



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-INFO-16  
Date: March 6, 2020

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**Subject:**

Smart Commute Durham (SCD) 2019 Progress Report and 2020 Workplan

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Smart Commute Durham's progress for 2019 and the 2020 Workplan.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Smart Commute program is an initiative of cities and regions of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to reduce traffic congestion and take action on climate change through the promotion of sustainable modes of transportation.

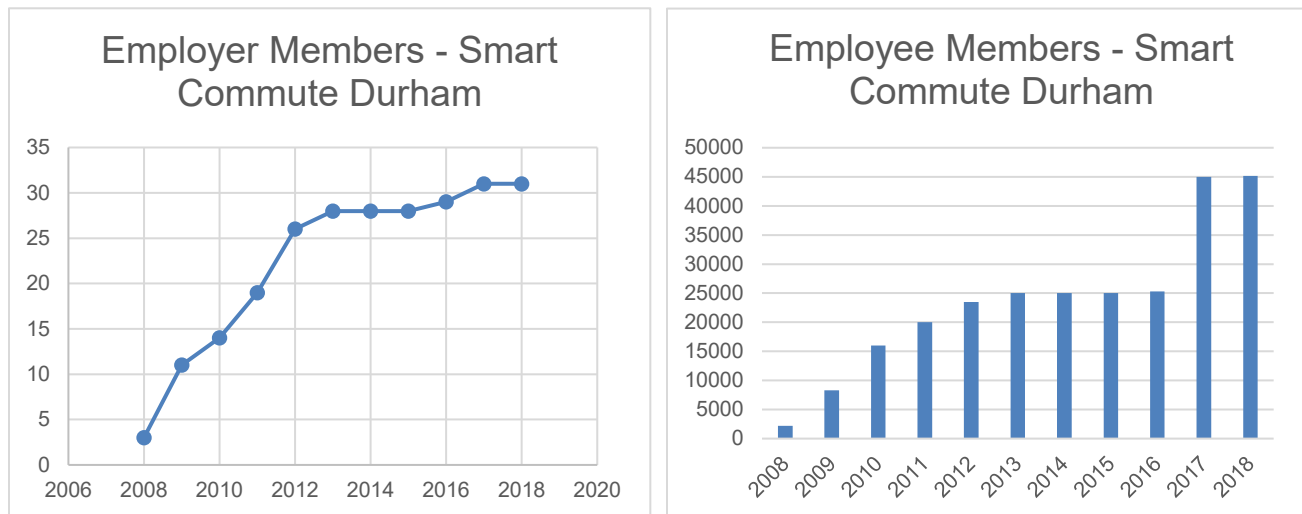
2.2 Since the Smart Commute Durham (SCD) program was established in 2008, it has grown from 3 to 31 members consisting of 45,142 employees across Durham Region, which equates to 22% of Durham employees<sup>1</sup> (refer to Smart Commute Employer Members and Employee Members charts below). The program has

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<sup>1</sup> 200,291 jobs Durham 2018 business count: <https://www.durham.ca/en/doing-business/resources/Documents/PlanningandDevelopment/2018-Business-Count-Highlights.pdf>

achieved an average yearly reduction of 386,961 vehicles kilometres travelled (VKT), 21,623 single occupancy vehicle (SOV) and 86.2 metric tonnes of GHG reductions<sup>2</sup>, which is equivalent to 210,758 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.<sup>3</sup>

- 2.3 For 2020 the Smart Commute Durham program aims to grow its membership to include 5 hospital sites across Durham Region that consist of approximately 8,980 staff.<sup>4</sup>



- 2.4 An important part of the SCD program is supporting programming and initiatives to promote and encourage sustainable modes of transportation for commuting purposes. The operating model for the program involves working with employees to promote sustainable commuter options, such as carpooling, transit, cycling, walking, telework, and flexible work arrangements.
- 2.5 SCD's operating model involves the creation and implementation of an annual workplan. The progress report from 2019 and the description of the activities that SCD plans to provide in year of 2020 is summarized below.
- 2.6 In 2019, SCD staff facilitated several activities, including the successful implementation of sustainable commuter programs, events and campaigns, which can be classified under the following categories:

<sup>2</sup> 2013 yr. data – Metrolinx cancelled Carpoolzone.ca in 2014, therefore no metrics are available after 2013

<sup>3</sup> Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency – Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

<sup>4</sup> Source: Lakeridge Health <https://www.lakeridgehealth.on.ca/en/aboutus/Keystats.asp>

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a. Outreach and Education

- **Bike Month** – multiple events were held at Smart Commute businesses including bike tours, bike repair workshops, and educational sessions on bike safety for all road users. Bike Month is an awareness campaign which aims to encourage cycling and active transportation as well as educate all road users on cycling safety. Bike Month initiatives also help support the goals and objectives identified in various Regional policies including the Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, the Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan, and helps support the achievement of the overall Transportation Demand Management (TDM) targets<sup>5</sup> for the Region.
- **OPG Darlington** – Regional staff began working with OPG Darlington to implement targeted programming at the worksite. In 2019, staff conducted a site visit and prepared a draft survey intended to establish an understanding of the commuting habits of Darlington employees. This new relationship with OPG Darlington has increased outreach of SCD by appropriately 3,100 employees. For 2020, staff will continue to work with the Darlington Smart Commute champions to determine appropriate programming for the worksite.

b. Communication and Marketing

- Regional staff created communications and marketing materials for Smart Commute Month and Winter Commute Month.
- Regional staff maintained consistent lines of communication with Smart Commute members, providing them with the necessary updates and information as program changes occurred.

c. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Regional staff conducted quarterly surveys to examine commuting behaviours across Durham Region to inform future activities and determine priorities for SCD program. Quarterly surveys consisted of three brief surveys and a longer, more in-depth survey carried out in September in conjunction with Smart Commute Month.

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<sup>5</sup> Yr. 2031 TDM targets: 67% auto driver (single occupancy), 10% auto passenger (carpool), 20% transit, 3% other (active transportation). Source: [Envision Durham Transportation System Discussion Paper](#) Figure 10: Work trips made by Durham Residents by mode, morning peak period (6 to 9 a.m.), 2006-2031.

- These surveys revealed that the majority of respondents (83%) drive alone to and from work and there is an upward trend between the number of people who carpool to and from work between Q2 and Q4 of 2019 with 22% of program participants indicating that they carpool to and from work; and a 2% increase in carpooling each quarter.
- The survey findings complement the goals identified in Section 5.5.1 of the [Envision Durham Transportation Discussion Paper](#), part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Region's Official Plan, which notes the importance of reducing single-occupant vehicle travel and reduce peak period travel.
- These results have been used to tailor SCD programming efforts and work with Durham Region organizations to develop strategies and initiatives to reduce single-occupant vehicle travel and increase sustainable commuting by promoting the Smart Commute Ride Matching Tool, encouraging transit use for first and last mile of trips, and promoting active transportation events and campaigns such as cycling and steps challenges.

2.7 Following the decision by Metrolinx in June 2019 to discontinue the Smart Commute Program funding, Regional staff worked with the other GTHA regional partners (the Regions of Peel, York and Cities of Toronto and Hamilton) to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regional and Municipal partners to redefine the role of Smart Commute and establish a path forward. Regional staff will continue to work with the GTHA regional partners to update the Smart Commute website and finalize the MOU, which will be presented to Council for approval in Q2/Q3 of 2020.

### **3. 2020 Workplan**

3.1 The SCD commuter activities include sustainable commuter programs, events and campaigns. The SCD initiatives planned for 2020 fall under four key categories:

a. Programs Campaigns and Events

- Programs, campaigns and events make up the majority of SCD initiatives for 2020 and are a critical component of SCD to help encourage more people to use sustainable modes of transportation to get to and from work.

b. Promotion and Outreach

- Promotion and outreach are essential components of SCD to help promote and generate awareness and increase our membership.

c. Funding and Resource Support

- It is important to continue to support new and existing initiatives to successfully continue to promote, support and implement the various events and components of SCD.

d. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitoring and evaluation are important components of SCD to help ensure initiatives, and members are achieving their outcomes, to help improve existing and new programs / members experience and continue to operate smoothly.

Additional details and information are provided in Attachment 1.

**4. Conclusion**

4.1 Smart Commute Durham is a key component of the Region's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) efforts and forms a part of the Durham Transportation Master Plan. Commuters can continue to look to the Region of Durham when it comes to sustainable transportation options as it transitions to new programming over the coming year.

**5. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Initiatives Planned for Smart Commute Durham 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



## Initiatives Planned for Smart Commute Durham 2020

The following section summarizes the various initiatives planned for SCD for 2020 and provides details and information about each initiative / component identified in the workplan.

### Programs, Campaigns and Events:

<b>1. Carpool Week</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage carpooling with Smart Commute Durham businesses.</li> </ul>					
Rationale		Timeline			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide incentives and advertising for carpool options.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		✓			
<b>2. Bike Lending Program at Regional Headquarters</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage lunchtime cycling and activity at Regional HQ.</li> </ul>					
Rationale		Timeline			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment with Regional TDM goals, provides opportunities for cycling to staff that may be unable to ride to work.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the Region's TMP to promote sustainable travel choices. Helps to achieve the actions and goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
			✓	✓	
<b>3. Bike Month and Bike to Work Day (workplaces)</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage recreational and utilitarian cycling in Durham Region, and at Smart Commute Durham businesses.</li> </ul>					
Rationale		Timeline			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide incentives and information on cycling in Durham to encourage more people to use active transportation to commute to and from work.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		✓	✓		

<b>4. Workplace Training for New Smart Commute Online Tool</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Smart Commute Online Tool launched by the end of Q1 2020.</li> </ul>				
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The old tool will no longer be operational in 2020. A new tool required to maintain member level services and to help people find carpool matches for commuting to their workplace.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
		✓	✓	
<b>5. Additional Member Level Events (Smart Commute Month, Walk and Wheel October)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver Carpool Week / Month and potential new transit and active transportation-themed months.</li> </ul>				
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart Commute holds events throughout the year, and it is important to maintain this standard. It is also necessary to ensure continuity with other regional governments, who are holding these events. Active Switch will no longer be offered.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
		✓	✓	✓
<b>6. Lunch and Learn Activities</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host quarterly lunch and learn sessions at Regional HQ for Smart Commute Durham and alternative transportation options.</li> </ul>				
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate Regional staff on sustainable transportation commuting options (and sustainable transportation more broadly) to encourage knowledge about the benefits and significance of sustainable commuting.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and action 75.</li> </ul>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
		✓	✓	✓

<b>7. Carpool Management Expansion to other SCD Workplaces</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate managing Regionally-owned commuter lots after new Smart Commute Durham tool is implemented. Continue the carpool management program at Regional HQ, and aim to expand it to other Smart Commute Durham workplaces.</li> </ul>					
<b>Rationale</b>		<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can provide a better understanding of carpool behaviours in Durham, more data and potential for greater enforcement of carpool-only spaces.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
			✓	✓	✓

<b>8. SCD Custom Projects and Consulting Services</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning to deliver 1-2 custom projects in 2020. Possible projects could include: bike repair stations; Commuter lot marketing; and / or carpool programs with local municipalities or businesses.</li> </ul>					
<b>Rationale</b>		<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Custom projects help encourage and support sustainable commuting that is tailored to the needs of each business.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
			✓	✓	✓

### Promotion and Outreach:

<b>1. Increase Membership</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the membership of Smart Commute Durham by approaching new regional businesses and existing large businesses. Possible new members could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals; Durham Live; long-term care facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<b>Rationale</b>		<b>Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing new members helps to promote and expand Smart Commute awareness and encourages more people to commute sustainably.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		✓	✓	✓	✓

**Funding and Support:**

<b>1. Seek Grants for 2020 and Beyond</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund Smart Commute Durham custom projects for 2020 and beyond.</li> </ul>				
Rationale	Timeline			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical to helping run additional projects and support local businesses in implementing Smart Commute initiatives at their work place in the absence Metrolinx funding.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 74 and 75.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

<b>1. Smart Commute Durham Annual Business Meetings</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with businesses in the first quarter to discuss Smart Commute outlook for the year and SC designation (gold, silver, bronze, etc).</li> </ul>				
Rationale	Timeline			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows for annual in-person discussion with member businesses, addressing of unique concerns, familiarization with unique site characteristics.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 70, 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>	✓			

<b>2. Smart Commute Durham Quarterly Surveys</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete 4 surveys per year across the Smart Commute Durham network (3 short form, 1 long form in September).</li> </ul>				
Rationale	Timeline			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council-mandated surveys to keep track of program statistics and success. Can help identify barriers and solutions to sustainable commuting options.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in the TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in sections 7.4 of the TMP and actions 74 and 75.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓

<b>3. Carpool Management Program at Regional HQ</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue the carpool management program at Regional HQ.</li> </ul>				
<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Timeline</b>			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows for a better understanding of carpool behaviours in Durham, more data and potential for greater enforcement of carpool-only spaces.</li> <li>Supports Direction #5 in TMP to promote sustainable travel choices and actions. Helps achieve goals identified in section 7.4 of the TMP and actions 71, 74 and 75.</li> </ul>		✓	✓	✓

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**EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT**

**The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Report**

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-P-\*\*  
Date: April 7, 2020

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**Subject:**

Public Meeting Report

Application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Darmar Farms Inc. to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2020-001.

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2020-P-\*\* be received for information; and
  - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On February 3, 2020, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of Darmar Farms Inc. submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.

- 1.2 A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in The Brock Citizen and Kawartha Lakes This Week newspapers. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

## **2. Site Description**

- 2.1 The subject site is located at 396 Cameron Street East and is located immediately east of the Cannington urban area (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 The applicant is a private farm corporation which owns a total of 13 agricultural parcels under the name Darmar Farms, that encompasses approximately 579.5 hectares (1,432 acres). Four of the parcels are located in Durham Region (Attachment 2).
- 2.3 The agricultural parcel is triangular in shape and contains an existing dwelling. A watercourse traverses the property from west to east.
- 2.4 Surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject site include:
- a. North – Beaver River Wetlands Trail (part of a former railway line now owned by Hydro One), agricultural lands;
  - b. East – rural residential lands, agricultural lands, Simcoe Street;
  - c. South – rural residential lands, agricultural lands; and
  - d. West – rural residential lands, Cannington urban area, sewage lagoons.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of a 0.4 hectare (1 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 22.6 hectares (55.9 acre) agricultural parcel. The dwelling is not utilized by a farm employee and is currently rented. The retained agricultural parcel will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

## **3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application**

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the ROP. The report also concludes the

proposed severance will comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 A Farm Holdings Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. indicates that Darmar Farms Inc. owns four farms in the Region of Durham. These farms are used for cash cropping. Darmar Farms owns two houses within the Region, both of which are surplus to the farming operation.
- 3.3 A Site Screening Questionnaire completed by GHD indicated that there are no significant site contamination concerns on the subject property.

#### **4. Provincial Plans and Policies**

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan. The Provincial Policy Statement, as well as the Greenbelt Plan may permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

#### **5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context**

- 5.1 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the ROP with a Key Hydrologic Feature (watercourse) on site. Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 5.2 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
  - a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
  - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farm operations;
  - c. For sites within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004;
  - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances or the establishment of any residential dwelling.

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock; the City of



Kawartha Lakes; the Regional Health Department; Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

## **7. Public Consultation**

- 7.1 Anyone who attends the public meeting may present an oral submission, and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 7.2 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Local Planning Area Tribunal (LPAT) (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
  - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 7.3 Anyone who want to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Planning and Economic Development Department  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Durham Regional Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

## **8. Future Regional Council Decision**

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

**9. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Darmar Farms Inc. Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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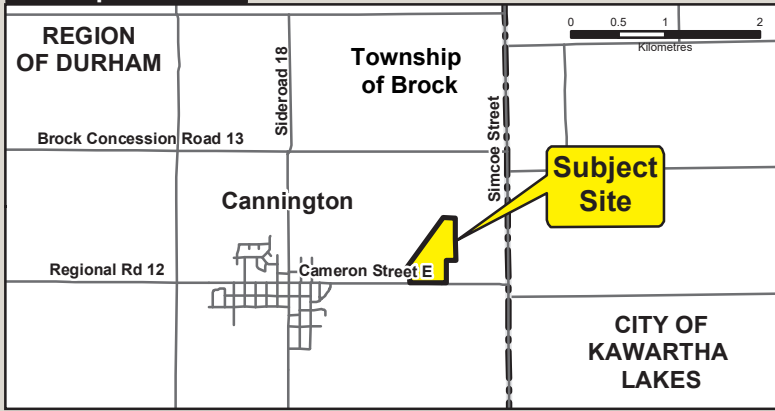
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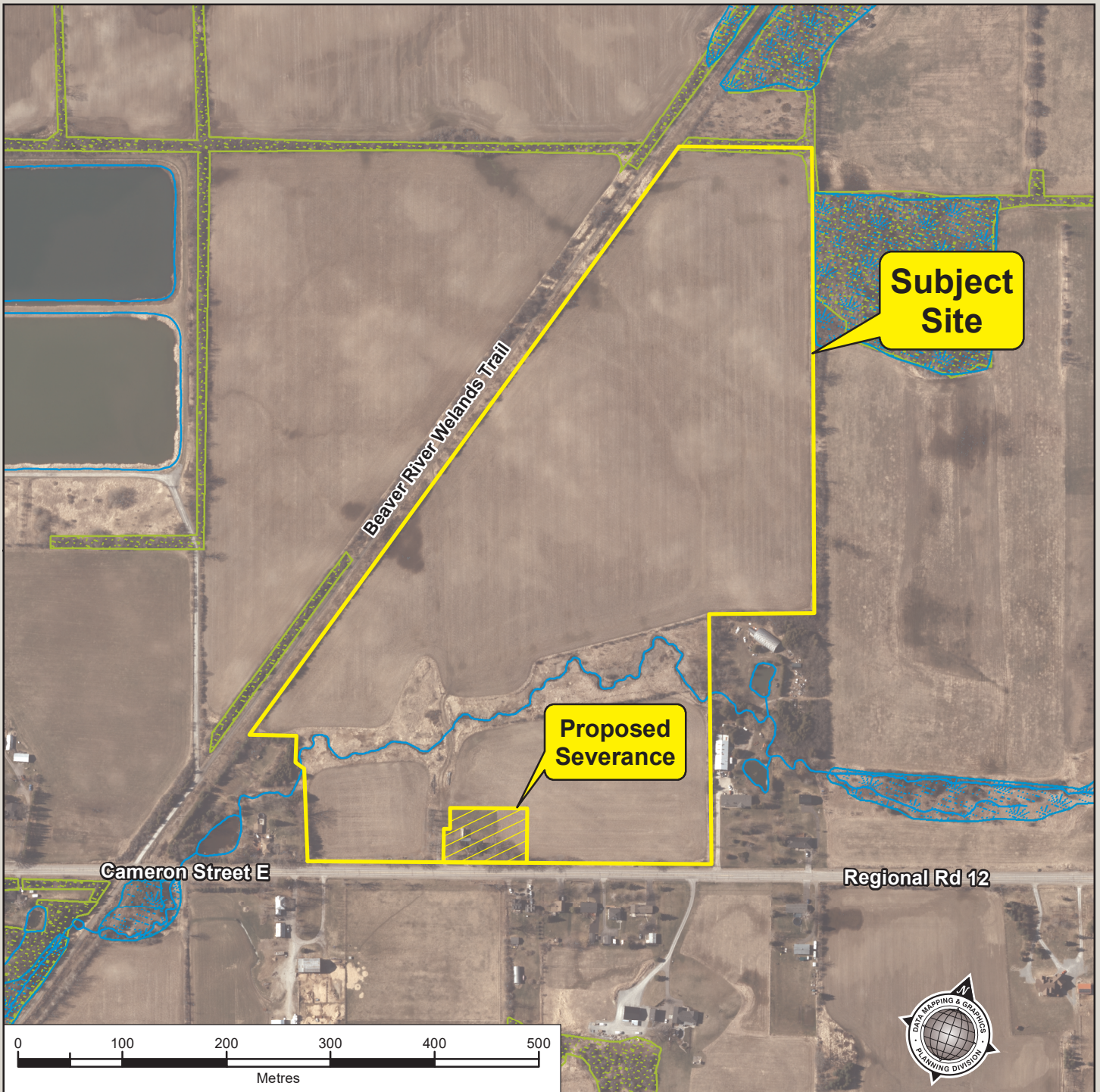
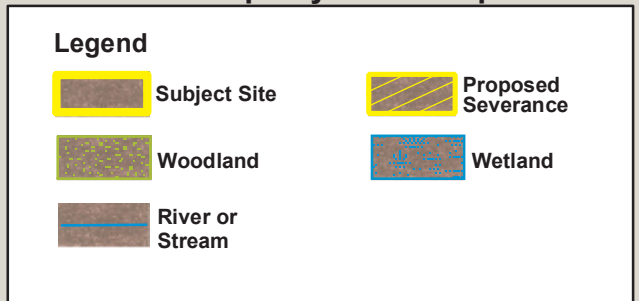
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Chief Administrative Officer

**Municipal Context**



**Attachment #1**  
**Commissioner's Report: #2020-P-\*\***  
**File: OPA 2020-001**  
**Municipality: Township of Brock**



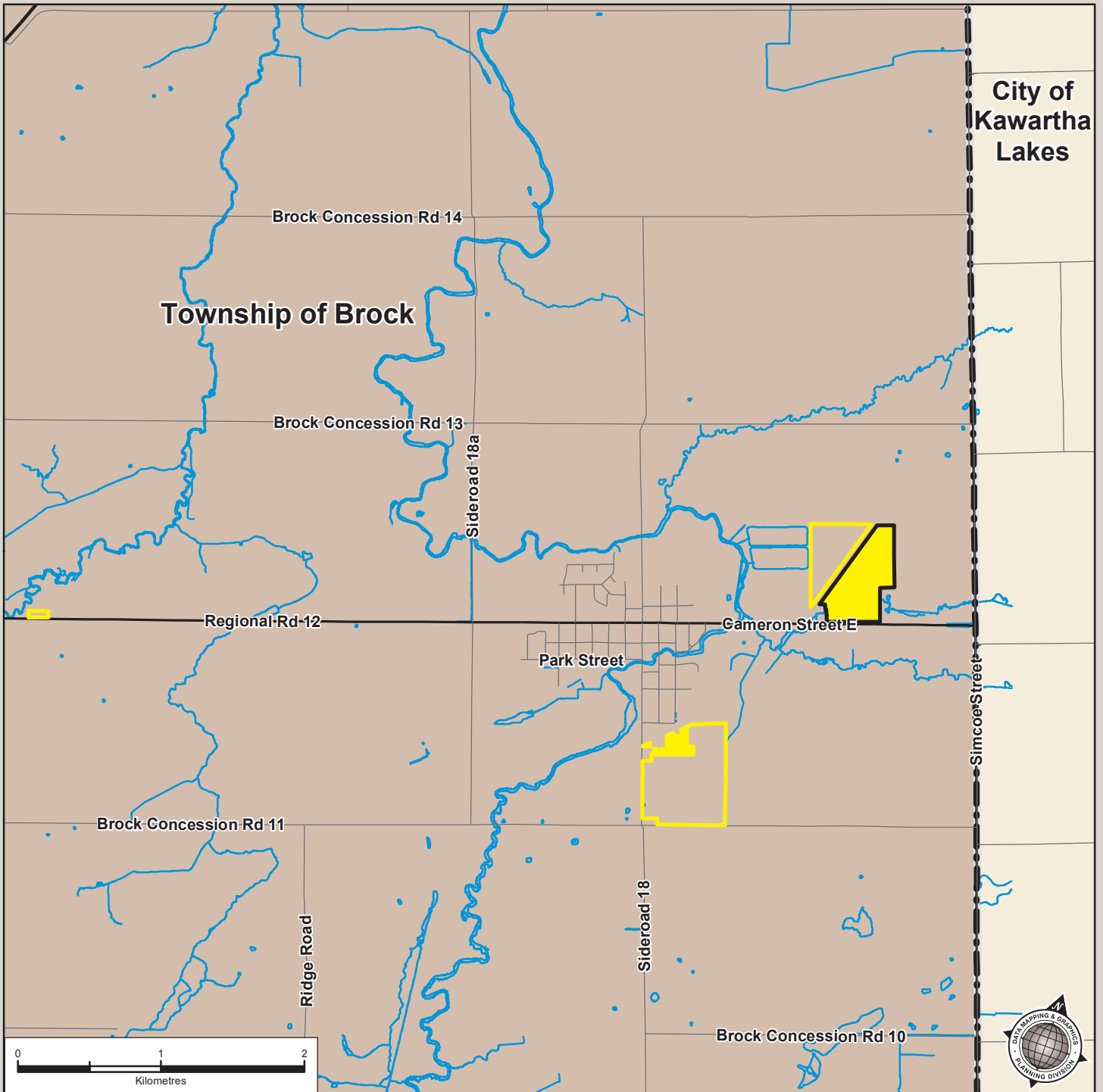
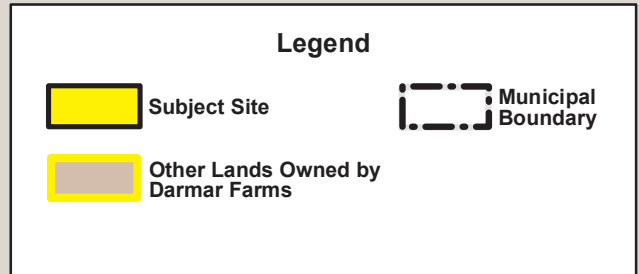
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**Municipal Context**



**Attachment #2**  
**Commissioner's Report: #2020-P-\*\***  
**File: OPA 2020-001**  
**Municipality: Township of Brock**



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**EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT**

**The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Report**

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To: Planning and Economic Development Committee  
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2020-P-\*\*  
Date: April 7, 2020

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**Subject:**

Public Meeting Report

Application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by D.S. & B. Farms Inc. to permit a severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of a consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels, in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2020-002.

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**Recommendation:**

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends:

- A) That Commissioner's Report #2020-P-\*\* be received for information; and
  - B) That all submissions received be referred to the Planning Division for consideration.
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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On January 30, 2020, Clark Consulting Services Ltd., on behalf of D.S. & B. Farms Inc. submitted an application to amend the Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.

- 1.2 A “Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting” regarding the application has been advertised in The Brock Citizen newspaper. Notice of this meeting has also been mailed to those who own land within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject site. The report was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

## **2. Site Description**

- 2.1 The subject site is located at C1565 Concession Road 1, in the former Township of Thorah (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 The applicant is a private farm corporation which owns a total of 11 parcels under the name D.S. & B. Farms Inc. that encompasses approximately 557 hectares (1,376 acres). Seven parcels are located in the Durham Region (Attachment 2).
- 2.3 The subject site is generally rectangular in shape, and has access to Concession Road 1. It is approximately 44.33 hectares (109.54 acres) in size, of which approximate 30 hectares (74.13 acres) is being used for cultivation. A woodland is located on the northwest portion of the site, while a watercourse (the Beaver River) traverses the eastern parts of the site. The subject lands are generally flat. A residential dwelling with small accessory structures (sheds) are located on the southern part of the site.
- 2.4 Surrounding uses located adjacent to the subject site include:
  - a. North – agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands;
  - b. East – agricultural lands, Beaver River, woodlands and wetlands;
  - c. South – agricultural lands; and
  - d. West – agricultural lands, woodlands and wetlands.
- 2.5 The proposed amendment to the ROP would permit the severance of a 0.93 hectare (2.3 acre) parcel of land containing a farm dwelling from a 43.4 hectare (107.24 acre) agricultural parcel. The dwelling is not utilized by a farm employee. The retained agricultural parcel will continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

## **3. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application**

- 3.1 A Planning Justification Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. has been submitted in support of the application. The report concludes that the proposed amendment meets the objectives and requirements of the Provincial

Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan and the ROP. The report also concludes the proposed severance will comply with Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements.

- 3.2 A Farm Holding Inventory Report prepared by Clark Consulting Services Ltd. indicates that D.S. & B. Farms Inc. owns seven farms in the Durham Region and four farms in the City of Kawartha Lakes. These farms are used for cash cropping. There are two dwellings located on the farm properties within the Region.

#### **4. Provincial Plans and Policies**

- 4.1 The subject site is located within the “Protected Countryside” designation of the Greenbelt Plan. The Provincial Policy Statement, as well as the Greenbelt Plan may permit the severance of a residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation. Severances of surplus farm dwellings are allowed provided the planning authority ensures that a residential dwelling is not permitted in the future on the proposed retained farm lot created by the severance.

#### **5. Durham Regional Official Plan Context**

- 5.1 The subject site is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the ROP with portions of the site containing Key Natural Heritage and/or Hydrological Features (KNHHF). Severance applications for agricultural uses may be considered in accordance with the relevant policies of Sub-Section 9A of the ROP.
- 5.2 Policy 9A.2.10 of the ROP permits the severance of a farm dwelling rendered surplus as a result of a farmer acquiring a non-abutting farm, provided that:
- a. The dwelling is not needed for a farm employee;
  - b. The farm parcel is a size which is viable for farm operations;
  - c. For sites within the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt Plan, the dwelling was in existence as of December 16, 2004;
  - d. The farm parcel is zoned to prohibit any further severances or the establishment of any residential dwelling.

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The ROP Amendment has been circulated to a variety of agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Township of Brock; the City of

Kawartha Lakes; the Regional Health Department; Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; and the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

## **7. Public Consultation**

- 7.1 Anyone who attends the public meeting may present an oral submission, and/or provide a written submission to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on the proposed amendment. Also, any person may make written submissions at any time before Regional Council makes a decision.
- 7.2 If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body:
- a. Is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Region of Durham to the Local Planning Area Tribunal (LPAT) (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board); and
  - b. May not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the LPAT, as appropriate, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
- 7.3 Anyone who want to be notified of Regional Council's decision on the proposed ROP Amendment must submit a written request to:

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Planning and Economic Development Department  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Durham Regional Headquarters  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

## **8. Future Regional Council Decision**

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



**9. Attachments**

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: D.S. & B. Farms Inc. Agricultural Land Holdings

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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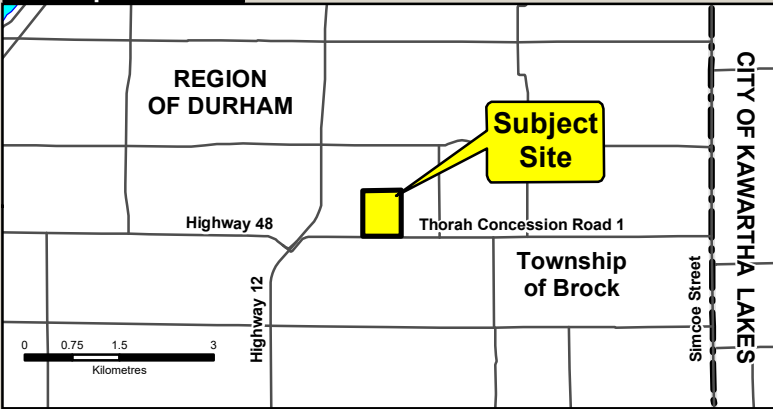
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer

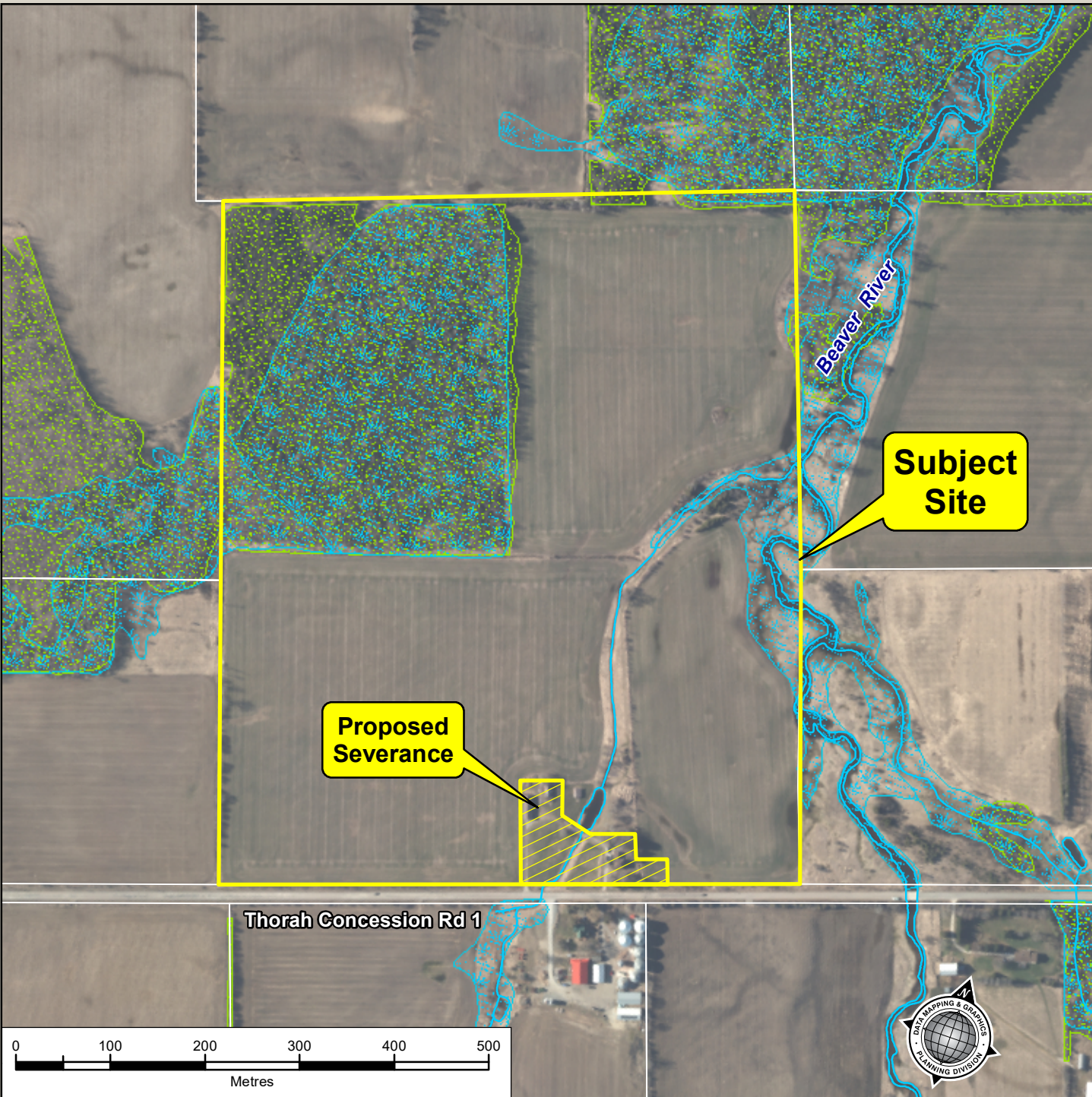
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**Attachment #1**  
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**File: OPA 2020-002**  
**Municipality: Township of Brock**

**Legend**

-  Subject Site
-  Woodland
-  River or Stream
-  Proposed Severance
-  Wetland



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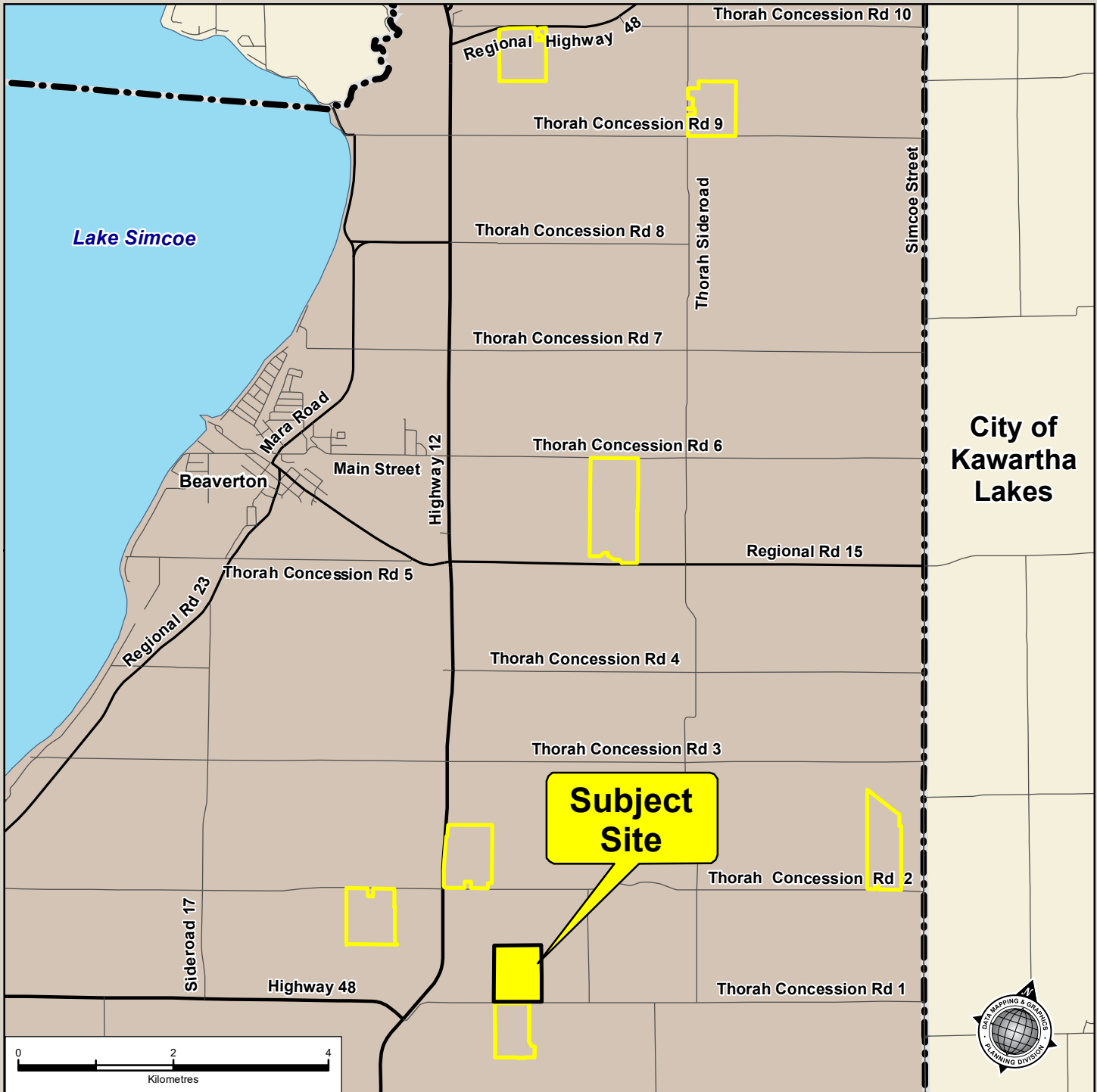
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**Attachment #2**  
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**File: OPA 2020-002**  
**Municipality: Township of Brock**

**Legend**

- Subject Site
- Municipal Boundary
- Other Lands Owned by DS & B Farms Inc.



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**John Henry**  
Regional Chair and CEO

March 1, 2020

Durham Region Works Department  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, Ontario  
L1N 6A3

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to present the enclosed certificate to the Works Department of Durham Region, proclaiming March 22-28, 2020, as Durham Water Week in Durham Region.

Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Henry'.

John Henry  
Regional Chair and CEO



# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

## Certificate of Proclamation

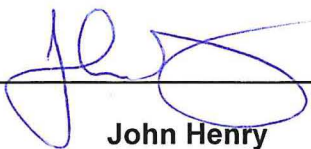
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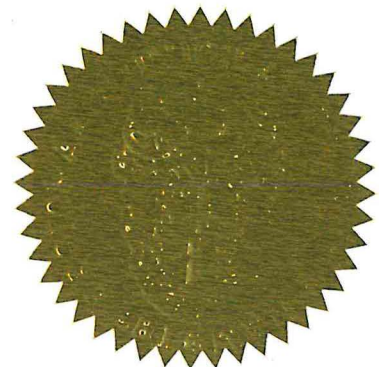
**Durham Region Works Department**

On behalf of the Council of  
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John Henry  
Regional Chair and CEO





# Interoffice Memorandum

To: Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director  
Legislative Services

From: Lori Riviere-Doersam, MCIP, RPP  
Principal Planner

Date: March 4, 2020

Re: **New Application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment**  
File Number: **OPA 2020-001**  
Cross Ref.: 2-2020-RA  
Applicant: Darmar Farms Inc.  
Location: Part of Lot 23, Concession 12  
Municipality: Township of Brock

The Regional  
Municipality  
of Durham

Planning and Economic  
Development Department

Planning Division

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This is to advise that we have received the above noted application.

The application was deemed complete March 3, 2020.

***The purpose of the application is to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the consolidation of non-abutting farm parcels in the Township of Brock.***

If your department receives any submissions regarding this application, please forward the original copies to the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Please call me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lori Riviere-Doersam'.

Lori Riviere-Doersam

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Encl.: Application package

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# Clarington

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March 3, 2020

Honourable Erin O'Toole, MP Durham  
54 King Street East, Suite 103  
Bowmanville, ON L1C 1N3  
Via E-mail: Erin.OToole@parl.gc.ca

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

**Re:** Declaration of Climate Emergency

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on March 2, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-083-20:

Whereas residents of Clarington have experienced the results of climate change through flooding, high lake levels, ice storms, invasive species, severe weather fluctuations and increase wind events;

Whereas Municipal governments currently have direct or indirect control over approximately 44 per cent of GHG emissions in Canada and therefore have a crucial role to play in responding to the threat of climate change through policies, programs and capital investments that reduce greenhouse gas emission (GHG) and improve the adaptive capacity to extreme weather events;

Whereas the Region of Durham and area municipalities including Pickering, Ajax and Whitby have acknowledged the role of municipalities in responding to climate change by declaring a climate emergency and are taking decisive action to adapt to and mitigate climate change; and

Whereas, the Municipality of Clarington is taking action to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation actions that are within our control through energy conservation and demand management planning and the development of the Clarington Climate Action Plan;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Municipality of Clarington declare a climate emergency for the purposes of naming, framing and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, ecosystems and community from climate change;

**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON**

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40 TEMPERANCE STREET, BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO L1C 3A6 905-623-3379 [www.clarington.net](http://www.clarington.net)

That in response to this emergency declaration, the need to reduce overall GHG emissions in the Municipality of Clarington and to continue to prepare for the potential impacts of climate change be prioritized in all Municipal business decisions;

That by declaring a climate emergency the Municipality of Clarington joins more than 400 Canadian municipalities and 1300 local governments in 25 countries in committing to respond to climate change by reducing GHG emissions;

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be directed to forward this resolution to the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, with the request that the Federal Government dedicate funding to develop and fund programs that assist residents, businesses and municipalities to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change;

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be directed to forward this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, with the request that the Government of Ontario dedicate funding to develop and fund programs that assist residents, businesses and municipalities to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change; and

That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution to the Region of Durham, Durham Region area municipalities, the Honourable Erin O'Toole, MP (Durham), Honourable Philip Lawrence MP (Northumberland-Peterborough South), Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham), David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South).

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

Deputy Clerk

JG/lp

- c. See attached List of Interested Parties  
D. Hoge, Climate Change Response Co-ordinator  
H. Keyzers, Office Coordinator to the Mayor



**Interested Parties List**

Honourable Philip Lawrence, MP (Northumberland-Peterborough South)  
Lindsay Park, MPP (Durham)  
David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South)  
Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering  
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax  
Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby  
Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock  
Debbie Leroux, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge  
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
JP Newman, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Township of Scugog  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
David Crome

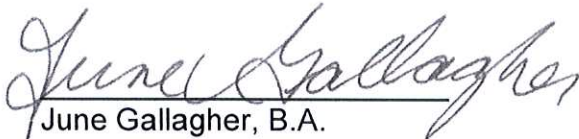


Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Township of Scugog supports Bill 156 — Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham, Randy Pettapiece and Toby Barrett, Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, John Vanthof, Deputy Leader, Official Opposition, Critic, Agriculture and Food, Rural Development, Sarah Singh, Deputy Leader, Official Opposition, the Region of Durham and all municipalities within Durham Region.

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A.  
Deputy Clerk

JG/lp

- c. Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Lindsey Park, MPP, Durham  
Randy Pettapiece and Toby Barrett, Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Municipality of South Huron  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Region of Durham  
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax  
Becky Jamieson, Municipal Clerk, Township of Brock  
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
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Loyde Blackburn, Reeve, Madoc Township  
Mayor Frank Prevost, Township of South Glengarry  
Jill Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO/Clerk, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex  
Dan Yake, Acting Mayor, Township of Wellington North  
Karen Jopling, President, Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture  
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# Clarington

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March 3, 2020

Premier Doug Ford  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

**Re: Support Role of Conservation Authorities**  
**Clerk's File Number: PG.25.06**

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At a meeting held on March 2, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-042-20:

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington has been well served by Central Lake Ontario, Kawartha Region and Ganaraska Region Conservation Authorities; and

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington and Durham Region rely on the expert advice of Conservation Authorities regarding land use planning proposals, source water protection and watershed integrity; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide expert information, knowledge and advice regarding flood management and water quality monitoring; and

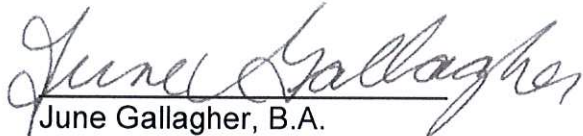
Whereas Conservation Authorities provide programs to residents that include recreation, education, preservation and restoration projects that protect natural vegetation, species at risk and soil erosion; and

Whereas the Provincial Government is reviewing mandated programs, core services and potential funding of Conservation Authorities;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington supports the continuation of the programs and services provided by Conservation Authorities to municipalities and requests that the Provincial Government provide clear direction to maintain core services and provide stable funding to Conservation Authorities in order to provide these services; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; Premier Ford; all Durham Region MPP's; Northumberland - Peterborough South MPP; Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority; Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority; Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; all Durham Region and Greater Toronto Area municipalities.

Yours truly,



June Gallagher, B.A.  
Deputy Clerk

JG/lp

- c. **See attached list of Interested Parties**
  - A. Burke, Acting Manager of Special Projects
  - F. Langmaid, Acting Director of Planning Services

**Interested Parties List**

Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks  
John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Pickering-Uxbridge  
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby  
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa  
Lindsey Park, MPP Durham  
Rod Phillips, MPP Ajax  
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Central Lake Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority  
Kawartha Region Conservation Authority  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Durham Region  
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax  
Becky Jamieson, Municipal Clerk, Township of Brock  
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Michael de Rond, Town Clerk, Town of Aurora  
Peter Fay, City Clerk, City of Brampton  
Angela Morgan, City Clerk, City of Burlington  
Carey Herd, General Manager/Town Clerk, Town of Caledon  
Fernando Lamanna, Municipal Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury  
Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk, Town of Georgina  
Suzanne Jones, Town Clerk, Town of Halton Hills  
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Township of King  
Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk, City of Markham  
Diana Rusnov, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk, City of  
Mississauga  
Troy McHarg, Town Clerk, Town of Milton  
Lisa Lyons, Director of Legislative Services and Town Clerk, Town of Newmarket  
Vicki Tytaneck, Town Clerk, Town of Oakville  
Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's, Peel Region  
Stephen Huycke, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond Hill  
Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk, City of Toronto  
Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk, York Region  
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County

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development, Village of  
Merrickville-Wolford

Amanda Cox, Clerk/Planning Coordinator, Township of Madoc



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February 11, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs  
77 Grenville Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under fake pretenses to gain entrance onto farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of the livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry

Sincerely,

Loyde Blackburn  
Reeve, Madoc Township





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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Conservation Authorities**

Please be advised that the Township of Madoc Council passed the following motion to support the resolution of the Township of Springwater regarding the Conservation Authority Levies, attached.

Motion # 19-610

Moved by: Councillor Beaton

Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Rollins

*That Council direct the Clerk/Planning Coordinator to write a letter of support, supporting the resolution of the Township of Springwater regarding the Conservation Authority Levies*

-Carried-

Sincerely,

Amanda Cox  
Clerk/Planning Coordinator  
Township of Madoc



The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

November 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Conservation Authority Levies**

Please be advised that on November 27<sup>th</sup> the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Township of Springwater motion (attached) that was passed on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

***Motion #7*** – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports the resolution of the Township of Springwater regarding the Conservation Authority Levies.

***Motion Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above or by email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Renee Chaperon, Clerk – Township of Springwater  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Conservation Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
8195 8<sup>th</sup> Line  
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

**RE: Conservation Authority Levies**

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Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

**C456-2019**

Moved by: Coughlin  
Seconded by: Cabral

Whereas the Township of Springwater supports the objects of balance on conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability to anchor its operations, planning, services, and strategic vision;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater understands the need for both the Province and its municipalities to deliver clear, costed, and sustainable programs and services for taxpayers;

And Whereas both tiers of government must assess all programs and services to eliminate duplication and balance costs on tests of affordability, health, safety, and environmental stewardship;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 of a need for conservation authorities to re-focus their operations related to core mandates as currently defined in the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 that Conservation Authorities should not proceed with any increases to fees or levies;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services;

And That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario, signaling the Township of Springwater's

support of the Province's review, consultations and development of an updated Conservation Authorities Act and the willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

**Carried**

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon  
Clerk  
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The County of Simcoe  
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The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General  
George Drew Bldg, 18<sup>th</sup> Flr  
25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
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### **Re: Town of Tecumseh Resolution on 911 misdials**

Please be advised that the Township of Madoc Council passed the following motion to support the resolution of the Town of Tecumseh regarding 911 misdials, attached.

Motion # 20-31

Moved by: Councillor Rowe

Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Rollins

*That Council direct the Clerk/Planning Coordinator to write a letter of support regarding 911 misdials*

-Carried-

Sincerely,

Amanda Cox  
Clerk/Planning Coordinator  
Township of Madoc



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

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December 20, 2019

Hon. Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General  
George Drew Bldg, 18<sup>th</sup> Flr  
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**Re: Town of Tecumseh Resolution on 911 Misdials**

On behalf of Mayor Gary McNamara and Town Council, I am writing to advise that at its meeting on November 12, 2019, Tecumseh Town Council passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the calls for service for 911 Misdials have risen dramatically in recent years, correlated with the rise in cell phone use; and

**Whereas** 911 Misdials must be responded to as if they were legitimate emergency calls; and

**Whereas** each 911 call is responded to with two OPP officers at an average time per call of 1.2 hours; and

**Whereas** each 911 call is a billable call to the municipality; and

**Whereas** in 2019 alone to date, 911 Misdials in Tecumseh number 1,082 calls, which is 28.8% of all billable calls for service to date; and

**Whereas** 911 Misdials are not unique to Tecumseh and in fact are common across the Province at an estimated cost of millions of dollars;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Municipal, Federal and Provincial governments and relevant associations, including but not limited to, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 Misdials.

A copy of the report to Town Council (CAO-2019-09) on 911 Misdials is attached for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at [lmoy@tecumseh.ca](mailto:lmoy@tecumseh.ca) or extension 116.

Yours very truly,



Laura Moy, Dipl.M.M., CMMIII HR Professional  
Director Corporate Services & Clerk

LM/ep

Attachments

1. Report CAO-2019-09 911 Misdials

cc: Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
Irek Kusmierczyk, MP  
Percy Hatfield, MPP  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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Ontario Association of Police Services Boards  
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police  
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February 25, 2020

**Re: Item for Discussion – Motion of Support for Ban of Single-Use Disposable Wipes**

At its meeting of January 23, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion 20-GC-032/033, regarding the support for ban of single-use disposable wipes, as follows:

“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 (MESUG) estimates non-flushable materials cause \$250 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 Bracebridge lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to ban single-use disposable wipes;

AND 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 (AMO); the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT the District of Muskoka be requested to endorse the resolution and the ban on single-use wipes.”

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In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the associated memorandum for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



West Nipissing Ouest

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March 3, 2020

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable Premier Ford:

**SUBJECT: PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS DESIGNATION**

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At its regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/080**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, asking the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the  
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
Ontario Municipalities

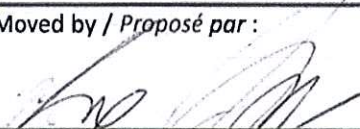


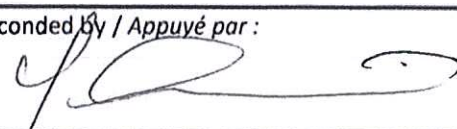
The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /  
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Resolution No.

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FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Moved by / *Proposé par* :  


Seconded by / *Appuyé par* :  



**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

**The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation**

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

Doug Robertson  
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
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required:  
**Recorded Vote Requested  
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated

  
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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**From:** Clerks  
**To:** Sarah Winterton  
**Subject:** RE: distribution

**From:** Sarah Winterton <swinterton@wwfcanada.org>  
**Sent:** February 27, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: distribution

Good Morning

I am attaching the invitation from WWF-Canada and Carolinian Canada to **Nature Works! Restoring our Future to 2030**, to be held in Toronto on March 11, 2020 with the goal to accelerate action for the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

The day's municipal stream showcases examples of municipalities that are delivering successful programs and community initiatives that have high citizen engagement. We will explore how we can align efforts and measure success towards increasing native habitat for biodiversity, maximizing carbon drawdown through nature-based climate solutions, and motivating citizen action.

More corporate and municipal leaders, academics and environmental experts are joining the conversation, with additional speakers still being added to the agenda.

Please let me know if you need any additional information!

Thanks so much  
Sarah

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# Nature Works!

## Restoring Our Future by 2030

**Join us to accelerate action for healthy resilient landscapes**

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Toronto Reference Library, 2nd Floor  
789 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4W 2G8

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**  
**9:00 am - 6:30 pm**

We are pleased to share the agenda for ***Nature Works! Restoring our Future by 2030***, a day of cross-sector action on climate change and biodiversity loss.

With a new urgency aligned with the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), we will highlight emerging strategies to accelerate and scale up action for healthy, resilient landscapes. Interactive networking sessions will feature:

- Indigenous leadership for healthy landscapes for seven generations
- Municipalities leading for climate-smart natural infrastructure across urban, peri-urban and rural areas
- Corporations investing in nature-based climate solutions for a growing green economy
- Local leaders and businesses connecting to make a big impact with native plants and new tools for resilient neighbourhoods
- Innovative and practical strategies for healthy communities, social impact investment, and next generation climate action

Early Bird pricing ends soon, so [register](#) now to secure your spot and save up to 25%!

**[View Nature Works Agenda](#)**

Thank you.

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## Agenda

8:00 am	<b>Registration &amp; Networking</b>
9:00 am	<b>Opening Ceremony, Brandon Doxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames</b>
9:15 am	<p><b>PLENARY: New Collaborations to Restore Nature and Build Climate Resilience</b></p> <p><i>The dual crises of global biodiversity loss and climate change challenge us to implement pragmatic collaborative solutions quickly. In southern Ontario, we need shared approaches now that will restore native habitat for one-third of Canada's species at risk and ensure that communities are on track to be climate resilient by 2030. Panelists bring deep sectoral experience in urban and rural community settings, corporate, academic, financial, and environmental conservation with a focus on practical solutions.</i></p> <p>Megan Leslie, President and Chief Executive Officer, WWF-Canada            Dr. Timothy Beatley, Founder and Executive Director, Biophilic Cities, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, University of Virginia            Alain Brandon, Vice-President, Government Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility, Loblaw Companies Limited            Michelle Kanter, Executive Director, Carolinian Canada            Mira Chouinard, Senior Project Manager, Mennonite Economic Development Associates            James Snider, Vice President, Science, Research &amp; Innovation, WWF-Canada</p>
10:30 am	<b>Break (including displays &amp; exhibitors)</b>
10:45 am	<p><b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS: Inspiring Sector-Based Strategies</b></p> <p><b><u>Corporate Stream: Challenges and Opportunities to Support Nature-Based Climate Solutions</u></b></p> <p><i>Some companies are leading approaches to restore healthy landscapes and foster a strong green economy in southern Ontario. The co-benefits of restoring natural habitat will be highlighted through tangible examples. Solutions within the business context must address regulatory and policy consistency, risk management, employee engagement and the need for resilient social-ecological and financial systems. Explore strategies to accelerate change with experts in the native plant, landscape design, property management and financial sectors.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Pete Ewins, Species Lead Specialist, WWF-Canada            Allan Arthur, President, St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre            David McGown, Executive Director, Canadian Business Coalition for Climate Policy            Jonas Spring, Owner, Ecoman Inc.            Jeremy Wright, ZinCo Canada, Green Roof Systems</p>

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Restoring Our Future by 2030

10:45 am	<p><b><u>Municipal &amp; Community Stream: Connecting People to Actions that Restore Nature in their Communities</u></b></p> <p><i>Nature can thrive within urban environments and support high levels of biodiversity. Actions that municipalities take to restore nature can be amplified through community engagement. Let's build on examples of municipalities that are delivering successful programs and community initiatives that have high citizen engagement. Dive into how we can align efforts and measure success towards increasing native habitat for biodiversity, maximizing carbon drawdown through nature-based climate solutions, and motivating citizen action.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jarmila Becka Lee, Specialist, WWF-Canada          Centre for Urban Environments, University of Toronto Mississauga          Clement Kent, Project Swallowtail          Khrysta Lyn, Natural Environment Analyst, City of Richmond Hill          David Mayberry, Mayor, Township of Southwest Oxford          Sarah Winterton, Director, Nature-Connected Communities, WWF-Canada</p> <p><b><u>Conservation Finance Stream: The Ecosystem of Conservation Finance</u></b></p> <p><i>The UN has identified conservation finance as a critical tool to accelerate ecosystem restoration. What are the opportunities, challenges and models that can guide this approach? Hear firsthand from a range of major stakeholders in this field.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Fuentes, Senior Manager, Business Development, MEDA          Paul Kariya, Senior Policy Advisor, Coastal First Nations Great Bear Initiative          Paige Olmsted, Senior Research Associate, Smart Prosperity Institute          André Vashist, Director, Social Innovation, Pillar Non-Profit Network          Rob Wilson, Director, Conservation Finance, Nature Conservancy of Canada</p>
12:15 pm	<p><b>Lunch (including displays &amp; exhibitors)</b></p>
1:00 pm	<p><b>PLENARY: Creating the Right Conditions for Accelerating Nature Restoration</b></p> <p><i>What will it take to accelerate municipal programs to restore nature and build climate resilient communities? What do we need to coalesce community groups and citizens around action for change? What are the major factors in the corporate and social finance sectors that will propel shifts to limit climate change and ramp up nature protection? We will tackle these questions and dig into practical strategies that will define our work together for the next decade.</i></p> <p>Lorraine Johnson, Author, <i>The New Ontario Naturalized Garden</i>          Kelly Riley, Treaty Research Coordinator, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation          Jennifer Court, Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Ontario</p>

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# Nature Works!

## Restoring Our Future by 2030

1:45 pm	<p><b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS: Deep Dive on Action to Reach 2030 Global Goals</b></p> <p><b><u>Corporate Stream: Shared New Approaches</u></b>  <i>Wondering how to get started on nature restoration in your business setting? Learn from detailed, practical examples how to design and implement corporate approaches to native plant procurement, landscaping, property management and climate resilient practices.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Pete Ewins, Species Lead Specialist, WWF-Canada  Mike Farrell, Hydro One  Deborah Kenley, Credit Valley Conservation  Plus Morning Session Speakers</p> <p><b><u>Municipal &amp; Community Stream: Collaboration within Communities</u></b>  <i>Municipal and community settings are inherently both complex and resource-rich systems for activating change. Building on the morning's content, this session will delve into individual aspects of community-level natural habitat restoration and help you to accelerate your action.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jarmila Becka Lee, Specialist, WWF-Canada plus Morning Session Speakers</p> <p><b><u>Deshkan Zibi Conservation Impact Bond and Beyond: Co-Developing Conservation Finance Mechanisms for the Carolinian Zone</u></b>  <i>Explore how conservation finance can be used at a community level for sustainable conservation in southern Ontario. Discuss potential local opportunities with leaders in the prototype Deshkan Zibi Conservation Impact Bond through a series of roundtables.</i></p> <p>Moderator: André Vashist, Director, Social Innovation, Pillar Non-Profit Network  Lina Bowden, Founder, Verge Capital  Brandon Doxtator, Indigenous Leadership Coordinator, Carolinian Canada  Daniel Fuentes, Senior Manager, Business Development, MEDA  Michelle Kanter, Executive Director, Carolinian Canada  Daria Koscinski, Conservation Property Manager, Thames Talbot Land Trust  Kelly Riley, Treaty Research Coordinator, Chippewas of the Thames</p> <p><b><u>Growing Canada's Biggest Wildlife Garden Through the In the Zone Program</u></b>  <i>Are you a community ENGO, municipality, or corporate leader looking for new ways to naturalize your property or engage your staff/community members in habitat restoration? Learn about the In the Zone Program and the many ways it can help you meet your goals.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Koral Wysocki, Program Manager, Carolinian Canada  Ryan Godfrey, WWF-Canada</p>
3:30 pm	<b>Break (including displays &amp; exhibitors)</b>
3:45 pm	<b>PLENARY: Collective Acceleration: Moving Forward Together</b>
4:15 pm	<b>PLENARY: 2030: Mobilizing First Year Commitments to Restoring Our Future</b>
4:45 pm	<b>Closing Ceremony, Brandon Doxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames</b>
5:00 pm	<b>Reception</b>

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C.S. - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

February 28, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

**RE: Provincial Policy Statement, 2020**

Earlier today, the government of Ontario released the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020. The PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial land use policy direction that guides municipal decision-making.

Municipalities play a key role in implementing provincial land use policies through local official plans, zoning by-laws and other planning decisions. The Planning Act requires that decisions on land use planning matters be "consistent with" PPS policies.

The PPS, 2020 supports implementation of **More Homes, More Choice**: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and includes key changes to:

- Encourage an increase in the mix and supply of housing
- Protect the environment and public safety
- Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater certainty
- Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities
- Support the economy and job creation

The PPS, 2020 works together with other recent changes to the land use planning system – including changes to the Planning Act through Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and **A Place to Grow**: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Collectively, these changes support key government priorities of increasing housing supply, supporting job creation and reducing red tape – while continuing to protect Ontarians' health and safety and the environment, including the Greenbelt.

The PPS, 2020 policies will take effect on May 1, 2020. It will replace the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014. In accordance with section 3 of the Planning Act, all decisions affecting land use planning matters made after this date shall be consistent with the PPS, 2020. My ministry will be in touch to provide education and training for municipal staff to support implementation of the new policies.

For more information about the PPS, 2020, please visit [ontario.ca/PPS](http://ontario.ca/PPS) where you will find:

- A digital version of the PPS, 2020
- A link to the decision notice on the Environment Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-0279)

If you have any questions about the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020, please contact the ministry at [provincialplanning@ontario.ca](mailto:provincialplanning@ontario.ca) or by calling 1-877-711-8208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Planning Head, Planning Board Secretary-Treasurer, and/or Clerks

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Le 28 février 2020

Bonjour,

**Objet : Déclaration de principes provinciale de 2020**

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Aujourd'hui, le gouvernement de l'Ontario a publié la Déclaration de principes provinciale (DPP) de 2020. La DPP est un élément important du système d'aménagement du territoire de l'Ontario, en ce sens qu'elle énonce l'orientation politique de la province devant guider les prises de décisions des municipalités en matière d'aménagement.

Les municipalités jouent un rôle clé dans la mise en œuvre des politiques d'aménagement du territoire par l'entremise de leurs plans officiels, de leurs règlements de zonage et de leurs autres décisions touchant des questions d'aménagement. Selon la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*, ces décisions doivent être « conformes aux » politiques de la DPP.

La DPP de 2020, qui appuie la mise en œuvre de **Plus d'habitations, plus de choix** : Plan d'action pour l'offre de logements de l'Ontario, comporte des modifications clés visant à :

- favoriser une augmentation de l'offre et des types de logements
- protéger l'environnement et la sécurité publique
- réduire les obstacles à l'aménagement et les coûts connexes, et accroître la prévisibilité
- soutenir les communautés rurales, du Nord et autochtones
- soutenir l'économie et la création d'emplois

La DPP de 2020 s'harmonise avec les modifications récentes apportées à d'autres documents régissant l'aménagement du territoire, y compris la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*, modifiée par l'adoption de la *Loi de 2019 pour plus de logements et plus de choix*, et le Plan de croissance pour la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe, « **En plein essor** ». Ensemble, ces documents soutiennent les principales priorités du gouvernement, qui sont s'accroître l'offre de logements, de favoriser la création d'emplois et de réduire les formalités administratives, tout en continuant de protéger la santé et la sécurité des Ontariennes et des Ontariens, de même que l'environnement, y compris la ceinture de verdure.

Les politiques de la DPP de 2020 prendront effet le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2020. Elles remplaceront la Déclaration de principes provinciale de 2014. Conformément à l'article 3 de la *Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire*, toutes les décisions touchant une question d'aménagement du territoire prises après cette date devront être conformes à la DPP de 2020. Mon ministère se mettra en rapport avec vous pour offrir davantage de renseignements et une formation au personnel municipal, afin de favoriser la mise en œuvre des nouvelles politiques.

Pour de plus amples renseignements sur la DPP de 2020, veuillez visiter [ontario.ca/DPP](http://ontario.ca/DPP), où vous trouverez :

- la DPP de 2020 en format numérique
- un lien vers l'avis de décision 019-0279 dans le Registre environnemental de l'Ontario

Si vous avez des questions concernant la Déclaration de principes de 2020, veuillez communiquer avec le ministère par courriel, à [provincialplanning@ontario.ca](mailto:provincialplanning@ontario.ca), ou par téléphone, au 1 877 711-8208.

Veuillez agréer l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Le ministre,



Steve Clark

c. c. Responsables de l'aménagement, secrétaires-trésorières ou secrétaires-trésoriers des conseils d'aménagement et/ou secrétaires des municipalités



February 18, 2020

**Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act***

The **Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture** represents the voice of agriculture in the local community, and advocates on behalf of our farm family members. Along with our Commodity partners in **Peterborough County** and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. We are committed to a sustainable and profitable future for farm families.

Ontario farms have increasingly come under threat of unwanted trespassers and activists who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, seizing private property and threatening the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, the provincial government introduced **Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019***. The bill is intended to protect Ontario farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals. The risks of these actions include exposing farm animals to stress and potential diseases, as well as the introducing contaminants into the food supply.

The **Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture** appreciates the support from the provincial government for taking a strong stance to protect our farms and food safety, by introducing more significant consequences for illegal trespassing activities.

The **Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture** is calling on all municipal councils to reassure their citizens that the safety of Ontario farm animals, farmers and farm families, and the safety of the entire food system matters. We respectfully ask that your council show your support for Bill 156 by sending the following letter (see below) to Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, John Vantof NDP Critic, Agriculture and Food, Rural Development, and John Fraser Liberal Critic, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Thank you for showing your support for stronger legislation to protect farms, animals, and food in Peterborough County from intruders. As this issue is time sensitive, if your municipality is going to support we would urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. This Bill is currently at second reading.

Sincerely,

**Karen Jopling**

President Peterborough County Federation of Agriculture

[pcfagriculture@gmail.com](mailto:pcfagriculture@gmail.com)

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Hon. Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs  
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry.

Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

**SIGNATURE**

**copy:** [pcfagriculture@gmail.com](mailto:pcfagriculture@gmail.com)

John Vanthof  
Critic, Agriculture and Food, Rural Development  
Rm. 156, Main Legislative Bldg.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Via Email: [jvanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jvanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca)

Dear Mr Vanthof

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John Fraser  
Critic, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Room 448, Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto (ON) M7A 1A4

Via Email: [jfraser.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:jfraser.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org)

Dear Mr Fraser

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**copy: pcfagriculture@gmail.com**

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

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Boardroom LL-C, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:05 PM.

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair  
S. Clearwater, Whitby  
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair  
B. Foxton, Uxbridge  
G. Layton, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:09 PM  
K. Murray, Member at Large  
D. Sallans, Member at Large  
B. Shipp, Member at Large  
M. Thompson, Ajax  
D. Upadhyay, Youth Member  
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby attended the meeting at 8:21 PM

Absent: O. Chaudhry, Pickering  
C. Duffy, Post-Secondary Member  
R. Dickinson, Brock  
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair  
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. Murray, Seconded by D. Sallans,  
That the agenda for the February 20, 2020 DEAC meeting, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,  
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,  
January 16, 2020, be adopted.  
CARRIED

G. Carpentier noted his concern that the incorrect terminology (landfill) was used by both delegates from the DEAC meeting held January 16, 2020. He stated that the location the delegates were referring to is an excess soil site, not a landfill site, and the word contaminants should have been used instead of contaminates.

## 5. Presentations

### A) Durham Region Waste Management Strategies – Peter Veiga, Manager, Waste Management Operations

Peter Veiga, Manager, Waste Management Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Region's Waste Management Strategies.

Highlights from his presentation included:

- Durham's Integrated Waste Management System
  - Durham Services
  - Durham Operates
- Why do we recycle and compost?
- Other Curbside Programs
- 2018 Statistics
- Two Stream Blue Box
  - Papers
  - Containers
- Blue Box Issues
  - Lack of Sorting
  - Plastic Bags
- Green Bin Composting
- Leaf and Yard Waste Composting
- 3 Waste Management Facilities
- New Facility – October 2019
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
  - EPR Programs in Ontario
  - What EPR means for Blue Box
- What is Durham doing next?
  - Organics Processing
  - Managing the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Capacity

P. Veiga responded to questions from the Committee regarding the processing of different materials; whether all waste management vehicles are

retrofitted with both recycling streams (paper products/plastic products); whether there are mandatory compost requirements in Durham Region; how apartment and condominium buildings are serviced; how Extended Producer Responsibility will affect Durham Region and when does it start; and the partnership between York Region and Durham Region regarding the DYEC.

**6. Items for Discussion/Input**

A) Update from Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee

J. Cuthbertson advised that the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide Subcommittee met before the meeting and had a good discussion with several submissions for different sections of the guide such as water and transportation. He noted that they also received feedback from Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability.

B) Update from Environmental Awards Subcommittee

G. Layton advised that the Environmental Awards Subcommittee met with Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability regarding whether the DRRCC would be interested in being a co-host for the Environmental Achievement Awards. She advised that I. McVey would bring that forward to the DRRCC for input.

G. Layton advised that many ideas were discussed such as a possible new venue, having family namesakes of the awards come and present the award, the option of a guest speaker, and whether there were any possible sponsors for the award ceremony.

A. Luqman will advise the Committee if any approvals are needed from Council regarding the selection of award recipients.

C) Bee Pollinator Spring Seedling Distribution

D. Upadhyay advised that he sent out emails to various seed distribution companies inquiring about costs. The Ontario Seed Company was the most reasonable price for buying in bulk. Discussion ensued regarding methods of distributing the seeds to residents such as handing it out at the annual compost distribution days. A. Luqman advised that she would look into how many residents attend the compost days. G. Layton advised that she would reach out to Richers Herbs to inquire about their prices and what they could offer. There was a further suggestion to cut the seed packets with clover to help save costs. The Committee estimated buying 2 kg of seed (roughly 400 packets) to distribute.

G. Carpentier advised that the Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) undertook their own pollinator project and that they purchased seed packets that came with instructions. He advised that he'd send A. Luqman

more information regarding the SEAC's project and what their final decision was.

J. Cuthberston and K. Murray advised that they would assist D. Upadhyay with this project.

D) Envision Durham Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper

A. Luqman advised that the Envision Durham Housing Policy Planning Discussion Paper is the last paper of the ten-paper series. It is currently open for comment. She advised that comments could be submitted individually or on behalf of the DEAC.

**7. For Information**

A) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-2 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the December 9, 2019 meeting

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-2 of the Chief Administrative Officer was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

B) Correspondence from the City of Oshawa, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency

A copy of the correspondence from the City of Oshawa, regarding a resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency, was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

C) Correspondence from the City of Pickering, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency

A copy of the correspondence from the City of Pickering, regarding a resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2019, declaring climate change an emergency, was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-7 – Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the December 9, 2019 meeting

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-7 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #6 to the agenda.

- E) Addendum to Report #1 of the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration by Regional Council – January 29, 2020, re: Durham Region Climate Change Emergency Declaration
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A copy of the Durham Region Climate Change Emergency Declaration adopted by Regional Council on January 29, 2020, was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding what Durham Region's measurables would be. The Committee stated their concerns that specific metrics weren't noted in the declaration. The Committee highlighted the City of Pickering's Climate Change Emergency Declaration that stated, "That staff report back to Council, no later than Q2 2020, for setting measurable performance achievements".

Discussion also ensued regarding what the purpose of Durham Region declaring a climate emergency was, and why DEAC was not consulted.

Chair Carpentier noted that the Scugog Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) had a similar declaration before them but didn't support the climate change emergency designation because there were no defined targets. He stated that it would now go before Scugog Council for decision.

In response to a question regarding potential funding the Town of Whitby could receive after making their climate change emergency declaration, Councillor Yamada advised that he would follow-up with staff to confirm whether money was received and if so, how much, and would forward that information to staff to distribute to the Committee.

- F) Correspondence received from Land Over Landings – Submitting additional data as requested by Mayor Collier following a delegation at the Regional Council meeting held on January 29, 2020 pertaining to the Region's Climate Change Emergency Declaration
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A copy of correspondence received from Land Over Landings, regarding additional data as requested by Mayor Collier following a delegation at the Regional Council meeting held on January 29, 2020 pertaining to the Region's Climate Change Emergency Declaration, was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

Moved by K. Murray, Seconded by D. Upadhyay,  
That Information Items 7A) to 7F) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED



**8. Other Business**

A) Port Granby Project Citizen Liaison Group (CLG)

S. Clearwater spoke to a breach of a berm around the engineered landfill into Lake Ontario. She stated that she had raised this issue of whether the engineered landfill had been engineered for climate change previously with the group.

B) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee

S. Clearwater advised that she attended the first Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. She raised the issue of climate change and whether the WPCP had been engineered to deal with it.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM in Boardroom 1-B, Level 1, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by M. Thompson, Seconded by S. Clearwater,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

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G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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S. Penak, Committee Clerk