring a climate emergency; the City of Toronto's declaration and the specific actions it included; the need for fundamental changes to the

way residents drive and heat their homes; and how local governments would work together to achieve the larger targets.

Further discussion ensued regarding the school boards that have made climate change emergency declarations and having a discussion with them regarding their process and outlining the different declarations that have been made by the school boards.

Moved by J. Kinniburgh, Seconded by C. Mee,

That the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee (DRRCC) request staff to draft a Durham Region climate change emergency declaration in consultation with other upper-tier municipalities who have made declarations, for consideration at the DRRCC meeting on January 17, 2020.

CARRIED

5. Other Business

- A) The 2019 Report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate

C. Mee advised the Committee that a new report was released from the Lancet Journal on ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate. She noted that the report focuses on health, and how looking at mitigating climate change factors is having an impact on our developing generation.

C. Mee noted that she would email the link out to the Committee members.

- B) The Future of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee (DRRCC)

Discussion ensued regarding the composition of the DRRCC and whether there should be representation from the two Durham Public School Boards, or whether they should be invited to attend as observers. Staff advised that there is currently one vacancy on the Committee.

I. McVey asked the Committee members to send him any thoughts on the what the DRRCC should focus on, while looking at Durham's Climate documents such as the Local Action Plan 2012 and the Community Climate Adaptation Plan.

It was the consensus of the Committee to request that staff compose a letter to the Durham Members of Parliament on behalf of the DRRCC, welcoming them to their new position and including some thoughts on climate change and Durham's forward-looking priorities.

I. McVey provided a copy of the DRRCC Terms of Reference to the members and stated that if any members had comments on the Terms of Reference, the Workplan, or where they would like to see this Committee headed, they could forward them to him directly.

C) Reforestation Efforts in Ontario

G. MacPherson stated that he recently attended a tour of reforestation areas in Southern Ontario hosted by the Forest History Association of Ontario that duplicated a tour that occurred in 1939 of Durham County and Northumberland County. He suggested that it would be meaningful to have a brief presentation on the significance of natural capital and tree planting in strategic areas.

D) Ontario Clean Tech Industry Association

M. Vroegh advised that he is on the founding board of directors for the non-profit organization called the Ontario Clean Tech Industry Association. He stated that this association aims to give a voice to the clean technology sector. He advised that if anyone would like more information, they can contact him directly or visit octia.ca.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, January 17, 2020 starting at 1:00 PM in the Lower Level Boardroom, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by G. MacPherson,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

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

S. Penak, Committee Clerk