



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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January 29, 2021

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2021-INFO-5
Date: January 29, 2021

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions of the January 11, 2021 meeting and Consent Decisions made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report summarizes the decisions on consent applications made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development pursuant to By-law 19-2020 and decisions made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meeting of January 11, 2021 (see Attachment #1). The applications approved by the Commissioner are deemed to be non-controversial in that no comments or concerns were raised during the circulation process. All approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. For the applications approved by the Land Division Committee, no appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are recommended.
- 1.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 This is a monthly report which tracks Land Division application activity.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

3.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

4. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart from the January 11, 2021 Meeting and Consent Decisions Made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of Monday, January 11, 2021 and Consent Decisions Made by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Appeal Deadline: Tuesday, February 09, 2021

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 108/2019	Ilioski, Mile Smith, Jeremy	Part lot 27, Conc. 1 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 1,503.89 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,416.18 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 047/2020	Dsouza, Neil	Part lot 7, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 807.2 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 933.3 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 081/2020	Kelm, Lee & Lori	Part lot 8, Conc. 6 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 4,076.85 m2 hamlet lot, retaining a 4,074.80 m2 hamlet lot with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 002/2021	Durham District School Board	Part lot 15, Conc. 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 1.117 ha institutional parcel of land, retaining an 8.7 ha institutional parcel of land with existing structure to remain. Application includes an easement.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 003/2021	Glass, Andrew	Part lot PT BLK N Town of Ajax	Consent to add a 1,460 m2 industrial parcel of land to the south, retaining a 3,265 m2 parcel of land with an existing structure to remain. Application will rectify existing encroachment.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 004/2021	Glass, Andrew	Part lot PT BLK N Town of Ajax	Consent to sever a 3,264.9 m2 industrial parcel of land, retaining a 6,033.3 m2 industrial parcel of land with an existing structure to remain. Application includes easement.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 005/2021	Glass, Andrew	Part lot PT BLK N Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a 319 m2 access easement in favour of the property to the north, retaining a 5,714 m2 industrial parcel of land with an existing structure to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 006/2021	Simsim Construction Inc.	Part lot 92, Conc. RCP City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 697 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a 697 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 009/2021	Foley, Michael	Part lot 1, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to add a vacant 1,027 m2 residential parcel of land to the north, retaining a 1,182 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 010/2021	Foley, Michael	Part lot 1, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 369 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 771 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 011/2021	Foley, Michael	Part lot 1, Conc. 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 359 m2 residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 412 m2 residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Commissioner
LD 013/2021	Bolotenko, Aleksandr	Part lot 9, Conc. 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 812,094 m2 agricultural parcel of land, retaining an 86,881 m2 residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2021-INFO-6
Date: January 29, 2021

Subject:

Master Housing Strategy Update-590/650 Rossland Road East in the Town of Whitby

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Regional Council of the progress of the potential partnership with Infrastructure Ontario (IO) as it relates to Regionally owned land at 650 Rossland Road East, and Provincial land at 590 Rossland Road East in the Town of Whitby (Whitby).

2. Background

2.1 As noted in the November 2020 Master Housing Strategy report (#2020-COW-27), Regional staff have initiated conversations with IO regarding surplus provincial land at 590 Rossland Road East in Whitby (west of Regionally owned lands located at 650 Rossland Road East currently occupied by the Durham Regional Police Service and the Durham Collision Reporting Centre) for the provision of a joint project to develop affordable housing units.

2.2 In November 2019 the Region wrote to Infrastructure Ontario to express interest in forming a partnership to develop our joint lands for the provision of affordable housing. Infrastructure Ontario has already embarked on the redevelopment of surplus provincial lands to develop a mix of market housing and new, permanent, sustainable and affordable housing in partnership with the land development community. Projects that are currently under Phase 1 of their Provincial Affordable Housing Lands Program (PAHLP) will see the redevelopment of 3 sites in the Greater Toronto Area. Information regarding the 26 Grenville/27 Grosvenor site can be found at www.grenvillegrosvenor.com.

- 2.3 The PAHLP was one of the measures included in the Government's Fair Housing Plan, announced as a program to leverage the value of surplus provincial land assets across the province to develop a mix of market housing and new, permanent, sustainable and affordable housing.
- 2.4 A redevelopment partnership with IO will allow the Region to leverage their expertise in marketing the project and negotiating with the development community to maximize the number of affordable units. Following IO's procurement process, the Region would achieve the best value for proposals, and IO would provide their expertise to the project which includes:
- a. Establishing a viable strategy to leverage provincial surplus land to support the development of new affordable housing
 - b. Building consensus amongst the market on the viability of the strategy
 - c. Securing approvals for the strategy
 - d. Preparing the marketing of the identified lands
 - e. Overseeing the offering process
- 2.5 In early 2020, Regional staff met with IO's Capital Projects Branch who worked on the Provincial lands project, along with staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to discuss this redevelopment opportunity. The representatives were receptive to the ideas, and although could not comment on the decision regarding disposal of their land holdings, asked the Region to work on some visioning reflecting the potential for a development on the combined site. They also recommended that consultations with Whitby be undertaken for alignment with the municipality's development goals and vision for the area.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report #2020-COW-27 Master Housing Strategy-Potential partnership with Infrastructure Ontario was introduced.

4. Potential Infrastructure Ontario Partnership (590/650 Rossland Road East)

- 4.1 In order to identify the goals and vision for the area, as requested by IO, Regional staff consulted with Urban Strategies to develop some conceptual designs for the parcel of land comprised of the Province's 7.04 acres and the Region's 2.87 acre holding. The resulting work provides the potential for 700 to 900 units with the potential of 200 to 300 affordable units, along with commercial space, public green space and potential support space including childcare.
- 4.2 The vision for the site includes a combination of 4 storey stacked townhomes and apartment buildings providing approximately 885 new units (74 townhomes, 811 apartments).



- 4.3 Of the 885 new units there is a potential for roughly 250 of these units to be at an affordability level at or under the Average Market Rent (AMR) as posted annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The number of actual affordable units and the depth of affordability will be part of the negotiation process with development partners.
- 4.4 On January 11, 2021 Regional staff made a presentation to the Town of Whitby's Committee of the Whole (COW) to share the vision for the space and receive feedback on the potential project's alignment with the municipality's development goals and vision for the area.
- 4.5 The following motion was carried at the COW and approved at the January 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Moved By Councillor Roy

Whereas Council supports the need for affordable housing that is compatible and integrated with existing neighbourhoods; and,

Whereas Council supports the efforts of Staff to identify the need for all types of housing in Whitby;

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

That Staff report back on the site redevelopment opportunity for 590 and 650 Rossland Road East throughout the redevelopment process while ensuring ongoing consultation with the community.

Carried

- 4.6 Regional staff will follow up with Infrastructure Ontario to share the vision for the combined site and discuss next steps.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Revitalize community housing and improve housing choice, affordability and sustainability
 - b. Revitalize existing neighbourhoods and build complete communities that are walkable, well-connected, and have a mix of attainable housing
 - c. Leverage Durham's prime geography, social infrastructure, and strong partnerships to foster economic growth

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 A partnership with Infrastructure Ontario has the potential to create roughly 250 new affordable housing units in Durham which supports the Region's goal to initiate the development of 1,000 affordable rental housing units by 2024.
- 6.2 Infrastructure Ontario's experience with similar affordable housing projects under the Provincial Affordable Housing Lands Program will give Durham the benefit of broad exposure to the development community and highlight why Durham is a great place to invest.
- 6.3 Staff will continue to update Regional Council on the progress of this project.
- 6.4 For additional information, contact: Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 2500.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Finance
Report: #2021-INFO-7
Date: January 29, 2021

Subject:

Durham Region Farm 911 Project

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the establishment of the Farm 911 project in Durham Region.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 This report provides details on the Farm 911 project, which received a \$300,000 funding commitment in the 2020 Business Plan and Budgets (Report #2020-F-4).

3. Background

3.1 The Farm 911 initiative was established in response to a tragic farm accident that led to the death of seven-year-old Emily Trudeau in 2014. During the incident, paramedics and other first responders were unable to correctly locate the field entrance in which the accident occurred. Family members eventually had to flag down the ambulance in order for them to find the property.

3.2 Many farm accidents occur in remote rural locations where it is difficult for first responders to locate properties due to a lack of identifiable signage. After the incident in 2014, Emily's father launched the Farm 911 – Emily Project to correct this issue, with the goal of having all farm field entrances and vacant lands identified by civic numbers on 911 signs.

3.3 The objectives of the Farm 911 project are as follows:

- Create a unified system for acquiring 911 signs across all municipalities;
- Persuade municipalities to offer the signs as a service to their community;
- Encourage rural landowners to use the service;
- Establish a partnership with local agribusinesses who will support the program;
- Develop resources to teach property owners how to contact emergency services efficiently; and,
- Promote the program through digital, print, and social media.

3.4 The Farm 911 Project officially launched in Northumberland County at the Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm show on August 23, 2017. The first Farm 911 signs were installed on June 12, 2018. Since the initial launch in 2017, many other municipalities have established the program within their jurisdictions, including Prince Edward County and Lennox and Addington County.

4. Durham Region Farm 911 Project

4.1 The idea for establishing the Farm 911 project in Durham Region was initiated by the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture (DRFA) and was supported by colleagues in Northumberland County.

4.2 Under the direction of the CAO, an internal multidisciplinary working group was established to determine the feasibility and logistics of implementing the project locally. The interdisciplinary group involved members from various departments, including Finance, Works, Planning and Economic Development, Corporate Services - IT, Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS), and Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS). Subsequently, the Region's CAO invited the area municipal CAO's to join the group with representatives from their Planning, Building, Finance, and Fire Departments.

4.3 A broader project kick-off meeting provided local area stakeholders with background information on the project and sought the support of all area municipalities to proceed. Discussion focused on several key principles, which included a focus on achieving the objective of installing 911 signs on vacant properties in rural areas while recognizing that there would be differences in processes, standards and approvals between the eight local area municipalities. With the support of all local Fire Departments, the Clarington Fire Chief, who is also on the Regional 911 Board, participated in the Regional inter-departmental working group.

4.4 Detailed discussions with each municipality within Durham were undertaken in regard to project implementation. Discussion topics included:

- Current processes for implementing 911 signage;
- Available information on current sign coverage;
- Identification of unsigned municipal, conservation or crown land access points; and,

- Approaches to ensuring that more safe and accessible entrances to vacant or public properties and “secondary” property entrances are marked with well-maintained GPS locatable 911 signs.

4.5 Encouragingly, throughout all consultations, area municipal staff expressed their support for the project and increased 911 signage throughout rural areas of Durham. Further, in many municipalities, the discussion triggered assessment of other potential opportunities to improve 911 signage.

5. Project Implementation and Financing

5.1 Throughout the project consultations, a number of important implementation considerations were identified. These include:

- Current sign coverage varies across all municipalities;
- Owners of vacant properties or properties with secondary entrances are able to request 911 signs in most municipalities, but processes, fees, and installation responsibilities vary from one municipality to another and requests are infrequent;
- Municipalities each have unique by-laws with respect to signage and standards for driveways that access the road network; and,
- The Region has a well-established process for assigning 911 numbers.

5.2 Based on these considerations, it was determined that a uniform implementation approach across the entire Region would not be feasible given the various regulatory needs of each municipality. It was determined that each municipality would have the autonomy to establish the program in any manner that suits the needs of the individual municipality.

5.3 There was unanimous consent across all municipalities that the initial launch of the project should focus on signage for secondary entrances and vacant properties within rural areas. Municipalities also provided information on recent 911 sign projects, including the Town of Whitby which had recently undertaken a municipal-wide initiative to improve 911 signage, including a large-scale implementation project.

5.4 Although all local municipalities expressed support for the project, many municipalities identified the availability of financial resources as the biggest constraint to implementation. In response, Regional Council approved a \$300,000 funding provision in the 2020 budget to provide local area municipalities with the start-up funds needed for an initial sign blitz. The funding was to assist with the cost of signage and would be disbursed based on a local need’s assessment. The amount allocated to each municipality is listed in the table below.

Municipality	Estimated Sign Deployment Need (# signs)	Estimated Cost
City of Pickering	530	\$31,800
Town of Ajax	75	\$4,500
Town of Whitby	385	\$23,100
City of Oshawa	230	\$13,800
Municipality of Clarington	780	\$46,800
Township of Uxbridge	1,000	\$60,000
Township of Scugog	1,000	\$60,000
Township of Brock	1,000	\$60,000
Total	5,000	\$300,000

Note: Staff from Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, and Clarington provided estimates of their local needs, while the needs of other municipalities have been estimated based on information provided by Regional GIS staff. A benchmark cost of \$60 per sign has been used for the above estimates.

5.5 Funding agreements have been established with each municipality that outline the objectives, amount of funding, and the reporting mechanism to track 911 signage. The Region's Works Department has also offered the services of the Regional Sign Shop to assist with the procurement of signage.

6. Current Project Status

6.1 As of January 20, 2021, the Region of Durham has executed funding agreements with nearly all local municipalities. The remaining municipalities have indicated that the agreements have either been approved and awaiting signature or are in the process of being approved.

6.2 The Municipality of Clarington and the City of Pickering have begun a media campaign to encourage rural residents to engage in the program.

6.3 Staff from the Region of Durham Finance Department attended the Annual General Meeting of the DRFA to provide an update on the project and to seek support with communicating the project to the local agricultural community. The DRFA was fully supportive of the project and offered communications assistance wherever possible. Finance staff, in conjunction with Corporate Communications, is currently working on a media release to be posted on the DRFA website.

6.4 Finance Department staff will also be attending the meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee on February 9, 2021 to help promote the program.

6.5 The Region will be looking to host another meeting with local area municipal stakeholders in the near future to discuss the various approaches to program implementation and discuss future program expansion options. The group will also discuss the feasibility of a crowd sourcing app to streamline the process for requesting signage.

7. Relationship to Strategic Plan

7.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Enhance community safety and well-being;
- b. Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries; and,
- c. Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

8. Conclusions

8.1 The Region of Durham and its eight local municipalities are in the early stages of collaboratively implementing the Farm 911 project across the Region. The program has been designed with input from all Durham Region first responders and is focused on the initial stages of improving 911 signage in rural areas, particularly for secondary entrances and vacant land. The program has garnered universal support among the local municipalities and all stakeholders will continue to work together on expanding the implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2021-INFO-8
Date: January 29, 2021

Subject:

Quarterly Report - Commissioner's Delegated Planning Approval Authority, and Summary of Planning Activity in the Fourth Quarter of 2020. File: 1.2.7.19

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Region's Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development has been delegated the authority to approve certain area municipal official plan amendments in all area municipalities, as well as subdivisions, condominiums, and part lot control exemption by-laws in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, and Uxbridge. This report summarizes actions taken under this delegated authority.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

2.1 An Information Report on planning activity and the use of delegated planning approval authority is provided to Council at the end of every quarter.

3. Commissioner's Approval of Area Municipal Plan Amendments

3.1 Prior to the adoption of an area municipal official plan amendment by a local Council, a draft is forwarded to the Region for review and a determination as to whether it affects a matter of Regional interest, including conformity with Provincial Plans, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement and conformity with the

Regional Official Plan. If it is felt the draft amendment deals with matters of Regional significance, it is subject to approval by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. If the area municipal official plan amendment does not trigger a matter of Regional interest, then approval would rest with the area municipality.

3.2 In the fourth quarter of 2020, the Planning Division received five area municipal official plan amendment applications. Three of the applications have been exempted from Regional approval, and two are currently under review as follows:

- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 20-007/P** proposes a site-specific amendment to increase the maximum permitted density from 17 to 19.8 units per net hectare within the Rosebank Neighbourhood to permit the development of 14 single detached dwellings. The site is located at the south east corner of Winette Road and Toynevale Road and is exempt from Regional approval.
- In the Town of Whitby, application **OPA 2020-W/04** proposes to amend Schedule K of the Brooklin Secondary Plan by deleting a north/south collector road to facilitate the development of a multi-storey warehouse. The site is located at the north east corner of Garrard Road and Conlin Road and is exempt from Regional approval.
- In the Municipality of Clarington, application **COPA 2020-005** proposes a site-specific exception within the Courtice Main Street Secondary Plan to add townhouses as a permitted use, increase height permissions, and reduce the minimum width of private laneways to facilitate the development of a 9-storey, 177-unit mixed-use development. The site is located south of Highway 2 and east of Darlington Boulevard and is exempt from Regional approval.
- In the City of Pickering, application **OPA 20-004/P** proposes to introduce policies and redesignate lands in the vicinity of Kingston Road and Brock Road to implement the Council-endorsed Kingston Road Corridor and Specialty Retailing Node Intensification Study and is currently under review.
- In the Town of Ajax, application **OPA 20-A2** proposes a site-specific exemption to increase the permitted height and density to permit the development of a 12-storey, 161-unit mixed-use building, and a 5-storey,

34 unit building for independent seniors living. The site is located east of Harwood Avenue South and south of Mandrake Street and is currently under review.

4. Commissioner's Receipt and Approval of Subdivisions and Condominiums

4.1 The Region is the approval authority for plans of subdivision and condominium in the three northern Townships. In the fourth quarter of 2020, the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development did not receive, comment, nor issue draft approval for any subdivision or condominium applications in the three northern Townships. The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development issued final clearance on one subdivision application:

- Application **S-S-2015-01** received final approved to facilitate a subdivision consisting of 40 townhouses on the west side of Old Simcoe Road, north of Chimney Hill Way in the Port Perry Urban Area, in the Township of Scugog.

5. Region's Review of Planning Applications

5.1 Regional staff review planning applications circulated from the area municipalities to ensure conformity with the Regional Official Plan (ROP), other Regional policies, and Provincial plans and policies. The Planning Division also coordinates comments from other Regional Departments to provide a coordinated response to the area municipalities on the following planning matters:

- Area Municipal Official Plan amendment applications;
- Delegated plans of subdivision and condominium, and part-lot control exemption by-laws;
- Zoning By-law amendment applications; and
- Select minor variance applications.

5.2 Planning Division staff also provide coordinated comments to the Regional Land Division Committee on consent applications.

5.3 Attachment 1 provides a numeric summary of Regional staff's review of planning applications across the Region.

6. Regional Council's Approval of Applications to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan

6.1 Regional Council is the approval authority for applications to amend the Durham Region Official Plan (ROPA).

6.2 As of December 31, 2020, there were a total of 10 ROPA applications under consideration (refer to Attachment 2 which includes a chart and maps). In the fourth quarter of 2020, no new ROPA applications were received.

6.3 In the fourth quarter, Council approved one ROPA application, one ROPA application was withdrawn, and a total of four ROPA applications came into effect as follows:

- Application **2014-008** was approved on October 6, 2020 to permit a new Aggregate Resource Extraction Area north of Goodwood Road, west of Lake Ridge Road in the Township of Uxbridge. ROPA #182 is now in effect.
- Application **1997-013** was withdrawn by the applicant on December 8, 2020. The purpose of the application was to permit a propane depot in the Township of Brock Rural Area. The file has now been closed.
- Application **2020-003** was approved on September 8, 2020 to permit residential, commercial and related uses south of Bloor Street, west of Courtice Road in the Municipality of Clarington. ROPA #181 is now in effect.
- Application **2020-002** was approved on September 8, 2020 to permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling north of Concession Road 1, east of Highway 12 in the Municipality of Clarington. ROPA #179 is now in effect.
- Application **2020-001** was approved on September 8, 2020 to permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling, on the north side of Cameron Street East, west of Simcoe Street, in the Township of Brock. ROPA #180 is now in effect.

7. Appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

7.1 The fourth quarter of 2020 saw no additional activity with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

7.2 One non-exempt Area Municipal Official Plan amendment application and three consent applications are currently before the LPAT (refer to Attachments 3A and 3B).

8. Reserved Street Names

8.1 The Planning Division coordinates street naming in the Region. Street names are reviewed by the Region in consultation with Durham Regional Police Services in order to avoid the use of similar sounding street names. Approved street names are included in a street name reserve list for each area municipality. A total of 13 new street names were included on the Region's Reserve Street Name list in the fourth quarter of 2020 (Refer to Attachment 4).

9. Regional Woodland Permit Applications

9.1 The Planning Division coordinates Good Forestry Practice permits and Clear-Cutting permits in woodlands across the Region that are one hectare in size and greater. Applications are reviewed in consultation with the Region's Tree By-law Officer, and the applicable area municipality and conservation authority. Three new Good Forestry Practice permit applications were received during the fourth quarter of 2020 and five Good Forestry Practice permit applications were issued.

10. Relationship to Strategic Plan

10.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

11. Attachments

Attachment #1: Summary of Regional Review of Planning Applications

Attachment #2: Summary and Maps of Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Attachment #3A: Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Attachment #3B: Land Division Applications before the Local Planning Appeal
Tribunal

Attachment #4: Summary of Reserved Street Names

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

Regional Review of Planning Applications - Summary
October 1 to December 31, 2020

Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments

Received	5
Commented	5

Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Lakeshore Area Municipalities)

Received	4
Provided Comments	7
Issued conditions of Draft Approval	0
Cleared Conditions of Draft Approval	12

Non-Delegated Subdivisions & Condominiums (Northern Municipalities)

Received	0
Provided Comments	0
Issued conditions of Draft Approval	0
Issued Final Approval	1

Zoning By-laws Amendments

Received	8
Commented	8

Non-Delegated Part Lot Control

Received	0
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Consents

Received	34
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Good Forestry Practice and Clear-Cutting Applications

Received	3
Issued permits	5

**Regional Official Plan Amendment applications currently being processed or
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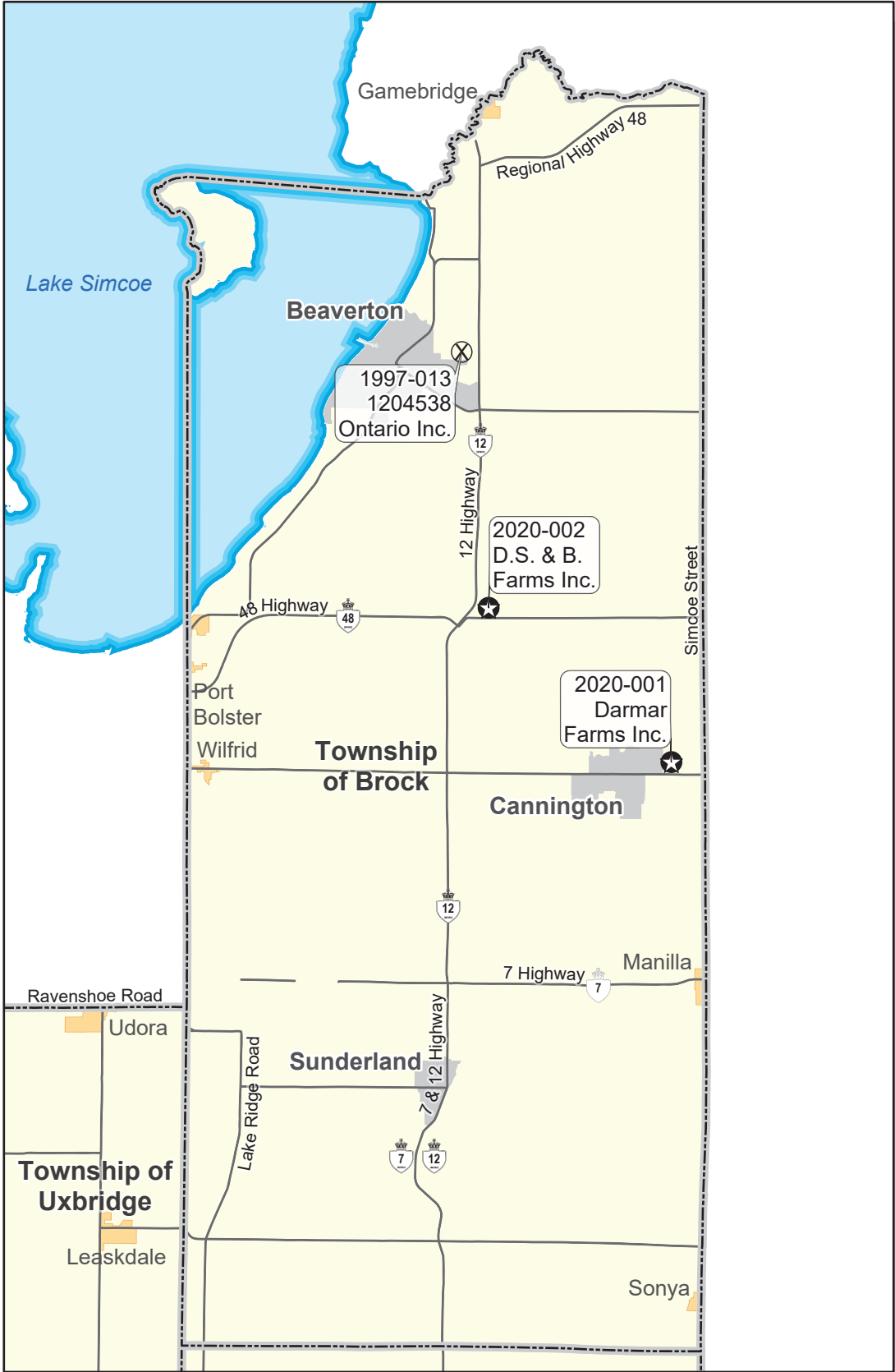
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1997-013	97-352	1204538 Ontario Inc. Lot 11, Conc. 6 (Thorah) Township of Brock (West of Hwy. 12 & 48, North of Main St.)	To permit a rural employment area in the General Agricultural Area designation. Status: Application was withdrawn by the applicant on December 8, 2020. The file is now closed.
2000-003	2000-273	Town of Ajax (South of Bayly St., East of Church St.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road (Deferral #3 to the Town of Ajax Official Plan). Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Clements Rd. connection in the ROP. Planned studies related to development and the widening of Bayly Street will re-examine the connection.
2005-009	SC-2005-66	Loblaw Properties Ltd. Lots 3 & 4, Conc. 1 Town of Ajax (South of Achilles Rd., East of Salem Rd.)	To delete a Type C Arterial Road. Status: ROPA #171 maintained the Shoal Point Rd. extension, north of Bayly Street in the ROP. Final disposition of this file is pending.
2005-011	SC-2005-68	Brooklin Golf Club Limited Lots 21 to 25, Conc. 8 Town of Whitby (South of Myrtle Rd., West of Baldwin St.)	To permit two 18-hole golf courses and a resort /conference centre in the Permanent Agricultural Reserve designation. Status: Awaiting further technical studies from the applicant.
2014-008		Vicdom Sand & Gravel (Ontario) Ltd. Part of Lot 15, Conc. 7 & 8 Township of Uxbridge (North of Goodwood Rd., West of Lakeridge Rd.)	To add a new aggregate resource area (18.9 ha. in size) in Uxbridge. Status: Decision meeting was held on October 6, 2020. No appeals were made. ROPA #182 is now in effect.

OPA file	Council/ standing committee corr.	Applicant/ Location	Proposed amendment
2016-003		Clara and Nick Conforti – Optilinx Systems Lot 21, Conc. 4 Town of Whitby (Thickson Rd. in between Taunton Rd. East and Conlin Rd.)	To permit the continuation and expansion of a contractor's yard and office in the Major Open Space designation. Status: Application appealed to LPAT on December 12, 2019. Regional position in opposition to the amendment endorsed by Council on July 29, 2020.
2019-006		Werrcroft Farms Ltd. Lot 28, Concession 6, Municipality of Clarington (1785 Concession Road 7)	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Public Information meeting held on June 2, 2020. Decision meeting to be scheduled.
2020-001		Darmar Farms Inc. Lot 32, Concession 12 Township of Brock (396 Cameron Street)	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Decision meeting was held on September 8, 2020. No appeals were made. ROPA #180 is now in effect.
2020-002		D.S. & B. Farms Inc. Lot 9, Concession 1 Township of Brock (C1565 Thora Concession Road 1)	To permit the severance of a non-abutting surplus farm dwelling. Status: Decision meeting was held on September 8, 2020. No appeals were made. ROPA #179 is now in effect.
2020-003		Region of Durham Lot 29-31, Concession 1 Municipality of Clarington (South of Bloor Street, west of Courtice Road)	To align the Municipality of Clarington Official Plan and the Regional Official Plan to permit new uses. Status: Decision meeting was held on September 8, 2020. No appeals were made. ROPA #181 is now in effect.



Regional Official Plan Amendments (ROPAs) Township of Brock

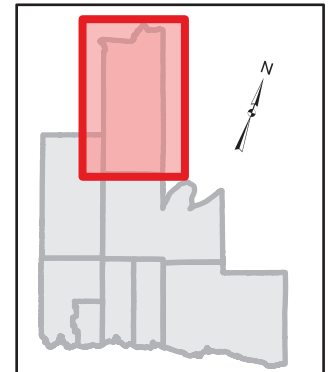
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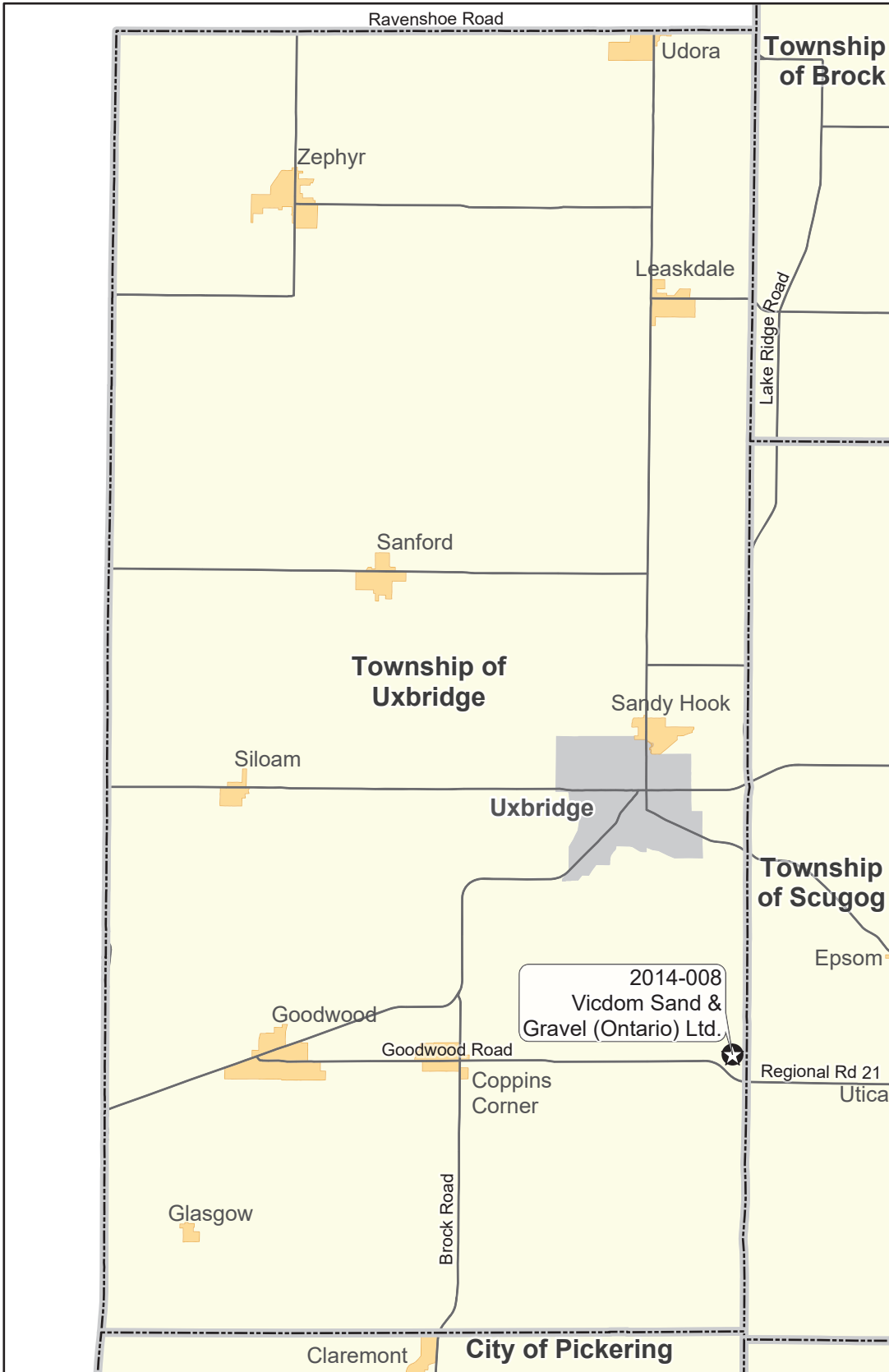
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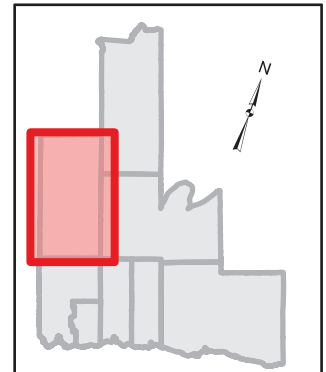
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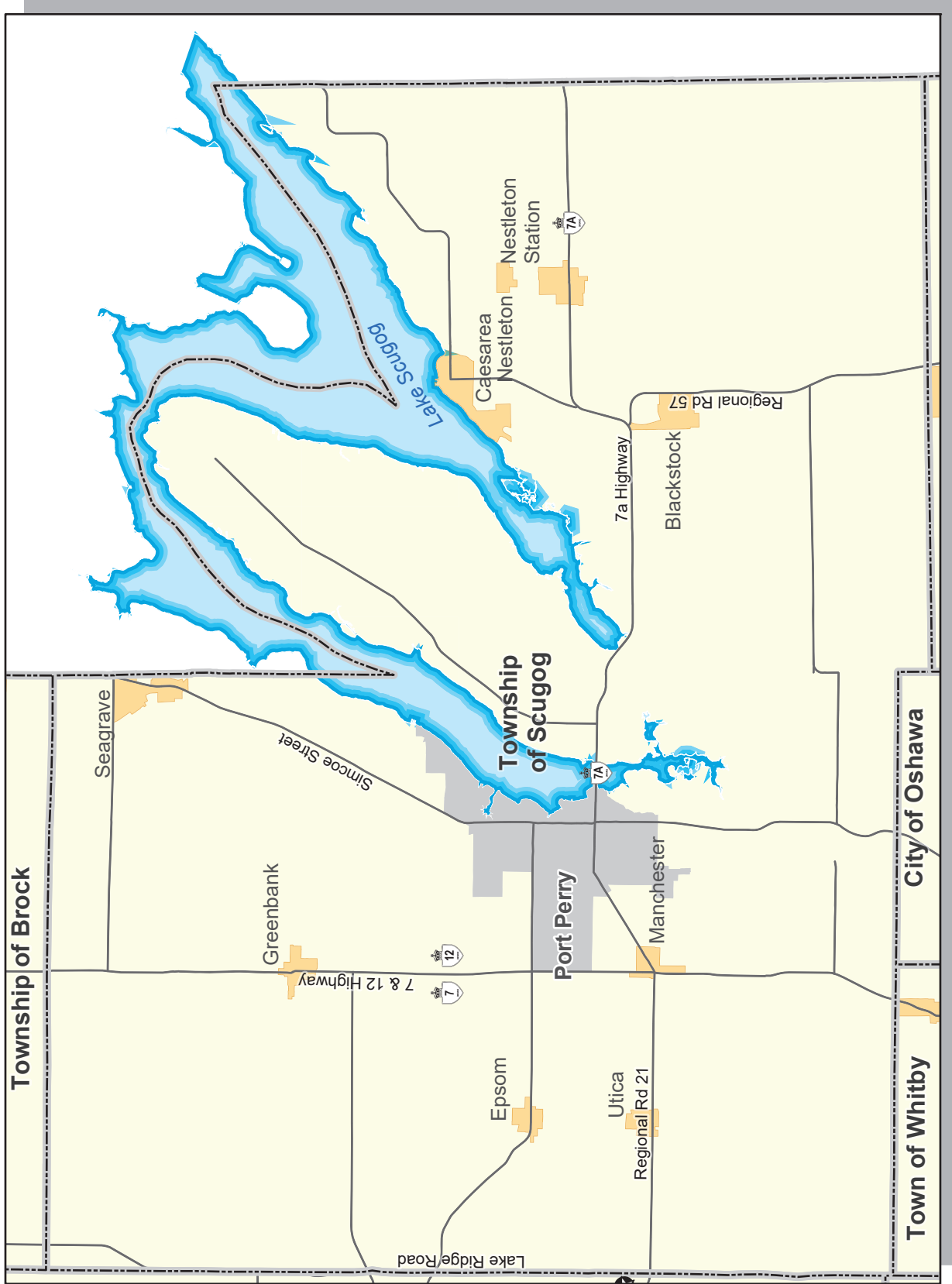




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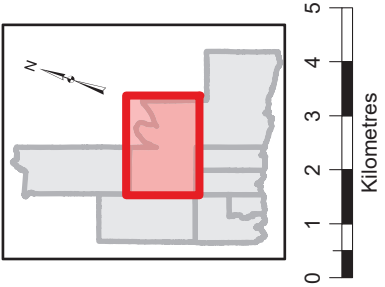
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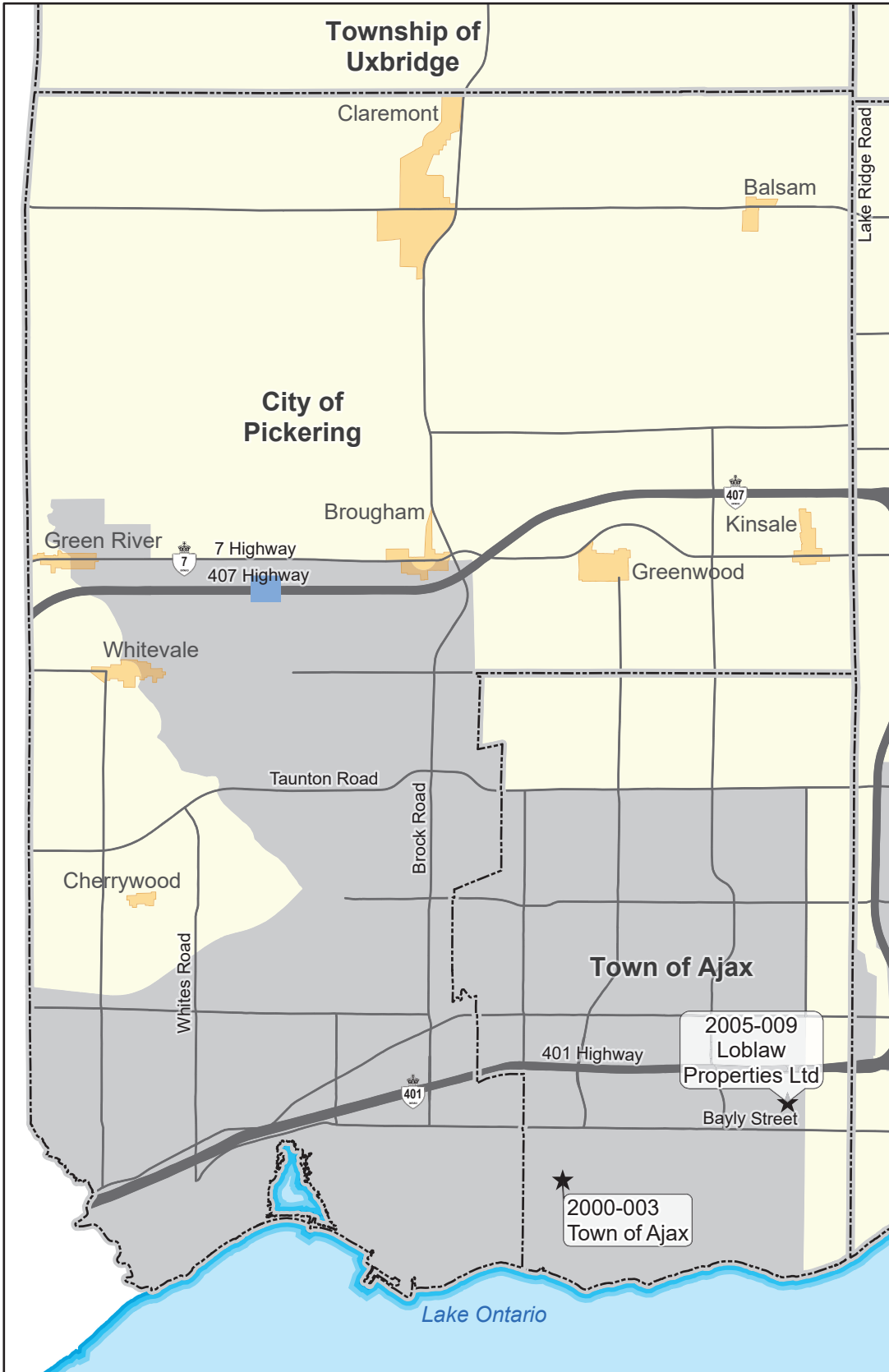
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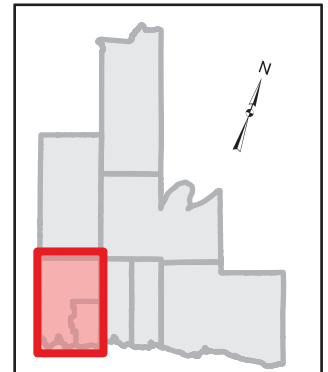
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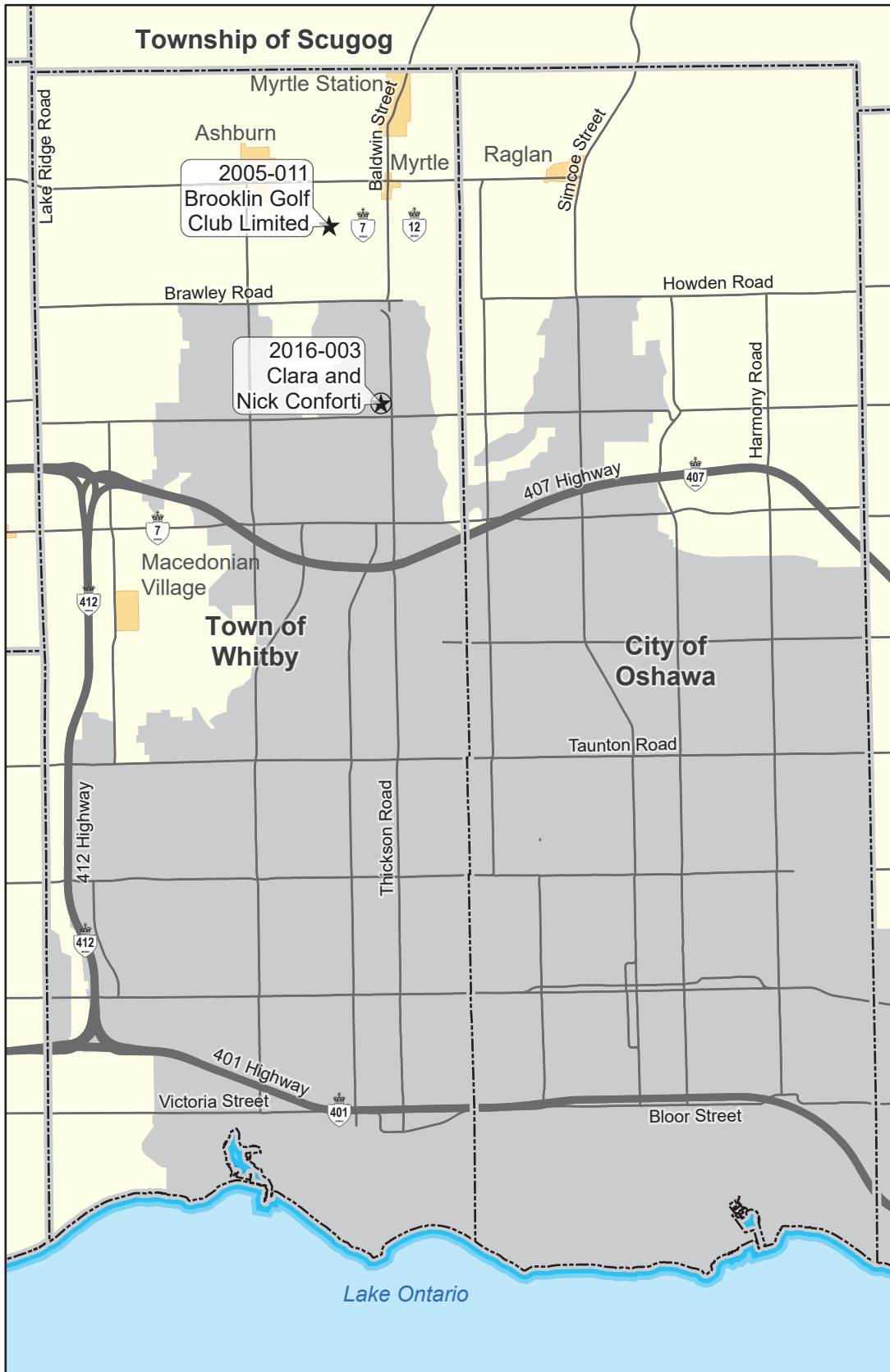
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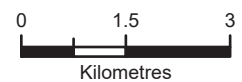
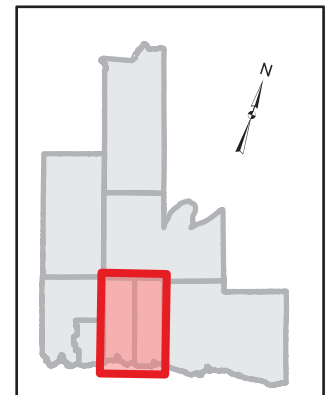
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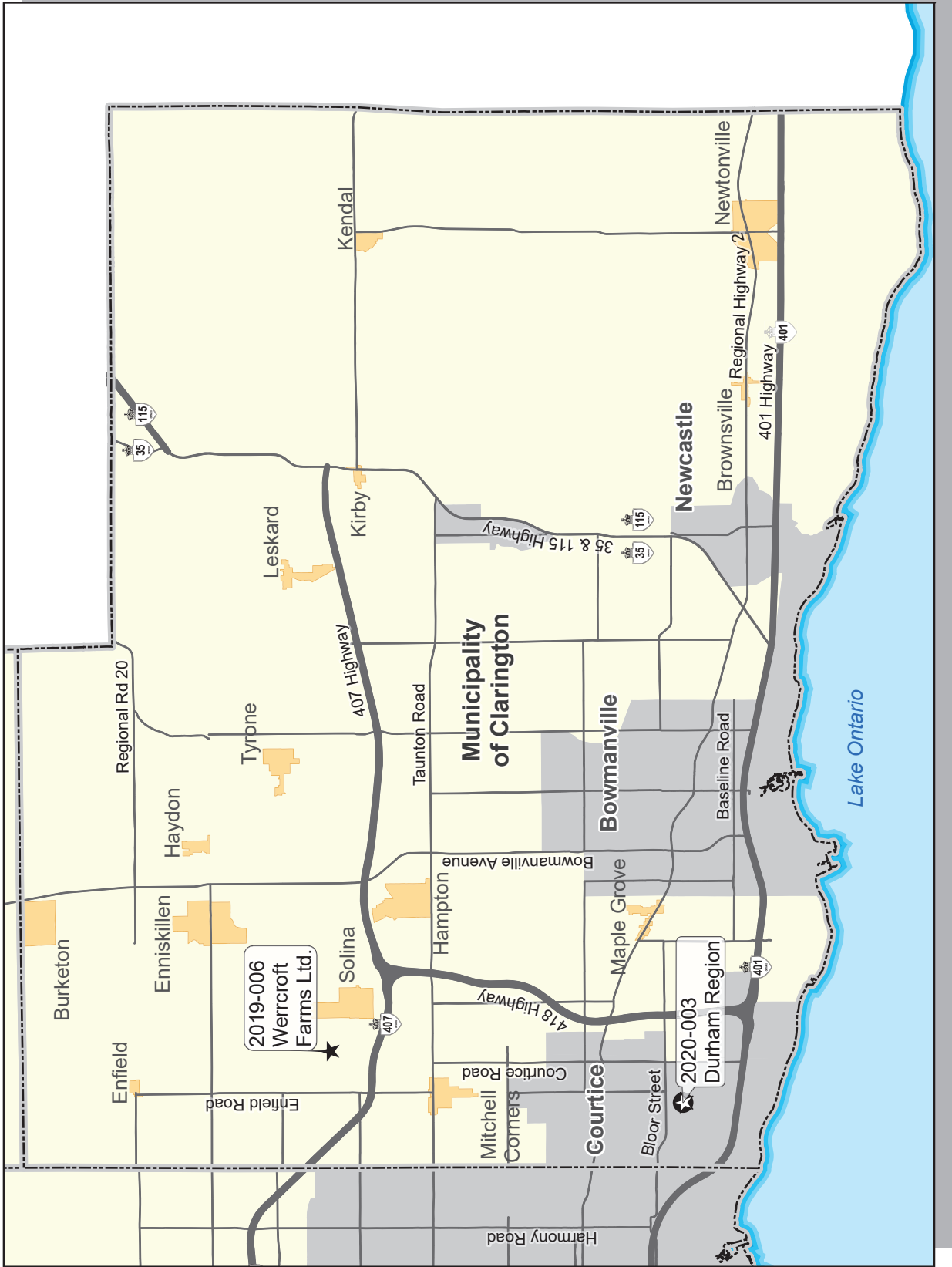




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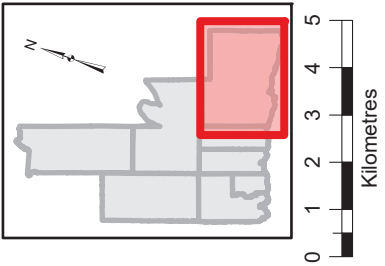
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**Non-Exempt Area Municipal Planning Applications Under Appeal Before the
Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (As of December 31, 2020)**

Regional File No./LPAT Case No.	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
OPA-2016-W/04 PL190638	Optilinx Systems Inc.	Town of Whitby	To legalize an existing contractor's yard and associated uses as well as permit future office uses at 4560 Thickson Road North	Applicant appealed Whitby Council's decision on December 12, 2019. This matter is related to ROPA 2016-003. LPAT Hearing date to be determined.

**Regional Land Division Committee Applications Currently Before the Local
Planning Appeal Tribunal (as of December 31, 2020)**

Regional File No./OMB Case No	Applicant	Municipality	Purpose	Status
LD 088/2017 PL190386	Travis McWalters / Osmi Homes	Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a 512.9 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 512.9 m ² residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling, garage, and shed to be demolished.	Hearing originally scheduled for January 21, 2020 was adjourned at the request of the applicant. Hearing to be scheduled.
LD 004/2019 Fred Batty	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To add a vacant 0.18 ha residential parcel of land to east, retaining a 37.71 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Hearing to be scheduled.
LD 005/ 2019 PL190393	Cindy & Fred Batty	Town of Whitby	To sever a vacant 11.1 ha residential parcel of land, retaining a 26.5 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling and barns to remain.	Applicant appealed the Conditions of Approval on August 12, 2019. Hearing to be scheduled.

Summary of Reserved Street Names (October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020)

Municipality	Number of New Street Names Added in Second Quarter of 2019	New Street Names Added*	Total Number of Street Names Reserved
Ajax	0		315
Brock	0		33
Clarington	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JACOB CRANE • SALMON • ZIBI • ED EWERT • ALEX KNOTT • NORTHROP 	653
Oshawa	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORCHESTRATE 	449
Pickering	0		659
Scugog	0		172
Uxbridge	0		151
Whitby	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICEMAKER • CHOPPER • KENT MILLS • PETER FRANCIS • TERRY JOHNSTON • RAILWAY ENGINE 	367
Total		13	2,793

* At this point in time not all suffixes have been assigned.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2021-INFO-9
Date: January 29, 2021

Subject:

Durham Region Health Department COVID-19 Response and Restoration

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on Durham Region Health Department's (DRHD's) ongoing response to COVID-19 and restoration activities.
- 1.2 As DRHD continues to be actively engaged in COVID-19 response activities, this report is provided in place of Program Reports for October to December 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was first informed of cases of pneumonia with an unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. On January 7, 2020 it was confirmed that the cause was a novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On January 30, 2020, the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a public health emergency of international concern.
- 2.2 In early January, when there were no COVID-19 cases in Canada, the public health sector began close monitoring of the situation and preparations to respond in the event that symptoms consistent with COVID-19 appeared in people in Canada. DRHD was engaged with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Public Health Ontario (PHO) at the earliest monitoring and surveillance stages.
- 2.3 Canada confirmed its first case of COVID-19 on January 25, 2020 related to travel in Wuhan China.

- 2.4 DRHD was monitoring the global situation very closely in order to prepare for the potential emergence of COVID-19 in the region and identify populations at risk. Close monitoring and pandemic preparedness activities enabled staff to take immediate action to address the risks of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the region.
- 2.5 As COVID-19 began to spread rapidly across the globe, DRHD mobilized its resources, began implementing measures identified in the Health Department Emergency Master Plan (HDEMP) and ensured ongoing communication with local health care providers including Lakeridge Health.
- 2.6 DRHD was informed of the first local positive COVID-19 case on February 28, 2020.
- 2.7 On March 11, 2020, with 118,319 cases globally, the WHO announced that COVID-19 was a pandemic.

3. Status of COVID-19 in Durham Region

- 3.1 The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) shows the number of COVID-19 cases in Durham Region by age and gender, municipality and status (home isolation, hospitalized, resolved, deceased). This resource also displays the number of new cases and cumulative cases by reported date and onset date as well as information on the status of outbreaks in childcare centres, institutions and schools.
- 3.2 The Data Tracker also includes information on exposure source, trends, a map of cases by Health Neighbourhood and monitoring indicators that show how well Durham Region is doing in terms of virus spread and containment, health system capacity, public health capacity and laboratory testing. On December 16, 2020, indicators were added corresponding to the COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. As of December 31, 2020, there were **1,336,869** clicks on the link to the Data Tracker from durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.
- 3.3 As of December 31, 2020, Durham Region had a total of **7,467** confirmed COVID-19 cases, with **5,267** of these cases identified between October 1 to December 31.
- 3.4 Half (52 per cent) of Durham's overall COVID-19 cases were in Pickering and Ajax. Oshawa and Whitby accounted for 37 per cent of cases. Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock each represented less than eight per cent of cases.
- 3.5 The first wave of COVID-19 had three noticeable phases: growth, flattening and recovery. The second wave of COVID-19 began in late September and Durham is currently in a growth phase.
- 3.6 As of December 31, 2020, public health inspectors (PHIs) managed **81** outbreaks in long-term care homes, retirement homes, and hospitals, with peak numbers of outbreak cases occurring between April and May, and again in late November into

mid-December. As of January 19, 2021, cumulatively, there were **103** institutional outbreaks, of which **23** were ongoing.

- 3.7 From October to December 2020, there were **33** outbreaks in schools and childcare centres, with one active childcare centre outbreak ongoing at the start of the new year.
- 3.8 The most likely exposure source for local cases has changed over time. During the first wave, the most likely exposure sources were linked to institutional outbreaks. While new daily case counts were lower during the summer months, residents and staff at institutions with outbreaks only account for five per cent of all cases, with household contacts and community spread accounting for more than half of the exposure sources. By year end, more than half of the reported exposure sources were still attributed to household contacts (39 per cent) and community spread (29 per cent); however, exposures among outbreak residents and staff spiked for a second time, accounting for approximately 16 per cent of cases.

4. COVID-19 Response

- 4.1 As one of DRHD's critical public health functions under the *Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability* (OPHS), it is required to prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts.
- 4.2 DRHD staff members have been assigned to various roles according to their skills and expertise. Staff has been working across divisions and in collaboration to achieve goals and implement response activities.
- 4.3 COVID-19 response activities include: case management and contact tracing; communications; inspections and investigations; issuing instructions and orders; surveillance; and testing support. A snapshot of some of DRHD's response activities is provided in the [#PublicHealthProtects Infographic](#) which is updated regularly and available on durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.

a. Case and Contact Management

- Case and contact management continue to be a main focus of COVID-19 response activities.
- Case management involves, but is not limited to: data entry and reporting; investigation of disease exposure; daily monitoring and counselling; and contact assessment.
- Contact management activities include: making initial contact with contacts identified; assessing exposure risks; providing instructions and recommendations based on risks; and daily monitoring as appropriate.
- As of December 31, 2020, public health nurses (PHNs) have managed **15,121** cases and contacts and have completed **44,442** nursing assessments to determine if further medical intervention is required.

- The PHNs are supported by the Administrative Services Team which has received and disseminated **128,560** test results for follow-up.

b. Communications

- DRHD is responsible for communicating medical advice and guidance to local and Regional partners and the public. Staff must ensure that information is provided in a timely, accurate and accessible manner.
- Timely information helps local partners and the public understand requirements and preventive actions they can take to prevent the spread of illness.
- Communications occur through various venues and platforms including: phone interactions with residents and community partners; responses to media requests; public appearances through local media outlets; participation in community events; participation on local planning tables; social media; and a comprehensive webpage on durham.ca.
- A dedicated COVID-19 webpage was established early in the pandemic to provide important and timely information to community partners and residents. The webpage is continually updated as DRHD receives new information. Staff has developed messages, guidance documents and resources for local stakeholders such as FAQs, Facts About documents, Fax Abouts and Infographics. Resources are continually updated as the Region responds to a fluid pandemic situation to ensure residents have the latest information on best practices, directives and instructions to protect their health.
- The comprehensive COVID-19 webpage includes: information on case status in Durham Region; a [Community Reopening Toolkit](#); local COVID-19 testing information; facts and frequently asked questions; information for health care professionals; local institutional outbreak information; resources, including mental health resources and information about non-medical masks and face coverings; a [Schools Reopening Toolkit](#); and travel advice.
- Durham Health Connection Line (DHCL) continues to respond to COVID-19 inquiries from the public and local partners. As of December 31, 2020, there have been **135,492** COVID-19 phone interactions with residents and community partners.

c. Inspections and Investigations

- The Health Protection Division (HPD) is responsible for conducting inspections of local businesses to ensure compliance with guidelines, orders and regulations. Investigations are conducted of facilities experiencing outbreaks, to address non-compliance, or in response to inquiries or complaints.
- As of December 31, 2020, HPD has conducted **2,638** investigations regarding priority population settings, **331** investigations have been completed for confirmed positive cases not contacting DHCL for follow-up,

96 investigations have been completed for people failing to self-isolate under the [Section 22 Class Order](#), **11,328** investigations have been initiated in facilities and **23,217** follow-ups have been completed with facilities.

- From October to December 2020, PHIs and Tobacco Enforcement Officers (TEOs) conducted **512** COVID-19 inspections for all program areas, including facilities not routinely inspected by DRHD, resulting in the identification of **709** COVID-19 related infractions requiring follow-up.

d. Instructions and Orders

- The Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health (C&MOH) and Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continue to provide medical advice, guidance and oversight throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have the responsibility of: monitoring the spread of COVID-19 at the local level; assessing risks and impacts; and using their medical expertise to provide recommendations on how best to mitigate risks within the region.
- The C&MOH has used his legal authority to issue instructions and class orders to address the risk to health presented by COVID-19 including the following:
 - (a) April 7, 2020 - a class order that requires anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or anyone who has had contact with a person that has COVID-19 to self-isolate for 14 days or longer, if directed by public health staff. This order remains in effect and was revised on October 14, 2020 to require noted individuals to co-operate fully with DRHD staff for the duration of COVID-19 isolation including participating in daily phone calls for ongoing monitoring.
 - (b) April 21, 2020 - an order to Lakeridge Health and Orchard Villa that required Lakeridge Health to lead the monitoring, investigating and responding of the COVID-19 outbreak at Orchard Villa and required Orchard Villa to enhance measures for the protection of residents and staff.
 - (c) June 24, 2020 - a class order that requires all owners and operators of agricultural farms in the region who employ temporary foreign workers (TFW) to implement public health measures and take actions listed in the order to minimize the risks to health for those they employ. This order remains in effect and was revised on December 7, 2020, adding requirements to ensure housing accommodations are inspected, that food would be provided to those in self-isolation, and to limit TFWs employment to one workplace.
 - (d) July 6, 2020 - instructions to commercial establishments to have a policy in place to prohibit people not wearing a non-medical mask or face covering from entering or remaining in the premises. The instructions were updated on September 28, 2020 to require all persons responsible for a business or organization permitted to open during Stage 3 and all persons responsible for an apartment building or condominium to have a policy in place to ensure that no person is

allowed to enter an enclosed public space, including a common area of an apartment building or condominium accessed by residents and/or visitors, unless they are wearing a face covering at all times.

- (e) November 23, 2020 - a class order requiring owners/occupiers of workplaces to implement restrictions and public health measures and follow specific actions in the event of an outbreak.
- (f) November 26, 2020 - a class order to owners/operators of retail stores to implement public health measures, as outlined in applicable provincial regulations and advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario and/or DRHD, and specific measures as stated in the order (e.g., develop and implement a safety plan, set a maximum capacity in the store, post visible signage, etc.).
- (g) December 23, 2020 - revised instructions to owners/operators of businesses or organizations that are indoors and open to the public during the Provincewide Shutdown and persons responsible for an apartment building or condominium to have appropriate policies in place for the use of non-medical masks or face coverings.

e. **Outbreak Management**

- DRHD has been coordinating the support to institutions, including childcare centres, schools and post-secondary institutions. Staff also provides support to congregate living and workplace settings experiencing outbreaks. Staff has provided support to institutions to implement outbreak control measures including following Chief Medical Officer of Health directives, ensuring appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), increasing environmental sanitation, cleaning and disinfection, and emphasizing the importance of hand hygiene amongst residents and staff. Staff also maintains daily contact with institutions experiencing outbreaks to provide support as required.
- As of January 19, 2021, cumulatively, PHIs have managed **103** COVID-19 outbreaks in institutional settings, **14** in childcare settings, **47** in congregate living settings including group homes and shelters, **81** in workplaces, **two** at post-secondary schools; and **three** at community events.

f. **Surveillance**

- The Health Analytics & Research Team (HART) is responsible for assessment and surveillance of COVID-19 from an epidemiological perspective. Responsibilities include: development and adaptation of existing data systems to document information; production of data quality reports and identification of gaps or issues; communication and engagement with PHO and the MOH regarding surveillance; and analyzing and reporting data related to cases of COVID-19 in Durham Region.
- HART continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 across Durham Region and identify opportunities to enhance the information that is provided to community partners and residents.

- Two epidemiological reports have been developed to describe COVID-19 activity in Durham Region: [Epi Summary 1](#) is a snapshot of the local epidemiology of COVID-19 activity from its beginning on February 24, 2020 to the end of Stage 1 reopening on June 18, 2020; and [Epi Summary 2](#) is a snapshot of how COVID-19 changed over time in the region from its beginning to the end of Stage 1 reopening.
- The [Durham Region COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) provides details on the status of COVID-19 across the region and is continually enhanced.

g. Testing Support

- In collaboration with provincial and local partners, DRHD has supported the establishment of local testing sites and related policies and procedures. Provincial direction regarding testing has been changing. Testing guidance is updated, as needed on the [COVID-19 Testing](#) page on durham.ca. DRHD has collaborated with local partners to update procedures and resources as appropriate.
- Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) has provided essential support to testing activities by collecting nasal swabs in targeted populations. As of December 31, 2020, RDPS has collected **13,323** nasal swabs from area residents, school staff and students, clients and staff in childcare centres, long-term care and retirement homes, shelters and other congregate living settings.
- Administrative Services staff has been responsible for preparing COVID-19 testing kits for use by local facilities and RDPS. As of December 31, 2020, **11,087** testing kits have been prepared by staff.

h. COVID-19 Vaccines

- Currently, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the Moderna vaccine are approved for use in Canada.
- Active planning for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout has been underway since the beginning of December 2020.
- The Province has developed a [three-phase vaccine distribution plan](#) for the deployment of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and Ontario is currently in Phase 1 of this plan, with vaccines being prioritized for residents, staff, essential caregivers, and other employees of congregate living settings that provide care for seniors, healthcare workers, adults in First Nations, Metis and Inuit populations and adult chronic home care recipients.
- Under the provincial plan, Lakeridge Health is one of 17 Ontario hospitals that received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to support vaccination of designated essential caregivers.
- DRHD is actively engaged with its local partners in vaccine planning and is helping to facilitate vaccination of residents in long-term care and retirement homes.
- DRHD is prepared to receive its allotment of vaccine when available and is planning for the implementation of mass immunization clinics and

distribution of vaccine to identified local healthcare providers, as directed by the Province.

5. Restoration

5.1 DRHD developed an adaptive restoration plan to resume program activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the summer months, some DRHD clinics and services were restored after being suspended for nearly three months, however, with the number of new cases increasing dramatically in October, many program activities had to be suspended again.

5.2 Program activities are restored based on priorities identified in the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Flexibility has been incorporated into the restoration plan to anticipate the need to reduce program activities based on COVID-19 response capacity needs.

5.3 Programs and services that continued to operate between October and December 2020 are described below.

a. Health Protection

- PHIs have continued to manage outbreaks of other diseases of public health importance. Throughout 2020 and as of January 19, 2021, PHIs managed :**18** outbreaks in institutional settings; **114** in childcare centres; and **13** in congregate living settings including group homes and shelters.
- PHIs conducted **339** compliance inspections of food premises and **134** re-inspections between October and December.
- PHIs conducted **109** inspections of migrant farm worker facilities to reduce the risk of illness, exposure to health hazards, and ensure compliance with regulations. PHIs also monitored the health status of over **30** migrant workers during the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Durham.
- PHIs inspected **38** small drinking water systems to ensure safe and sanitary conditions, resulting in the issuing of **three** warning notices and **five** offence notices.
- Staff processed **82** building permit applications and **21** applications for additions.
- Staff continued the mandatory sewage inspection program, inspecting **one** site in Brock and **one** in Scugog.
- Rabies investigations continued from October to December resulting in **1,281** investigations. No animals tested positive for rabies (**eleven** animals were submitted to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) lab in Ottawa for testing), and **35** rabies post-exposure prophylaxes were administered.

b. Healthy Families

- Infant and Child Development (ICD) is a home-visiting service supporting families with children experiencing developmental concerns or special needs from birth to school entry. From October to December, ICD staff completed **107** consultations with families experiencing priority developmental concerns.
- The Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program is providing a reduced level of support to address priority needs of families. From October to December 2020, PHNs completed **371** telephone consultations with postpartum clients providing assessment, health education and support, and referrals to community services as needed.
- Breastfeeding Services (BFS) are provided to address identified priority issues to protect and promote the breastfeeding journey. From October to December, BFS staff provided **42** virtual consultations, **352** telephone consultations and **198** in-person consultations at the Whitby Mall breastfeeding clinic.

c. Healthy Living

- On March 15, 2020, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) strongly recommended that all non-essential and elective dental services should be suspended, and that emergency treatment should continue. Emergency treatment is defined as trauma to teeth and bones of the face, uncontrolled hemorrhage related to the mouth and jaws, pain that is not relieved with medication, and swelling.
- The Oral Health Division (OHD) suspended all Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) services in response to RCDSO recommendations as well as health promotion activities for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) clients. School screening activities were suspended as schools were closed as of March 16, 2020.
- While most OHD staff was seconded to COVID-19 activities, the remaining OHD staff members responded to oral health inquiries and coordinated access to urgent dental care within the community for HSO, OSDCP and OW clients. During the closure, OHD triaged **936** calls from the public requiring access to urgent dental care and made patient records for **714** people.
- Following guidance from the RCDSO and the Province, the Oral Health Clinic began a phased reopening on July 6, 2020. The clinic began taking clients by appointment only and increased clinic hours to support physical distancing, implemented the increased use of PPE, and installed a glass barrier at the front desk.
- Due to the rising number COVID-19 cases in October, more than half of OHD staff was re-deployed to COVID-19 response.
- Despite working with a significantly reduced workforce, OHD has continued to provide services to clients with urgent or essential needs.

- In October and November, the Oral Health Clinic saw **167** individual clients with **490** appointments. In October, 62 per cent of the clients were seniors and in November, 50 per cent of clients were seniors, as the clinic is not able to currently address preventive needs of children and youth.
- In 2020, the Oral Health Clinic saw **1,527** clients including children, youth and seniors.
- OHD continued to review dental claims for OW clients and paid claims for **913** OW clients from October to December. In 2020, claims were paid for **2,433** OW clients.
- OHD staff held **five** oral health promotion events during the summer months, including **three** virtual educational sessions for Durham College dental hygiene and assistant students; **one** virtual oral health promotion session for young parents through the Durham Catholic Secondary School Board; and **one** virtual presentation at the Canadian Association for Public Health Dentistry on the Durham Region Oral Health Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Design work continues for the new Oral Health Clinic and administrative office space at 200 John St. W. in Oshawa, with a target completion date of August 31, 2021.

d. Infectious Diseases

- Community immunization services continued to be provided to reduce the burden of vaccine preventable diseases. Between October to December, staff held **150** community clinics serving **4,517** clients to support the school-based immunization program. A total of **10,573** vaccines were administered in Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby, Port Perry, Uxbridge, Bowmanville and Sunderland.
- Prior to the launch of the influenza season, DRHD nurses conducted fridge inspections and provided education to all sites participating in the Universal Influenza Immunization Program to ensure the sites met requirements outlined in the Ministry of Health's Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines. A total of **72** organizations were inspected between October-December and **112,025** doses of influenza vaccine were distributed to healthcare providers across Durham Region, to support immunization efforts during influenza season. In addition, **163** influenza vaccines were provided by PHNs to high risk clients and priority populations, including individuals without OHIP, children under five years of age as well as persons sixty-five years of age and older without access to a health care provider.
- Sexual Health Clinics (SHCs) provide prevention and control services for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs). From October to December SHC staff completed **829** in-person appointments and **768** virtual assessments.
- Infectious disease staff conducted **122** virtual directly observed therapy (DOT) visits for **six** clients diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 COVID-19 continues to be a public health priority and will remain a priority for the foreseeable future. Data show that a significant risk of COVID-19 to the community remains.
- 6.2 An Adaptive Restoration Plan was developed which continues to be adjusted as new information becomes available.
- 6.3 Due to the increasing case numbers across the region, several program activities have had to be suspended again to manage resource requirements for COVID-19 response. DRHD remains flexible and continuously evaluates resources to ensure it has capacity to respond to the pandemic while offering regular programs when feasible.
- 6.4 Plans for the restoration of regular services through 2021 will be adjusted based on DRHD's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6.5 DRHD is committed to continue to keep the public and local partners informed of the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Memorandum

Date: January 29, 2021

To: Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council

From: Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works
Giuseppe Anello, M.Eng., P.Eng., PMP, Director, Waste Management Services

Copy: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director, Legislative Services
George Rocoski, Chair, EFW-WMAC
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington

Subject: Additional Follow-up to Municipality of Clarington Resolution #C-506-20 regarding Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) Motions to Works Committee

At the January 6, 2021, Durham Region (Region) Works Committee meeting, members were provided with a memo (attached) summarizing the motions made by the EFW-WMAC and follow-up action from the 2020 meetings. The memo was provided in response to concerns raised by Municipality of Clarington (Clarington) Council regarding the consideration being given to EFW-WMAC motions by Works Committee.

The EFW-WMAC is an advisory group reporting to Works Committee and was formed as a result of Regional Council direction and obligations within the Host Community Agreement between the Region and Clarington. The EFW-WMAC consists of four members selected by Clarington Council and five members selected from the other local area municipalities. The EFW-WMAC meets at least quarterly and advises on waste management issues.

In response to comments made during Works Committee, the Works Committee Chair and staff met with the Chair of EFW-WMAC, George Rocoski. The Chair of the EFW-WMAC has reviewed the attached memo

and has indicated that the list of EFW-WMAC motions is inclusive and there are no other concerns or follow-up required from the perspective of the EFW-WMAC Chair. The attached memo was also provided to Clarington in response to the concern that the EFW-WMAC motions were not receiving due consideration.

Subsequently, Works has recently received another motion from Clarington that recommends that the EFW-WMAC should report directly to Regional Council. This matter will be received at the February Works Committee.

It is noted that all Regional Advisory Committees report first to the appropriate Standing Committee. The Standing Committee then makes recommendations to Regional Council regarding actionable items coming from Regional Advisory Committees.

Staff will respond to the most recent Clarington motion in accordance with the direction of Works Committee.

Attachment: Memo dated January 4, 2021, presented to Works Committee on
January 6, 2021

End of Memo



The Regional
Municipality of
Durham

Works Department

Memorandum

Date: January 4, 2021

To: Regional Chair Henry and Members of Works Committee

From: Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works, and
Giuseppe Anello, M.Eng., P.Eng., PMP, Director, Waste
Management Services

Copy: Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington

Subject: Municipality of Clarington Resolution #C-506-20 regarding
Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory
Committee (EFW-WMAC) Motions to Works Committee

The recent correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated December 17, 2020, regarding the EFW-WMAC Annual Update requests that "...Council of the Municipality of Clarington encourages the Regional Public Works Committee to ensure that full consideration is given to motions brought forward by the EFW-WMAC."

This request came following the discussion related to the presentation on the EFW-WMAC activities in 2020 which also listed the motions passed by the committee. It was suggested that the majority of the motions were disregarded since they were "received for information".

The following table demonstrates how each of the motions were actioned.

Motion	Action Taken
<p>That a special EFW-WMAC meeting be called in the June/July timeframe once staff have received additional information and direction from the Province, to discuss the potential impacts on Durham Region regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and that potential meeting dates be sent to Committee members for review.</p>	<p>The draft regulation was issued October 29, 2020, and a presentation was given to the Committee on November 24, 2020.</p>
<p>That the EFW-WMAC request that staff review Durham Region's long-term waste management website to ensure all necessary and appropriate information, including but not limited to: Durham's current waste programs; what work is being proposed; any financial costs associated with the project; current and past tonnage data, as well as future projections; and, any related staff reports is posted and available to the public, and where possible links to the external websites with a summary</p>	<p>The website was updated with links to the documents suggested.</p>
<p>That the EFW-WMAC recommends that there be town hall meetings where the public can provide comments and ask questions of Durham Regional waste staff, and that it include at least one real time question and answer period on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP); and that the town hall meetings occur prior to the Plan outline being developed and presented to the Works Committee and Regional Council</p>	<p>Town Hall meeting was held November 5, 2020.</p>
<p>That the email correspondence and two references from Linda Gasser, dated September 21, 2020, regarding correspondence to September 22, 2020 EFW-WMAC – further to July 15, 2020 EFW-WMAC discussion re: LTWMP Guiding Principles (GP) correspondence be referred to Works staff for comment and for staff to answer the question of where the evidence is that shows Regional Council endorsed the guiding principles and report back to the Committee.</p>	<p>Response sent to Linda Gasser and Committee, November 24, 2020, and December 11, 2020.</p>
<p>That the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) guiding principles be amended as follows:</p> <p>A. That an additional guiding principle be added as the first principle that states that the priority of the plan is to improve reduction and reuse; and</p> <p>B. That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.</p>	<p>Guiding principles amended to include reduction and reuse.</p> <p>The term 'toxic load' refers to the accumulation of toxins and chemicals in our bodies and is therefore beyond the scope of the LTWMP. (see note below)</p>


Motion	Action Taken
<p>That the following list of suggested actions be forwarded to Works staff during the consideration of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear bag policy• Single use plastics• Increased enforcement• Increased education (including a list of pros and cons for every kind of waste management decision)• Providing details on cost• Benefits of mulching• Setting reduction targets and making those widely known to the public	<p>List was forwarded to staff for consideration.</p>

Each of the motions were discussed during the meeting and staff provided input and recommendations. If a motion is passed by the EFW-WMAC members (whether or not it is supported by staff), a recommendation is made to Works Committee. An example of this occurred when the EFW-WMAC passed a motion: “That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.”

Clarification on how this would be translated into an objective, target or action plan was not provided. Further investigation by staff indicated that the term ‘toxic load’ refers to the accumulation of toxins and chemicals in our bodies. This recommendation would be beyond the scope of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (and the expertise of Works staff).

End of Memo



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January 22, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Request for Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementation of a Plan to Phase-Out-Gas-Fired Electricity Generation

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on January 18, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following Resolution #C-021-21:

That the correspondence from Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton, Regarding Request for Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementation of a Plan to Phase-Out-Gas-Fired Electricity Generation, be received for information;

That the City of Hamilton be advised of the Municipality of Clarington's position on the matter as follows;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington strives to sustain our environment for future generations and to foster a healthy community that nurtures the wellbeing of residents to provide a high quality of life indefinitely;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington declared a Climate Emergency on February 18, 2020, acknowledging the important role of governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are contributing to climate change;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington recognizes governments have an important role in reducing the local and global environmental damages associated with the production, transportation and use of energy;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington is taking action to mitigate climate change through energy conservation and demand management planning and the development of the Clarington Corporate Climate Action Plan;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington has collaborated on the development of the Durham Community Energy Plan, which promotes the transition to low carbon energy to ensure the wellbeing of our community and environment;

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington recognizes the need for energy expenses to be minimized to alleviate the financial burden on residents, businesses and the municipality;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington respectfully requests the Government of Ontario take the following actions to reduce GHG emissions in the energy sector while promoting local economic development:


- Prioritize the incorporation of carbon-free energy sources into the Ontario power grid including wind, solar and nuclear;
- Invest in local renewable energy production, transmission and storage, to reduce GHG emissions and household energy expenses and create high quality new jobs in manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and recycling;
- Introduce programs to incentivize energy retrofits for all buildings, as the single most effective way to reduce energy demand, while encouraging local economic development and jobs in the building sector;
- Introduce programs and incentives to encourage the use of electric vehicles by the public, businesses and municipalities to offset GHG emissions from the transportation sector;

That this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs; The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham), David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland-Peterborough South);

That this resolution be sent to the Region of Durham and Durham Area Municipalities; and

That this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for circulation to municipalities with a request for endorsement.

Yours sincerely,


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

JG/cm

- c: The Honourable Greg Rickford, M.P.P., Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, Minister of Indigenous Affairs - greg.rickford@pc.ola.org
- The Honourable Jeff Yurek, M.P.P., Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks - minister.mecp@ontario.ca
- The Honourable Lindsey Park, M.P.P., Durham - lindsey.park@pc.ola.org
- The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South - david.piccini@pc.ola.org
- His Worship Fred Eisenberger Mayor of Hamilton - mayor@hamilton.ca
- Cheryl Bandel, Deputy Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham – clerks@durham.ca
- Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering - clerks@pickering.ca
- Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax - clerks@ajax.ca
- Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby - clerk@whitby.ca
- Becky Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Brock - bjamieson@townshipofbrock.ca
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- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - amo@amo.on.ca
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – info@fcm.ca
- F. Langmaid, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services
- D. Hoge, Climate Change Response Coordinator

Sent by Email

January 27, 2021

The Honourable Frank N. Marrocco, Chair
Ontario Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission
Info@LTCcommission-CommissionSLD.ca

Subject: Submission on Long-Term Care
File: A-1400-001-21

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on January 25, 2021 and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the neglect, underfunding and overcrowding of Ontario's long-term-care facilities and its impacts has worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic;

And Whereas these conditions have struck residents living in these facilities the hardest, resulting in thousands of needless deaths;

And Whereas immediate measurable action is required to address this crisis and save the lives of our vulnerable seniors and their caregivers;

And Whereas while there have been steps taken to prioritize vaccinations that will ultimately help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities, steps must be taken to focus on several longer-term systemic initiatives that will fundamentally change the relationships among government, businesses and our elders and related health-care staff;

And Whereas we believe that the residents of the City of Pickering and across Ontario want immediate action on these above-noted items and we urge our political leaders to take these actions to heart and move with haste to save lives;

And Whereas the Commission will receive written submissions from the public prior to the deadline of January 31, 2021;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering make the following submission of recommendations to Ontario's Long-Term Care

COVID-19 Commission:

1. The Province of Ontario immediately reinstate the mandatory inspection regime and introduce mandatory public reporting of all long-term care facilities, focus on infections, medical supply and long-term care staff availability, and appropriate access to local hospitalization and specialized care. And that provincial and municipal inspectors be deployed to assist this program;
2. The Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada provide the immediate emergency funds to hire additional full-time long-term care staff and raise the wages for all long-term care workers as the Government of Quebec has recently instituted;
3. The Province of Ontario establish an emergency rapid response task force comprised of trained infection-control health-care workers available to act immediately as emergencies are identified;
4. The Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario appoint independent federal and provincial ombuds respectively, with a national regulatory authority attached to Health Canada to receive and review all complaints and investigations from long-term care residents, their families and long-term care staff to oversee strict new long-term care standards related to ensuring humane care and residents' rights, staffing, and pay levels, building designs and usage of funds; and,
5. That the Clerk, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering, forward this resolution in advance of the January 31, 2021 deadline to Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission, and copies be sent to the Prime Minister, Durham MPs, Premier of Ontario, Durham MPPs and Region of Durham Council.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:rp

Copy: The Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Mark Holland, Member of Parliament, Ajax
The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Member of Parliament, Durham

Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament, Oshawa

Jennifer O'Connell, Member of Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge

Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, Ontario

Ryan Turnbull, Member of Parliament, Whitby

The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament, Pickering-Uxbridge

The Hon. Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament, Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock

Lorne Coe, Member of Provincial Parliament, Whitby

Jennifer K. French, Member of Provincial Parliament, Oshawa,

Lindsey Park, Member of Provincial Parliament, Durham

Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament, Ajax

Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham

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January 22, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

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Re: Resolution – Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations

Please be advised that, at its meeting of December 14, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the City of Hamilton Re: Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations, be supported.

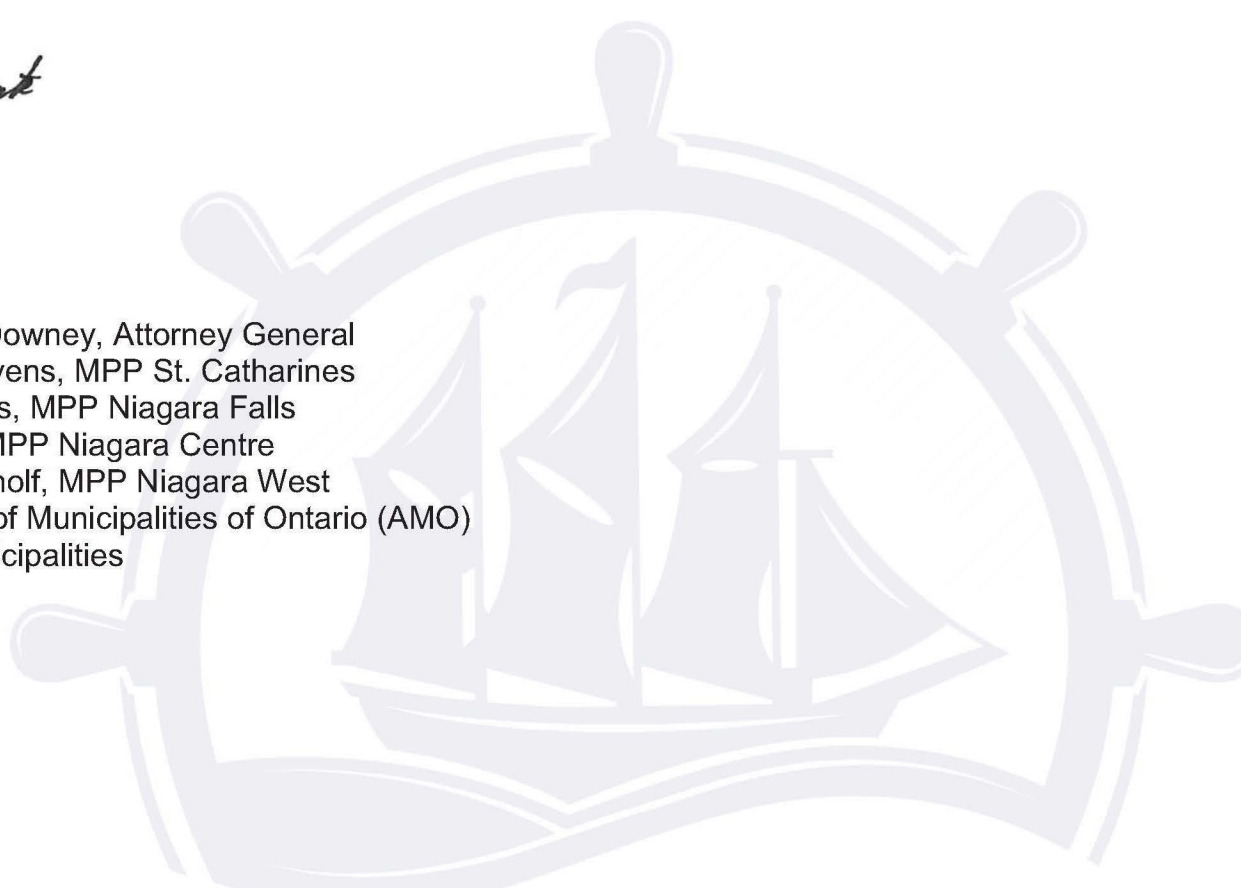
A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

ec: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Jennifer Stevens, MPP St. Catharines
Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls
Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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September 8, 2020

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

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

Subject: **Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations**

Dear Premier & Attorney General,

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on August 21, 2020, approved a motion, Item 6.1, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS in late 2019 the Province of Ontario announced that the AGCO had been given regulatory authority to open the market for retail cannabis stores beginning in January 2020, without the need for a lottery;

WHEREAS the AGCO has continued to send Cannabis Retail Store applications to the City of Hamilton for the required 15-day comment period,

WHEREAS the City has reviewed 61 Cannabis Retail Store applications for comment since January 2020;

WHEREAS the AGCO does not take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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- (a) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province consider amending its licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other cannabis locations.
- (b) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.
- (c) That Staff be requested to submit heat maps outlining the location of all proposed AGCO Cannabis Retail Store in the City on all AGCO Cannabis Retail Store applications.

As per the above, we write to request, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, that the appropriate legislative and regulatory changes be made and implemented to the AGCO licensing and application process to take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores as a condition of approval for a license.

Currently the City of Hamilton has reviewed 61 cannabis retail location applications since January 2020. Approximately 12 of these potential locations are within 50m (or less) of each other.

The City of Hamilton appreciates that the AGCO conducts a background search prior to approving any licenses, however the lack of separation between locations poses a community safety issue, as the over saturation in specific area(s)/wards, can negatively impact the surrounding community with increased traffic flow, and an overall “clustering” of stores within a small dense area.

The City of Hamilton is confident that radial separations from cannabis retail locations will have a significant positive impact on the community and allow for its residents to continue to enjoy a safe and healthy community lifestyle.

Sincerely,



Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

C: Hon. Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough-Glanbrook

Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition, MPP, Hamilton Centre

Hon. Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek

Hon. Monique Taylor, MPP, Hamilton Mountain

Hon. Sandy Shaw, MPP, Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas



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January 22, 2021

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Dear Premier Ford:

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VIA E-MAIL

Re: Resolution – Drainage Matters on Canadian National Railway Lands

Please be advised that, at its meeting of December 14, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Re: Drainage Matters on Canadian National Railway Lands, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

- ec: Hon. Omar Alghabra, Federal Minister of Transport
- Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Chris Bittle, MP St. Catharines
- Tony Baldinelli, MP Niagara Falls
- Vance Badawey, MP Niagara Centre
- Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
- Jennifer Stevens, MPP St. Catharines
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- Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre
- Sam Oosterhof, MPP Niagara West
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Ontario Municipalities



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at it's November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

Carried

Sincerely.

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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January 25, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor, 77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Re: Resolution – Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act

Please be advised that, at its meeting of December 14, 2020, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the Township of Howick Re: Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

ec: Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls
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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick



**Background Information to the Township of Howick
Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the
Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act**

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) "The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
 - [CFFO](#)
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
drainage@howick.ca

WHEREAS the operation, finance and regulatory compliance of elections is fully undertaken by municipalities themselves; and,

WHEREAS local governments are best poised to understand the representational needs and challenges of the body politic they represent, and when looking at alternative voting methods to ensure more people vote safely, it becomes more difficult to implement these alternatives with the proposed shorter period between Nomination day and the October 24, 2022 Election day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Council send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging that the Government of Ontario continues to respect Ontario municipalities' ability to apply sound representative principles in their execution of elections;

AND THAT the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Council recommends that the Government of Ontario supports the freedom of municipalities to run democratic elections within the existing framework the Act currently offers;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, AMO and AMCTO.

CARRIED



Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk



West Nipissing Ouest

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January 7, 2021

Honourable Ernie Hardeman
 Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 77 Grenville Street
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B3



Honourable Minister Hardeman:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES WITH EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL FUNDING

At its regular meeting held on January 5, 2021, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2021/11**, a copy of which is attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
 Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

- cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Minister of Transportation
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Marc Serré, MP
- John Vanthof, MPP
- Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2021 / 11

JANUARY 5, 2021

Moved by / *Proposé par* :

« Councillor Y. Duhaime »

Seconded by / *Appuyé par* :

« Councillor L. Sénécal »

WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received a request from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex seeking support for their resolution asking various levels of government to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's resolution seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

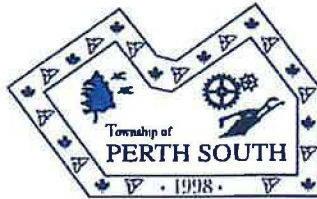
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also requests that the resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.

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DUHAIME, Yvon		
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ROVEDA, Dan		
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SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
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CARRIED: « Mayor Joanne Savage »

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DEFERRED OR TABLED: _____



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December 16, 2020

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk

Sent by email

RE: Drainage Matters & CN Rail

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South council held December 15, 2020 council received the resolution sent December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with CN Rail. The Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agrees that the situation needs to improve. Council directed staff to send a letter of support for your resolution.

If you require any additional information please contact me.

Regards,

Lizet Scott
Clerk

**Cc: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
John Nater, MP Perth Wellington
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities**



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

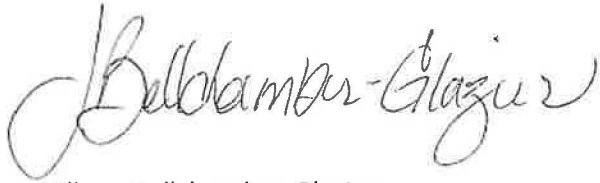
THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resoljution #2020-274

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bellchamber-Glazier".

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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January 26, 2021

Honourable Patty Hajdu
Federal Minister of Health
705 Red River Road, Suite 3
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1J3

Sent via E-mail: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honourable Minister:

Re: Resolution – Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 11, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That Council support the correspondence item attached as Appendix B from the Township of Blandford-Blenheim regarding Cannabis Production.


A copy of the above noted correspondence is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

Encl.

ec: Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Vance Badawey, MP Niagara Centre
Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre
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October 13, 2020

Emailed to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Re: Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 7th, 2020, the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: 2020-14

Moved by: Councillor Nancy Demarest

Seconded by: Councill Bruce Banbury

“That Whereas unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have increasingly become a problem in communities in Ontario as well as across the Country; and,

Whereas these operations are allowed to establish with little or no consultation with the local community and municipalities are often only made aware of their existence after conflicts arise with neighboring land owners; and,

Whereas loopholes in existing Federal legislation allow these large scale grow op’s to establish and operate without any of the regulations or protocols that licensed and monitored operations need to adhere to,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim urges the Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Regards,

Sarah Matheson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

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January 22, 2021

RE: Insurance Rates Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held January 20, 2021, passed the following resolution:

2021-39

Moved by Tom Allwood, Seconded by Aakash Desai

Whereas the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and

Whereas Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

Whereas these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

- 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.**
- 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.**
- 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.**
- 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.**
- 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as nonprofit insurance reciprocals.**
- 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments**

as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.

7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

Be it further resolved that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

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/ /

Jerri-Lynn Levitt
Deputy Clerk
Council and Legislative Services
Municipality of Grey Highlands



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From: lindapower
Sent: January 22, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>
Subject: Letter to all Durham Regional Council Members -- re: supported housing
Importance: High

TO CLERKS: Can you ensure that all Durham Regional Council members get a copy of this letter and that it is directed to the appropriate committee or Council meeting.

To Chair Henry and All Durham Regional Councillors:

I am writing today to request that the Region of Durham begin to take the housing crisis in the Region and especially in the City of Oshawa very seriously. The Region has the funds (in reserve funds) that would allow them to begin to address this ever worsening emergency and crisis.

The Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness has hired a company called OrgCode Consulting, Inc. who work and advise on providing solutions for homelessness.

OrgCode Consulting, Inc. released their report on October 27, 2020 regarding 133 Main Street in Beaverton, Supportive Housing Suitability Study.

www.durham.ca/en/resources/133-Main-Beaverton-Durham-Region-Final-Report-October-27-2020.pdf

I found their study very interesting and would like to point out some important points made in the report for those that might not have read it.

The first point in the report that I feel is very important covers the principles of Supportive Housing;

"CORE PRINCIPLES OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Supportive housing adheres to a set of core principles:

- Housing First is the foundation: the five core elements of Housing First are implemented within supportive housing.

These are:

- No housing readiness requirements – people with long histories of homelessness, mental illness, addiction, economic poverty, trauma, brain injuries, etc. are welcome without having to jump through hoops or prove they are worthy.
- Individual choice is key – people make an informed decision of whether or not they want to live in any particular community or building within the community. Residents make informed decisions on the supports they want to receive and intensity of those services.
- Recovery orientation – a strong emphasis is placed on mental health recovery, recovery from homelessness, and reducing harm associated with higher risk behaviour to decrease or cease participation in higher risk behaviours.
- Individualized service planning – no two residents have the same support plan; it is based upon the unique strengths and barriers each resident faces.
- Social and community integration – people are encouraged and supported in finding meaningful daily activities within the housing, and are further encouraged to engage with the broader community like civic events and use of amenities like parks and natural spaces.
- Services are assertive, but remain voluntary: staff engage and check in on residents regularly, whether the resident has requested the assistance or not, to ensure everyone has their needs met and to work on longer-term goals. Residents have the right to refuse services, but that does not stop the services from being offered frequently.
- Integration with existing communities: supportive housing is integrated into existing communities of diverse characteristics and sizes – both urban and rural. The form of supportive housing can take many forms from stand-alone multi-unit residential buildings to scattered site apartments to single-family homes.
- Services are linked to housing: the aim is to ensure the residents stay housed. Mechanisms are put in place to help people pay their rent, and understand their responsibilities of being a program participant and resident. Rights and responsibilities are made transparent to residents, and they are supported in exercising the rights and responsibilities they are afforded.
- Services are diverse: directly and through partnerships, support services look at the whole person, and assist with mental health, chronic physical health conditions, substance use, access to income and/or employment, and, access to meaningful daily activities and socio-recreational opportunities within and/or outside of the dwelling."

The second point shows the importance of supported housing and how effective it can be to solving so many problems in the community at the same time being cost effective:

"SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HAS PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE

When the support services are delivered with fidelity to best practice, empirical research on supportive housing continues to demonstrate it is effective from a resident-outcome perspective, as well as being cost effective. Some of the highlights of that research indicate:

- Residents of supportive housing are more likely to stay housed than return to homelessness;
- People with substance use disorders, mental illness, chronic illness, other types of disabilities, and long-term chronic homelessness are, overall, more successful in supportive housing;
- People with a history of incarceration are less likely to re-offend when living in supportive housing;
- Supportive housing reduces use of costly health and emergency services, and reduces use of costly homelessness services amongst the most chronically homeless persons housed."

The third is very positive in that it looks like the proposed project for Beaverton has great opportunity for success and should be just the beginning of more new projects addressing the lack of supportive housing for our unsheltered.

"It is the expert opinion of OrgCode Consulting, Inc. that the supportive housing is suitable for Beaverton so long as the support services operator is effective. Neither the location nor volume of units in the building are likely to result in project or program failure. However, insufficient or ineffective support services might. If support services are of excellent quality, then Beaverton is an excellent opportunity for 50 people with histories of homelessness and housing instability to have a new community to call home."

The fourth and fifth points are very important as they indicate that so much more has to be done and done quickly. I am a resident of the City of Oshawa and I can no longer look away while so many go unsheltered and in need. I can no longer look away while our City of Oshawa is diminished because of the complicated problems of people with chronic homelessness and complex housing needs -- needs that are not being met or even addressed.

"ONTARIO AND REGION OF DURHAM CONTEXT

There are less than 25,000 units of supportive housing throughout the province specifically for people who have experienced chronic homelessness, and/or live with mental illness and/or substance use addiction. About a third of these have been developed over the last 20 years. Meanwhile, demand and waitlists for supportive housing have increased considerably. The Central East Local Health Integration Network funds less than 30 supportive housing projects for people with addictions or mental illness – which represents slightly less than 10% of all LHIN funded supportive housing in the province. The Region of Durham with a population in the neighbourhood of 700,000 residents, and at least 290 people experiencing homelessness every night according to Point in Time Count data, needs more supportive housing."

"The Region of Durham needs additional supportive housing throughout the Region. While some housing with support services have been added, until recent funding opportunities were available, and until the urgency to house homeless persons was reinforced by the unsafe realities for people who are homeless during COVID-19, the Region has been incapable of realizing more supportive housing. Even with the addition of 50 units of supportive housing in Beaverton, the Region will only be at 11% of its 10 year supportive housing development target – and that is just to maintain the status quo in meeting the housing needs of higher acuity individuals who are homeless or unstably housed in the Region. Without more supportive housing, there will be volumes of higher acuity people who are homeless that need housing and supports at such a rate that it will overwhelm the homelessness response system."

This indicates that even after the development of the project in Beaverton, our Region will only be at 11% of its 10 year supportive housing development target -- that is not good enough and the Region has the money to do much more and should be doing so much more.

Our Region can no longer rely on the goodness of volunteers and faith based groups. Our Region can no longer allow destitute people to go without homes when they have funds sitting in reserve (funds provided by taxpayers) and yet do minimal to nothing to solve the problem.

A safe home is a basic human right and it is a Regional responsibility to provide those safe and appropriate homes.

Linda Power



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Member of Conservation Ontario

January 27, 2021

via upload to the Environmental Registry

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Dear Provincial Planning Policy Branch:

**Subject: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Comments for Proposed Implementation of Provisions in the Planning Act that Provide the Minister Enhanced Authority to Address Certain Matters as Part of a Zoning Order
Environmental Registry of Ontario Notice Number 019-2811
CLOCA IMS No: ASLA3**

At their meeting of January 19, 2021 the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) Board of Directors passed the following Resolution:

Res. #14 Moved by D. Mitchell
Seconded by D. Pickles

THAT the Analysis Commentary in Staff Report 5722-21 be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario and Conservation Ontario as CLOCA's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting 019-2811; and, THAT Staff Report 5722-21 be circulated to Watershed Municipalities and adjacent Conservation Authorities for their information. **CARRIED**

Accordingly, please find the attached report and attachments enclosed with this letter for detailed commentary.

What we do on the land is mirrored in the water

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

January 27, 2021

In summary:

- CLOCA requests, in relation to site plan control powers, that the site planning functions, which are very technical and require local expertise to be implemented properly, be left exclusively with municipalities through a corresponding repeal of that power from Section 47 of the Planning Act.
- With respect to the use of the new MZO powers, CLOCA recommends that the Minister should consult with CLOCA on the application review and the proponent should be required to submit the review fees that would otherwise be due if the application was reviewed locally.
- Regarding best practices and guidance, CLOCA comments that a key best practice would be to ensure that any Minister's decisions are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS). It is recommended that Section 47 of the Planning Act be amended to explicitly make this a requirement in the section. Further, the Minister should commit to consult with conservation authorities if an application has a relationship to natural hazards such as flooding or erosion that is within a Regulated Area under the Conservation Authorities Act, or a natural heritage issue where the Region of Durham or a local municipality would rely on CLOCA for expert technical input.

Yours truly,



Chris Jones, MCIP, RPP

Director of Planning and Regulation

CJ/

Encl. CLOCA Staff Report 5722-21 and attachments

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REPORT

CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

DATE: January 19, 2021
FILE: ASLA3
S.R.: 5722-21
TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM: Chris Jones, Director, Planning and Regulation
SUBJECT: **Provincial Consultation on Implementation of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) Powers**

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

The purpose of this report is to introduce and provide commentary in relation to a provincial consultation on Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) powers in response to a recent policy proposal posted to the *Environmental Registry of Ontario*.

Background

On December 16, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) posted a notice on the *Environmental Registry of Ontario* regarding changes to Minister's Zoning Order powers in Section 47 of the *Planning Act* that were enacted in 2020 and came into force as of July 21, 2020 (Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*). A copy of Section 47, as amended, is included as **Attachment No. 1** to this report.

The *Planning Act* gives the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to zone any property in Ontario by issuing a zoning order (MZO). Currently, when a zoning order is issued by the Minister, a municipality's Site Plan Control powers are used to implement the zoning to address site plan matters for the subject lands (i.e. even with a provincially ordered zoning for a parcel of land, municipal site planning implements the finer points of detailed design for a development including important issues reviewed by CLOCA such as grading, stormwater management and landscape design in relation to environmental features).

The recently enacted legislative changes to the *Planning Act* provide more powers to the Minister's authority for zoning orders across the province including the ability to remove municipal implementing roles related to Site Plan Control and to make amendments to existing MZO without giving public notice. This enhanced authority does not apply to lands within the Greenbelt Area, which encompasses around half of the CLOCA watershed.

MMAH is now inviting comment on the use of the new additional MZO powers, including Site Plan Control. According to the registry posting, feedback is requested as to whether the new MZO powers:

- should be expanded, repealed or otherwise adjusted;
- how the new MZO powers ought to be used;
- circumstances where new powers would be helpful and circumstances where it might be better not used;
- whether there are best practices that might be articulated to guide implementation.

A copy of the full environment registry posting is included as **Attachment No. 2** to this report.

Analysis

Previously, the Minister's MZO powers under the *Planning Act* were infrequently used and most site-level planning decisions in Ontario were left with municipalities to administer through the normal course of land use planning, including public notice and local democratic implementation. The current provincial government has chosen to make use of the Minister's MZO power more frequently.

On December 3rd, 2020, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) –the organization that represents professional planners in Ontario– wrote to the Minister with respect to the increased use of the MZO powers and articulated several concerns including the potential creation of new delays as planning approvals shift from the local municipal level to Queen’s Park, the introduction of new uncertainty and risk into real estate markets and an overall undermining of public trust in the land use planning process. OPPI recommended that the province commit to establishing transparent provincial criteria on the use of MZO’s for provincially significant priority projects and commit to reduced reliance on MZO and instead rely on measures to streamline the overall municipal planning process. A copy of OPPI’s letter to the Minister is included as **Attachment No. 3** to this report.

The remainder of the analysis in this report is scoped specifically to CLOCA’s policy, regulatory and operational interests in the MZO’s in its role as a public commenting body on land use applications within the watershed, specifically in relation to natural hazards associated with flooding and erosion.

Should the additional MZO powers be expanded, repealed or otherwise adjusted?

In relation to site plan control, it is recommended that the site planning functions, which are very technical and require local expertise to be implemented properly, be left exclusively with municipalities through a corresponding repeal of that power from Section 47 of the Planning Act.

Where appropriate, CLOCA provides input into the site plan control process with respect to stormwater management, including low-impact stormwater management measures, grading and landscaping measures where there are natural hazards or environmental features that require conservation, protection or management in relation to the development of a site. Often, the site plan review at the municipal level allows for CLOCA’s technical review under the Section 28 regulation to be undertaken up front and thereby streamlining the permit approval process for sites that have a natural hazard component and are subject to the regulation.

How should the new MZO powers ought to be used?

*In considering an application that has a relationship to natural hazards such as flooding or erosion, that is within a Regulated Area under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, or a natural heritage issue where the Region of Durham or a local municipality would rely on CLOCA for expert technical input, it is recommended that the Minister should consult with CLOCA on the application review and the proponent should be required to submit the review fees that would otherwise be due if the application was reviewed locally.*

Whether there are best practices that might be articulated to guide implementation?

A key best practice would be to *ensure that any Minister’s decisions are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS). It is recommended that Section 47 of the Planning Act be amended to explicitly make this a requirement in the section.* The PPS contains basic, fundamental planning policy directions related to the wise use and management of resources and protecting public health and safety through the management of hazards. In 2020, following recommendations of the Provincial Special Advisor on Flooding, the following critical directions were added to the PPS:

“Mitigating potential risk to public health or safety or of property damage from natural hazards, including the risks that may be associated with the impacts of a changing climate, will require the Province, planning authorities, and conservation authorities to work together” [emphasis added]

Working together to achieve this critical provincial objective for protecting public health and safety through good land use planning should place an obligation on the Minister, in considering an MZO decision, to first work with the local conservation authority in relation to any natural hazard issues that might exist.

Accordingly, *the Minister should commit to consult with conservation authorities if an application has a relationship to natural hazards such as flooding or erosion that is within a Regulated Area under the Conservation Authorities Act, or a natural heritage issue where the Region of Durham or a local municipality would rely on CLOCA for expert technical input.*

Conclusion

In considering the use of the MZO powers, the Minister should enable local municipal expertise with respect to site plan control, should commit to make decisions in conformity with the *Provincial Policy Statement* while consulting with local conservation authorities when natural hazards are present.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Analysis Commentary in Staff Report 5722 -21 be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario and Conservation Ontario as CLOCA's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting 019-2811; and, THAT Staff Report 5722-21 be circulated to Watershed Municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament and adjacent Conservation Authorities for their information.

Attachment 1- Section 47

Attachment 2- Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting

Attachment 3- Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Letter

Power of Minister re zoning and subdivision control

47 (1) The Minister may by order,

- (a) in respect of any land in Ontario, exercise any of the powers conferred upon councils by section 34, 38 or 39, but subsections 34 (11) to (34) do not apply to the exercise of such powers; and
- (b) in respect of any land in Ontario, exercise the powers conferred upon councils by subsection 50 (4). R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (1); 1994, c. 23, s. 27 (1).

Power of Minister to allow minor variances

(2) Where an order has been made under clause (1) (a), the Minister, in respect of the lands affected by the order, has all the powers in respect of such order as a committee of adjustment has under subsections 45 (1) and (2) in respect of a by-law passed under section 34, but subsections 45 (4) to (8) and (10) to (20) do not apply to the exercise by the Minister of such powers. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (2).

Order prevails over by-law in event of conflict

(3) In the event of a conflict between an order made under clause (1) (a) and a by-law that is in effect under section 34 or 38, or a predecessor thereof, the order prevails to the extent of such conflict, but in all other respects the by-law remains in full force and effect. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (3).

Deemed by-law of municipality

(4) The Minister may, in the order or by separate order, provide that all or part of an order made under clause (1) (a) and any amendments to it in respect of land in a municipality, the council of which has the powers conferred by section 34, shall be deemed for all purposes, except the purposes of section 24, to be and to always have been a by-law passed by the council of the municipality in which the land is situate. 2001, c. 9, Sched. J, s. 2 (1).

Interpretation, “specified land”

(4.1) In subsections (4.3) to (4.16),

“specified land” means land other than land in the Greenbelt Area within the meaning of the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Exclusion of land in Greenbelt Area

(4.2) For greater certainty, the land in the Greenbelt Area that is excluded from the definition of “specified land” in subsection (4.1) is the area of land designated under clause 2 (1) (a) of the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* which, pursuant to subsection 2 (2) of that Act, includes,

- (a) the areas covered by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan established under section 3 of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001*;
- (b) the areas covered by the Niagara Escarpment Plan established under section 3 of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, and
- (c) such areas of land as may be described in the regulations made under the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Site plan control and inclusionary zoning, specified land

(4.3) The Minister may, in an order made under clause (1) (a) that applies to specified land,

- (a) provide that section 41 of this Act and section 114 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* do not apply in respect of all or a specified part of the specified land described in the order;
- (b) require that a person who owns all or any part of the specified land described in the order enter into one or more agreements with a municipality in which all or part of the specified land is situate dealing with some or all of the matters listed in subsection (4.4); and
- (c) exercise any of the powers conferred on councils by subsections 35.2 (1) and (2) in respect of all or a specified part of the specified land described in the order. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3; 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Matters that may be dealt with in agreement

(4.4) The matters referred to in clause (4.3) (b) are the following, subject to subsection (4.6):

1. A requirement that any development, within the meaning of subsection 41 (1), on all or a specified part of the specified land described in the order be undertaken in accordance with,

- i. plans showing the location of all buildings and structures to be erected and showing the location of all facilities and works to be provided in conjunction therewith and of all facilities and works as may be required by a condition imposed under paragraph 2, including facilities designed to have regard for accessibility for persons with disabilities, and
 - ii. drawings showing plan, elevation and cross-section views for each building to be erected, except a building to be used for residential purposes containing fewer than 25 dwelling units, which drawings are sufficient to display,
 - A. the massing and conceptual design of the proposed building,
 - B. the relationship of the proposed building to adjacent buildings, streets and exterior areas to which members of the public have access,
 - C. the provision of interior walkways, stairs, elevators and escalators to which members of the public have access from streets, open spaces and interior walkways in adjacent buildings,
 - D. matters relating to exterior design, including without limitation the character, scale, appearance and design features of buildings, and their sustainable design,
 - E. matters relating to exterior access to each building that will contain affordable housing units or to any part of such a building, but only to the extent that it is a matter of exterior design,
 - F. the sustainable design elements on any adjoining highway under a municipality's jurisdiction, including without limitation trees, shrubs, hedges, plantings or other ground cover, permeable paving materials, street furniture, curb ramps, waste and recycling containers and bicycle parking facilities, and
 - G. facilities designed to have regard for accessibility for persons with disabilities.
2. Anything that may be imposed as a condition by a municipality under subsection 41 (7) of this Act or subsection 114 (11) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.
 3. Anything that may be imposed as a condition by an upper-tier municipality under subsection 41 (8). 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Same, Minister's direction

(4.5) If an order made under clause (1) (a) includes a requirement described in clause (4.3) (b) to enter into an agreement, the Minister may, at any time before or after the agreement has been entered into, provide the parties with written direction concerning the agreement. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Contents of Minister's direction

(4.6) Without limiting the generality of subsection (4.5), the Minister's direction may,

- (a) provide that one or more of the matters listed in subsection (4.4) shall not be dealt with in an agreement; or
- (b) specify how any matter listed in subsection (4.4) shall be addressed in an agreement. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Compliance with Minister's direction

(4.7) The parties that are required under clause (4.3) (b) to enter into an agreement shall ensure that,

- (a) if the Minister gives direction under subsection (4.5) before the agreement is entered into, the agreement complies with the direction; and
- (b) if the Minister gives direction under subsection (4.5) after the agreement is entered into, the agreement is amended to comply with the direction. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Effect of non-compliance

(4.8) A provision of an agreement entered into pursuant to a requirement described in clause (4.3) (b) is of no effect to the extent that it does not comply with a direction the Minister gives under subsection (4.5). 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Same, timing of Minister's direction

(4.9) Subsection (4.8) applies whether the Minister's direction is given before or after the agreement has been entered into. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Non-application of *Legislation Act, 2006*, Part III

(4.10) Part III (Regulations) of the *Legislation Act, 2006* does not apply to a direction given by the Minister under subsection (4.5). 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Restriction on matters in subs. (4.4), par. 1

(4.11) The following matters relating to buildings described in subparagraph 1 ii of subsection (4.4) shall not be dealt with in an agreement entered into pursuant to a requirement described in clause (4.3) (b):

1. The interior design.
2. The layout of interior areas, excluding interior walkways, stairs, elevators and escalators referred to in subparagraph 1 ii C of subsection (4.4).
3. The manner of construction and construction standards. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Enforceability of agreement

(4.12) If an agreement is entered into between the owner of land and a municipality in accordance with a requirement described in clause (4.3) (b),

- (a) the agreement may be registered against the land to which it applies; and
- (b) the municipality may enforce the agreement against the owner and, subject to the *Registry Act* and the *Land Titles Act*, any and all subsequent owners of the land. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Inclusionary zoning policies

(4.13) If an order is made under clause (1) (a) in which the Minister exercises a power described in clause (4.3) (c), the Minister may do one or both of the following:

1. Require that any owner of lands, buildings or structures that are to be developed or redeveloped under the order and the municipality in which all or part of the specified land is situate enter into one or more agreements dealing with any or all of the matters mentioned in clauses 35.2 (2) (a) to (h) and ensuring continued compliance with the matters dealt with in the agreement.
2. Require that any owner of lands, buildings or structures that are to be developed or redeveloped under the order enter into one or more agreements with the Minister dealing with any or all of the matters mentioned in clauses 35.2 (2) (a) to (h) and ensuring continued compliance with the matters dealt with in the agreement. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Same

(4.14) An order containing a requirement described in paragraph 1 of subsection (4.13) is deemed to be a by-law passed by the council of the relevant local municipality for the purposes of subsections 35.2 (3) to (9) and a municipality that is a party to an agreement mentioned in that paragraph shall take the steps required under those subsections. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Same

(4.15) If an agreement is entered into in accordance with a requirement described in subsection (4.13),

- (a) the agreement may be registered against the land to which it applies; and
- (b) the Minister may enforce the agreement against the owner and, subject to the *Registry Act* and the *Land Titles Act*, any and all subsequent owners of the land. 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Same

(4.16) An order made under clause (1) (a) in which the Minister exercises a power described in clause (4.3) (c) applies regardless of whether the official plan in effect in the relevant local municipality contains policies described in subsection 16 (4). 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Notice

(5) No notice or hearing is required prior to the making of an order under subsection (1) but the Minister shall give notice of any such order within thirty days of the making thereof in such manner as the Minister considers proper. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (5); 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (1).

Idem

(6) The Minister shall cause a duplicate or certified copy of an order made under clause (1) (a),

- (a) where the land affected is situate in a local municipality, to be lodged in the office of the clerk of the municipality, or where the land affected is situate in two or more local municipalities, in the office of the clerk of each of such municipalities; and
- (b) where the land affected is situate in territory without municipal organization, to be lodged in the proper land registry office, where it shall be made available to the public as a production. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (6); 2002, c. 17, Sched. B, s. 17.

Registration

(7) The Minister shall cause a certified copy or duplicate of an order made under clause (1) (b) to be registered in the proper land registry office. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (7).

Revocation or amendment

(8) An amendment to any order made under subsection (1), or the revocation in whole or in part of such an order, may be initiated by the Minister or on request to the Minister by any person or public body. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (2).

Consolidated Hearings Act

(8.0.1) Despite the *Consolidated Hearings Act*, the proponent of an undertaking shall not give notice to the Hearings Registrar under subsection 3 (1) of that Act in respect of a request under subsection (8) unless the Minister has referred the request to the Tribunal under subsection (10). 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (2).

Information

(8.1) A request under subsection (8) shall include the prescribed information and material and such other information or material as the Minister may require. 1993, c. 26, s. 57 (2).

Refusal to consider

(8.2) The Minister may refuse to accept or further consider a request under subsection (8) until the prescribed information and material and the required fee are received. 1994, c. 23, s. 27 (3).

Action by Minister

(9) If the Minister initiates an amendment or revocation of an order made under subsection (1) or receives a request to amend or revoke the order, the Minister shall give notice or cause to be given notice of the proposed amendment or revocation in such manner as the Minister considers proper and shall allow such period of time as he or she considers appropriate for the submission of representations in respect of the proposed amendment or revocation. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Exception re notice — order exercising powers under subs. (4.3)

(9.1) Subsection (9) does not apply with respect to an order under clause (1) (a) if, in the order, the Minister has exercised any of the powers in subsection (4.3). 2020, c. 18, Sched. 17, s. 3.

Referral of request under subs. (8)

(10) The Minister may refer a request made under subsection (8) to the Tribunal. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

(10.1) REPEALED: 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Hearing by Tribunal

(11) If the Minister refers the request to the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall conduct a hearing. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Notice of hearing

(12) Notice of the hearing shall be given in such manner and to such persons as the Tribunal may determine. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

(12.1)-(12.3) REPEALED: 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Recommendation

(13) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Tribunal shall make a written recommendation to the Minister stating whether the Minister should approve the requested amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, make modifications and approve the requested amendment or revocation as modified or refuse the requested amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, and giving reasons for the recommendation. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

(13.1)-(13.5) REPEALED: 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Notice of recommendation

(14) A copy of the recommendation of the Tribunal shall be sent to each person who appeared at the hearing and made representations and to any person who in writing requests a copy of the recommendation. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Decision to amend or revoke

(15) After considering representations received under subsection (9), if any, and the recommendation of the Tribunal under subsection (13), if there is one, the Minister may, by order, amend or revoke in whole or in part the order made under subsection (1). 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

Notice of decision

(16) The Minister shall forward a copy of his or her decision to amend or revoke in whole or in part the order to the clerk of each municipality or secretary-treasurer of each planning board which is within the area covered by the amendment and any person who in writing requests a copy of the decision. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 3, s. 15 (3).

(17) REPEALED: 1994, c. 23, s. 27 (8).

Effect of land use order

(18) An order of the Minister made under clause (1) (b) has the same effect as a by-law passed under subsection 50 (4). R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, s. 47 (18).

Deemed by-law

(19) The Minister may, in the order or by separate order, provide that all or part of an order made under clause (1) (a) and any amendments to it in respect of land in the planning area of a planning board shall be deemed to be and to always have been a by-law passed under section 34 by the planning board in which the land is situate. 2001, c. 9, Sched. J, s. 2 (2).



Proposed implementation of provisions in the Planning Act that provide the Minister enhanced authority to address certain matters as part of a zoning order

ERQ (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-2811
Notice type	Policy
Act	Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	December 16, 2020
Comment period	December 16, 2020 - January 30, 2021 (45 days) Open
Last updated	December 16, 2020

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m.

on:

January 30, 2021

Proposal summary

We are inviting comments concerning changes to certain legislative provisions in the *Planning Act* now in force with the enactment of Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* that enable the Minister to address site plan matters and apply inclusionary zoning as part of a zoning order.

Proposal details

The *Planning Act* gives the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to zone any property in Ontario by issuing a zoning order. Currently, when a zoning order is issued by the Minister, a municipality that uses the site plan control tool in the Act has the authority to address site plan matters for that area. The recently enacted legislative changes to the *Planning Act* enhance

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the Minister's authority for zoning orders across the province. This enhanced authority does not apply to lands within the Greenbelt Area. The enhanced authority allows the Minister to:

- require inclusionary zoning affordable housing (inclusionary zoning),
- remove municipal use of site plan control and require agreements between the municipality and development proponent (or landowner) concerning site plan matters, and;
- make amendments to Minister's Zoning Orders that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice.

An enhanced Minister's Zoning Order could help to overcome potential barriers and development delays. The proposed new authority could be used to support the delivery of transit station infrastructure and the optimization of surplus lands (e.g. (for example), affordable housing and long term care homes), provide increased certainty for strategic projects, remove potential approvals delays, increase the availability of affordable housing, provide additional value capture to enable economic recovery.

Amendments to section 47 the *Planning Act* in force as of July 21, 2020 with the enactment of Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*:

Section 47 of the *Planning Act* now provides the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to zone any property in the province. Prior to the enactment of Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, the Minister's authority to zone land did not include the authority to address site plan matters, or to require affordable housing units through inclusionary zoning.

Recent changes to section 47 of the *Planning Act* were set out in Schedule 17 of Bill 197, the *COVID Economic Recovery Act, 2020*. This bill received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020. These recent amendments to section 47 of the *Planning Act* give the Minister enhanced powers related to site plan control and inclusionary zoning. However, this enhanced authority would not be available to be used within the Greenbelt Area (i.e. (in other words), lands in the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan Protected Countryside and Urban River Valleys). Ontario Regulation 59/05, Designation of Greenbelt Area, provides all the specific geographical detail and references the precise legal boundaries of the Greenbelt Area.

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These recent legislative changes to section 47 of the *Planning Act* also provide authority for the Minister to amend an enhanced zoning order without giving notice beforehand.

Inclusionary Zoning

Inclusionary zoning is a land-use planning tool that may be used to require affordable housing units to be built in proposed developments. The recently enacted changes to section 47 of the *Planning Act* provide the Minister with authority, as part of an order zoning land outside the Greenbelt Area, to use inclusionary zoning to require affordable housing units in proposed developments. These changes would also allow the Minister to require agreements between the landowner and the municipality or the landowner and the Minister to address inclusionary zoning matters and to ensure continued compliance with affordable housing requirements.

Site Plan Control

Site plan is an optional tool under the *Planning Act* that allows the council of a local municipality to control certain matters on and around a site proposed for development. This control over detailed site-specific matters, such as access (for pedestrians and vehicles), walkways, lighting, waste facilities, landscaping, drainage, and exterior design, ensures that a development proposal is properly planned and designed, fits in with the surrounding uses and minimizes any negative impacts. The recent amendments to section 47 of the *Planning Act* allow the Minister to address site plan matters in areas covered by a zoning order, where needed. The new authority to address site plan matters could be used in conjunction with a new Minister's Zoning Order or an amendment to an existing Minister's Zoning Order.

This authority, if utilized by the Minister, would supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister so provides in a zoning order. Through the zoning order the Minister could require a municipality and a development proponent (or landowner) to enter into an agreement dealing with matters related to site plan control (i.e. (in other words), the same types of matters that may be addressed through typical site plan control). However, the Minister will be able to give binding direction outside the zoning order concerning the agreement to scope the matters that need to be addressed or to specify how the matters are to be addressed.

Implementation of Enhanced Minister's Zoning Orders

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The Ministry is inviting public comment on the use of these enhanced powers regarding site plan control and inclusionary zoning in zoning orders. The Ministry is interested in hearing feedback as to whether the legislative changes made in this regard by Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* should be expanded, repealed or otherwise adjusted. Further the Ministry is interested in feedback as to how this enhanced authority, subject to any potential changes that might be made to it, ought to be used. As noted above, the new authority could be used to support the development of transit-oriented communities, the development of projects of strategic importance, the optimization of surplus lands (e.g. (for example), affordable housing, long term care homes and other health care facilities) or other recovery efforts (e.g. (for example), economic development and job creation). The Ministry is interested in feedback regarding circumstances where this enhanced authority could be particularly helpful and circumstances where it might be better not used.

The Ministry will meaningfully consider all feedback received and determine whether changes should be made to the provisions of section 47 of the *Planning Act* enacted by Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* and, assuming the provisions are maintained, at least in part, whether there are best practices that might be articulated to guide the implementation of this enhanced authority.

Supporting materials

Related links

[Planning Act \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p13\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p13)

[Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 \(See Schedule 17\) \(https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-197\)](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-197)

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Let us know what you think of our proposal.

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Dear Minister,

Re: Increased Use of Minister's Zoning Orders

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) represents over 4,000 Registered Professional Planners (RPPs) from across the province. RPPs have gone through an extensive education, experience, and examination process to become qualified and are employed in municipalities, public agencies, private sector, not-for-profits, academia, and senior levels of government. OPPI, on behalf of the planning profession in Ontario, is a trusted and reliable source of information about land use planning and the planning process.

We recognize the Ontario government's interest in streamlining the planning process as it relates to priority projects integral to COVID-19 recovery including affordable housing, senior living environments and transit projects. Separately, OPPI has worked with Ministry staff and industry stakeholders including AMO, RPCO, OHBA, BILD and OBOA, to provide you with recommendations around delegation of approvals from elected Councils to qualified municipal staff and measures to strengthen oversight of the planning profession. We believe these measures are integral to COVID - 19 recovery efforts.

OPPI appreciates the potential efficacy of Section 47 of the Planning Act and the use of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO's) to assist with economic recovery. MZO's are effective in substantially streamlining timelines associated with planning applications, public notice, consultation, Committee and Council deliberations and appeals. However, the significant increase in use of MZO's over the past several months warrants a cautionary approach as they have the potential to:

- **Create delays as planning approvals shift from the local community level to Queen's Park.** During the 1980s and 1990s, previous Progressive Conservative governments recognized the benefits of a policy-led planning system. Routine approvals such as Plans of Subdivision were transferred from MMAH to municipalities. The provincial role was focused on setting policy through legislation, the Provincial Policy Statement(s) and Provincial Plans. Municipalities and their planners were given responsibility for local approvals. The opportunity for project proponents to obtain an MZO "fast track" has the potential to create significant bottlenecks at Queen's Park which would negate the intent of the MZOs. Including some level of local expertise

is necessary to ensure efficient and effective local planning that is sensitive to the wider range of issues affecting the host community and their neighbours – particularly on matters as close to the ground as zoning or site plan control and the preservation of the public interest in development agreements with municipalities.

- **Introduce uncertainty and risk into real estate markets.** Local businesses and homeowners make investments in Ontario real estate based on neighbourhood characteristics codified in planning documents like municipal Official Plans. Increased use of MZO's has the potential to introduce unexpected impacts on neighbouring properties and their mortgagees. This uncertainty and risk can further destabilize what are already volatile property markets in key Ontario locations.
- **Undermine public trust in the planning process.** Since the rationale for selecting one project over another for the use of an MZO is not transparent or published, public allegations of arbitrariness and favouritism will continue to be challenging issues for the government to manage.

OPPI offers two recommendations to help mitigate the drawbacks associated with the current increased use of MZO's:

1. **In the immediate term, commit to establishing transparent provincial criteria on the use of MZO's for provincially significant, priority projects** Transparent criteria would reduce uncertainty in the public's eye and help to lessen the likelihood of an approvals bottleneck as proponents attempt to shift routine applications from municipal to MMAH staff.
2. **Over the medium term, commit to reduced reliance on MZO's and instead, rely on measures to streamline the overall municipal planning process equitably in the provincial and municipal interests for all projects.** As noted above, OPPI has separately provided recommendations to ensure greater delegation of approvals from elected councils to qualified staff and to strengthen the oversight of the planning profession. If accepted, these recommendations would provide immediate benefit for communities using established tools and processes.

OPPI offers these recommendations as a trusted advisor with deep knowledge and understanding of community planning and its process. We are available at your convenience should you or your officials wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



Justine Giancola, RPP, MCIP
President

cc: Kailey Vokes, Director of Policy, Office of the Premier
Alex Barbieri, Director of Policy, Minister's Office, MMAH

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2021

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
G. Hight, Regional Councillor
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
P. MacArthur, Oshawa
F. Puterbough, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
G. Taylor, Pickering, Vice-Chair
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair
B. Winter, Ajax

***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Councillor Hight appeared on behalf of Councillor Bath-Hadden as the alternate for the Committee.

Absent: K. Kennedy, Member at Large
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
B. Smith, Uxbridge

Staff

Present: *K. Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
*S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture and Rural, Department of Planning and Economic Development
*M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*denotes staff participating electronically

2. Election of Officers for 2021

N. Prasad called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by B. Winter,
That Zac Cohoon be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by G. Taylor,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

N. Prasad asked if Zac Cohoon wished to stand. Z. Cohoon indicated he would stand.

Z. Cohoon was acclaimed as the Chair of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Z. Cohoon called for nominations for the two Vice-Chair positions of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by T. Barrie,
That Gord Taylor be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the
Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That Tom Watpool be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of
the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Z. Cohoon asked if Gord Taylor and Tom Watpool wished to stand. Gord Taylor and Tom Watpool indicated they would stand.

Gord Taylor and Tom Watpool were acclaimed as the first and second Vice-Chairs, respectively, of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by G. Taylor,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee
meeting held on December 8, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

S. Jibb advised of the following:

- The first installment of the Speciality Crops Workshop series is scheduled for January 14th. It is a 4-part series being done with OMAFRA and York Region. Over 100 participants have registered for first workshop.
- Staff has teamed up with the Do More Agriculture Foundation. The Foundation offers mental health resources targeted for the agriculture community and will be offering a workshop on February 24th. S. Jibb will circulate link if anyone is interested.
- Staff will be applying for funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Rural and Economic Development Program which provides 50/50 cost share funding. The application is for a project that will focus on building capacity for innovation and connecting to careers in the agriculture sector. S. Jibb advised that a letter of support from DAAC would strengthen the application.

Moved by F. Puterbough, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee provide staff with
a letter of support for a Rural Economic Development grant
application to develop and implement an agriculture innovation and
careers focused project.

CARRIED

B) 2021 DAAC Workplan and DAAC Terms of Reference

Copies of the draft 2021 DAAC Workplan and Terms of Reference were
provided as Attachments #2 and #3 to the Agenda.

The Committee agreed to the proposed amendments to the Workplan and proposed further amendments as follows:

- Under Section 1. Advice on Policy Development and Implementation, that the following be added:
 - Long Term Waste Management Plan
- Under Section 4. Issues of Interest, that the following be added:
 - Clean Fuel Standards

Moved by H. Schillings, Seconded by D. Risebrough,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to
Regional Council:

That the Draft 2021 Workplan of the Durham Agricultural Advisory
Committee, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

With regards to the draft Terms of Reference, there were no proposed
changes and no amendments.

Moved by T. Watpool, Seconded by P. MacArthur,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to
Regional Council:

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Durham Agricultural Advisory
Committee, as proposed, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

A) Region of Durham response to ERO Notice regarding Establishment of a Species at Risk Conservation Fund

A copy of the correspondence from the Region to the Ministry of the
Environment, Conservation and Parks, dated December 18, 2020, with
regards to Environmental Registry of Ontario Number 019-2636 - A proposal
under the Endangered Species Act to enable use of the Species at Risk
Conservation Fund was provided as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued with regards to the species conservation charge
proponents can pay in relation to certain eligible species with respect to the
dollar amount and whether the funds collected in the Region will be used
within the Region. It was the consensus of the committee that staff provide
further information at the next meeting.

B) Drainage Act Regulatory Proposal (Government of Ontario)

The link to the Government of Ontario's Drainage Act Regulatory Proposal Discussion Paper was provided as Attachment #5 to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the Government of Ontario's Drainage Act Regulatory Proposal Discussion Paper and the proposed changes. Discussion ensued with regards to municipal and private drains and committee members were advised that comments could be provided to OMAFRA individually.

7. Other Business

A) Clean Fuel Sub-Committee Update

Z. Cohoon stated that there is a Proposed Clean Fuel Multi-Stakeholders Consultants Committee meeting scheduled for January 20 and advised that he will attend on behalf of the Committee. He stated that the DAAC subcommittee has expressed the following 3 areas of concern which will be communicated at the Multi Stakeholders Consultants meeting:

- the certification requirements of the proposed Clean Fuel Standards;
- the suggested set-back requirement from riparian zones and water bodies; and
- restrictions related to improved/modified lands (ie. lands that have been cleared).

B) 2021 DAAC Farm Tour

Z. Cohoon advised that the 2021 Farm Tour will be virtual and requested that committee members start thinking of themes etc.

A subcommittee consisting of Z. Cohoon, F. Puterbough, T. Watpool, D. Risebrough, B. Smith and K. Kemp was formed to discuss further details of the 2021 Farm Tour.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by F. Puterbough,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham
Agricultural Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

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Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

January 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was held on Friday, January 15, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 10:00 AM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: D. Hoorweg, Citizen Member, Chair
M. Vroegh, Citizen Member, Vice-Chair
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development, CAO Alternate
Councillor Chapman, Health and Social Services Committee left the meeting at 10:52 AM
Councillor Crawford, Works Committee
C. Desbiens, Citizen Member
T. Hall, Citizen Member
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Hight, Planning & Economic Development Committee
J. Kinniburgh, Citizen Member
J. Koke, Citizen Member
G. MacPherson, Citizen Member
C. Mee, Citizen Member
K. Senyk, Citizen Member
K. Shadwick, Citizen Member
J. Taylor, Citizen Member
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: Councillor Leahy, Finance & Administration Committee
R. Plaza, Citizen Member

Staff

Present: S. Austin, Director of Corporate Policy and Strategic Initiatives
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
M. Kawalec, Program Coordinator, Climate Change, CAO Office
T. Lee, Executive Assistant, Office of the CAO
I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Office of the CAO
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

D. Hoornweg made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to presentation Item 5. B) Ontario Gas-fired power plant phase-out, Jack Gibbons, Executive Director, Ontario Clean Air Alliance. He indicated that he is a member of the Board of Directors for Clean Air Partnership which also has a clean air objective in Ontario.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Hight, Seconded by Councillor Chapman,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Roundtable on
Climate Change meeting held on November 20, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Presentations

A) Electric Vehicle Plan for the Municipality of Clarington: Research and Recommendations report – Joel Baetz, Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning, Trent University

Joel Baetz, Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning, Trent University, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Electric Vehicle Plan for the Municipality of Clarington: Research and Recommendations report.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Patience
- Our Research Question: What actions should the Municipality of Clarington take to encourage private EV ownership?
- Barriers (Supply-side and Demand-side)
- Role of Municipalities
- Opportunities
- Implement a comprehensive set of actions
- Recommendations
- Research Team

J. Baetz responded to questions from the Committee regarding what the challenges are on the supply side of electric vehicles and what are some best practices amongst municipalities; how hybrid electric vehicles fit in with the transitional mindset; and the trepidation and hesitation from dealerships and their model of sustainability as electric vehicles require a minimal amount of maintenance.

The Committee expressed that they were quite impressed with the Electric Vehicle Plan for the Municipality of Clarington: Research and Recommendations report and asked that J. Baetz pass that along to the student researchers.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of possible incentives to help promote and foster a culture of embracing electric vehicles. K. Shadwick shared that at a meeting of the Ontario Electric Vehicle Society this week, members expressed that they would like to see a higher usage of the Hwy. 407 and whether an incentive program around using electric vehicles on the Hwy. 407 would entice the public to buy an electric vehicle.

D. Hoornweg highlighted a recent article titled, "Doug Ford plans to start building a new superhighway near the Hwy. 401 next year. Why not move all the trucks to the Hwy. 407-toll highway instead?".

B) Ontario Gas-fired power plant phase-out, Jack Gibbons, Executive Director, Ontario Clean Air Alliance

Jack Gibbons, Executive Director, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an Ontario Gas-fired power plant phase-out.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Ontario's rising emissions
- What's behind these rising emissions?
- Reaching Ontario's 2030 Climate Target
- How can we phase out Ontario's gas plants?
- Ontario Electricity Options: A Cost Comparison
- Phase out supporters
- Municipal Leadership
- Phasing-Out Ontario's Gas-Fired Power Plants: A Road Map

J. Gibbons responded to questions from the Committee regarding companies that would be a good candidate to encourage solar and wind power, as solar and grid storage are huge opportunities for companies such as Ontario Power Generation (OPG); promoting energy efficiency options; and how the DRRCC can help with the rebrand of energy and creating opportunities and appetite across Durham Region.

Discussion ensued regarding the resolution circulating amongst municipalities calling for gas-fired electricity generation phase-out, and establishing a subcommittee of DRRCC to review the resolution and possible implications of it, what other perspectives are out there including OPG's perspective, and reporting back to the DRRCC.

A Durham Strategic Energy Subcommittee was established later in the meeting. See page 4 of these minutes.

C) Update on the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan, Joerg Wittenbrinck, Manager Strategic Policy and Research, Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

Joerg Wittenbrinck, Manager Strategic Policy and Research, Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Overview
- Context: Current Planning Framework
- Components of Energy Planning
- The Role of Agencies in Long-Term Planning
- Looking Forward: A New Planning Framework

J. Wittenbrinck advised that the Ontario Ministry of Energy will be seeking engagement and input on a new planning framework to see what Ontario's planning framework should look like in the future, and he will make sure to engage the DRRCC at the appropriate time.

J. Wittenbrinck responded to questions from the Committee regarding encouraging the government to focus on policy guidance and providing clear guidelines to the planning agencies; a growth in the emissions relating to electricity and natural gas; when consultation will begin on the new planning framework; and when the framework is expected to be launched.

J. Wittenbrinck advised that if Committee members have any specific questions they can direct them to him and he and his colleagues will respond. He concurred that having a presentation by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) at a future DRRCC meeting would be a great opportunity for Committee members and also noted that OPG has a new Climate Action Plan that has very specific carbon commitments, and that OPG also owns some of the natural gas powerplants.

It was the consensus of the Committee to establish a Durham Strategic Energy subcommittee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Hightet,
That J. Taylor, K. Shadwick, T. Hall, and D. Hoornweg be appointed
to the Durham Strategic Energy Subcommittee.

CARRIED

D) Climate and Sustainability Program Update – Ian McVey, Manager of Sustainability, Durham Region

I. McVey, Manager of Sustainability, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Climate and Sustainability Program Update.

I. McVey provided updates on the following projects:

- Update Items
- Corporate Climate Change Master Plan
 - Climate Framework
 - Updated Timeline
- Durham Home Energy Savings Program
 - D-HESP Program Conceptual Model
 - D-HESP – 2021 Tentative Timeline
- Green Development Standards
 - Proposed Timeline
 - Green Development Standards – DRRCC Working Group
- Electric Vehicle Strategy Update
 - E-Mission Calls to Action
- Flooding Strategy
 - Status of Flood Risk Assessment

Discussion ensued regarding establishing a Green Development Standards subcommittee that would provide input/review of scope of work for the consultant to develop a consultation paper; provide input/review of consultation paper and discussion questions; support outreach to stakeholders to motivate responses; and assist with the analysis of the responses, and distillation of key take-aways.

It was the consensus of the Committee to establish a Green Development Standards subcommittee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Hight,
That J. Koke, K. Senyk, and G. McPherson be appointed to the
Green Development Standards subcommittee.

CARRIED

Further discussion ensued regarding the benefits of establishing a subcommittee dedicated to the electric vehicle portfolio. It was the consensus of the Committee to establish an Electric Vehicle subcommittee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Hight,
That K. Shadwick, J. Kinniburgh, and J. Taylor be appointed to the
Electric Vehicle Subcommittee.

CARRIED

6. Items for Information and Discussion

A) Ontario Climate Caucus Letter to the Province on Energy Decisions Alliance

A copy of the Ontario Climate Caucus Letter to the Province on Energy Decisions Alliance was received.

I. McVey advised that this letter was in follow-up to Gaby Kalapos' presentation that was made at the November 20, 2020 DRRCC meeting, and is for the elected officials.

B) LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program Interim Report

A copy of the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program Interim Report was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

I. McVey advised that if any Committee members had questions regarding the LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program Interim Report, he would be happy to take them back to the LEAF program individuals.

C) Ontario Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy – Discussion Paper

D. Hoornweg advised that comments are being accepted on the Ontario Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy – Discussion Paper. He advised the comment deadline is January 18, 2021, but comments received after that date will also be accepted.

7. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

8. Other Business

A) Durham Community Climate Adaptation Webinar Series

In response to a question regarding whether an invitation would be sent to DRRCC members to attend the Durham Community Climate Adaptation Webinar Series, I. McVey advised that the webinar is currently meant for working group members from amongst the sectoral working groups and has not yet been extended to other individuals. He advised that he would follow-up with Kate Potter to discuss how there could be more communication and dissemination of information from those webinars.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021 starting at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjourment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by K. Shadwick,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

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

S. Glover, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. In accordance with Provincial legislation, electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Carpentier, Scugog, Chair
O. Chaudhry, Pickering
S. Clearwater, Whitby
J. Cuthbertson, Clarington, Second Vice-Chair
C. Doody-Hamilton, Member at Large
B. Foxton, Uxbridge
G. Layton, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:17 PM
K. Lui, Member at Large, First Vice-Chair
D. Stathopoulos, Member at Large
M. Thompson, Ajax
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Dickinson, Brock
K. Murray, Member at Large
B. Shipp, Member at Large
S. Yamada, Regional Councillor, Town of Whitby

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, Works Department
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Luqman, Project Planner, Planning & Economic Development Department

2. Elections of Officers for 2021

Election of the DEAC Chair

S. Glover, Committee Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That G. Carpentier be nominated for the position of Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That nominations be closed.
CARRIED

S. Glover asked if G. Carpentier wished to stand. G. Carpentier indicated he wished to stand.

G. Carpentier was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

Election of the DEAC First and Second Vice-Chairs

S. Glover, Committee Clerk, called for nominations for the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That K. Lui be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the
Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by K. Lui, Seconded by S. Clearwater,
That J. Cuthbertson be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of
the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That nominations be closed.
CARRIED

S. Glover asked if K. Lui and J. Cuthbertson wished to stand. K. Lui and J. Cuthbertson indicated they wished to stand.

K. Lui and J. Cuthbertson were acclaimed to the positions of First and Second Vice-Chair, respectively.

G. Carpentier assumed the position of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Cuthbertson, Seconded by O. Chaudhry,
That the agenda for the January 21, 2021 DEAC meeting, as
presented, be approved.
CARRIED

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by O. Chaudhry, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That the minutes of the regular DEAC meeting held on Thursday,
November 19, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

6. Presentations

A) Proposed Blue Box Regulation, Waste Services Division

G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Proposed Blue Box Regulations.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Background
- Proposed Designated Materials
- Responsible Producer and Servicing
- Servicing Requirements
- Durham Region Impacts
 - Transition
 - Business Improvement Areas
 - Compostable Packaging
 - Promotion and Education
 - Material Recovery Facility
- Conclusion

G. Anello responded to questions from the Committee regarding who will be responsible for picking up the blue box materials; the future need for larger Material Resource Facilities (MRF), and the potential for Durham's MRF to be leased during the transition period; how companies such as Amazon would have their products packaging retrieved; and how often would collection occur (every week as of now or move to bi-weekly).

In response to a question from the Committee regarding who would enforce the penalties prescribed by the Province, G. Anello advised that he would look into that and follow-up with A. Luqman directly.

7. Items for Discussion/Input

A) Membership Replacement Update

G. Carpentier welcomed C. Doody-Hamilton to the DEAC Committee as the new Member-at-Large.

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

J. Cuthbertson advised that the Climate Change Resiliency Homeowner's Guide is nearing completion. He advised the G. Carpentier volunteered to review the document and edit where required.

A. Luqman advised that she hopes to have a draft of the guide ready for the February DEAC meeting.

C) Spring Bee Pollinator Seedling Distribution Project

A. Luqman advised that there may be an opportunity to partner with the Waste department this year and re-initiate this project. She advised that she would reach out to G. Layton and J. Cuthbertson to see if they were still interested in arranging the details.

C. Doody-Hamilton expressed interest in participating in this project and asked whether it was related to a David Suzuki project. She added that she could share the information that she has on this topic with the group.

D) Town of Whitby Bridge and Culvert Master Plan Environmental Study Report – Notice of Completion

A. Luqman advised that the Town of Whitby Bridge and Culvert Master Plan Environmental Study Report – Notice of Completion was available for comment and that she would email it to the Committee members.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of any reference to green infrastructure as a possible alternative to the proposed building of bigger culverts and bridges. The Committee questioned why an environmental assessment (EA) wouldn't be completed prior to replacing the bridges and culverts as opposed to delaying the EA until after the replacements as stated in the Environmental Study Report. The Committee expressed interest in submitting formal comments as a Committee.

A. Luqman advised that comments would be due January 31, 2021 but that she would look into whether there were other options as their comments as DEAC would need to be presented to the Planning & Economic Development Committee and subsequently Regional Council; and whether there could be a presentation on the topic at the February DEAC meeting.

8. For Information

A) Commissioner's Report # 2020-COW-30 – Proposed Blue Box Regulations

A copy of Report #2020-COW-30 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #3 to the agenda.

S. Clearwater raised concerns regarding the Region stating that there is a problematic nature to compostable packing, and that she thinks compostable plastic would be a good idea and not a problem. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee that the issue with compostable packaging is the variability of the product and that it would have to meet a certain standard to be compostable.

B) Commissioner's Report # 2020-P-23 – DEAC Member-at-large Membership Appointment

A copy of Report #2020-P-23 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #4 to the agenda.

C) Building a Brighter Tomorrow – OPG Climate Change Plan

A copy of the Building a Brighter Tomorrow – OPG Climate Change Plan was received as Attachment #5 to the agenda.

D) Commissioner's Report #2020-COW-33 – Regional Response to the Provincial Flooding Strategy and Follow-Up Report

A copy of Report #2020-COW-33 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Follow-Up Report was received as Attachment #6 and #6b to the agenda.

E) Commissioner's Report #2020-P-25 – Clarington Minister's Zoning Order

A copy of Report #2020-P-25 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #7 to the agenda.

F) DAAC minutes from December meeting

A copy of the December 8, 2020 DAAC meeting minutes was received as Attachment #8 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding Ashley Yearwood's presentation with respect to the Region of Durham's Soil and Groundwater Assessment Protocol and how excess soil management is not reviewed by the Region but through the local municipalities.

- G) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-125 – Update on Proposed Upgrades at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Related to the Outfall Environmental Assessment and the Phosphorous Reductions Action Plan

A copy of Report #2020-P-25 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #9 to the agenda.

- H) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-123 – Active and Sustainable School Travel Program Update

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-123 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development was received as Attachment #10 to the agenda.

- I) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-117 – Update on Regional Road 18 Pilot Reconstruction Project using Recycled Waste Materials

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-117 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #11 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential use of bottom ash and recycled plastics in the granular base of new asphalt and what the possible implications may be with using bottom ash. Section 2.4 of Report #2020-INFO-117 stated that testing is planned for the winter which will confirm how the recycled materials will be incorporated as well as their quantities.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding the risk of using bottom ash as an aggregate replacement or substitute, A. Luqman advised that she would reach out to Works staff for the answer, as well as ask for clarification that there would not be leaching into the groundwater if bottom ash is used in asphalt.

- J) Commissioner's Report #2020-INFO-113 – Update on the Federal Government's Single Use Plastics Plan to Achieve Zero Plastic by 2030

A copy of Report #2020-INFO-113 of the Commissioner of Works was received as Attachment #12 to the agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding whether compostable plastics would be a good solution; whether there is too much focus on composting and making money from composting, as opposed to coming up with solutions; and how composting is a way for homeowners to manage their yard waste.

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by J. Cuthbertson,
That Information Items 8A) and 8J) inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Other Business

A) Durham Environmental Achievement Awards

A. Luqman asked the Committee whether they would be interested in hosting a virtual Durham Environmental Achievement Awards this year or whether they would be interested in recognizing individuals/organizations now and then host an in-person event in the future.

The Committee decided that they would like to recognize the individuals/organizations now. A. Luqman advised that she would need to prepare an ad to publish in the newspapers to start collecting nominations, and that the subcommittee could meet to discuss next steps.

A. Luqman advised that she would follow up with B. Shipp and R. Dickinson to see whether they are still interested in continuing their roles on the Durham Environmental Achievement Awards Subcommittee. G. Layton and K. Lui advised that they would continue to sit on the subcommittee.

B) Youth and Post-Secondary Membership Replacements

A. Luqman advised that a report will be presented to the February Planning & Economic Development Committee for approval with nominations for 2 youth members and one post-secondary member to fill the current vacancies.

C) Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Committee Next Meeting

S. Clearwater advised that the next Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Committee meeting will be held February 4, 2021 from 3-5pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 starting at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by S. Clearwater, Seconded by D. Stathopoulos,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

G. Carpentier, Chair, Durham
Environmental Advisory Committee

S. Glover, Committee Clerk