



The Regional Municipality of Durham

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

May 27, 2022

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- 2022-INFO-43** Chief Administrative Officer – re: Resettlement of Ukrainian Immigrants in Durham Region

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There are no Early Release Reports

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1. **Memorandum from Dr. R. J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health** – re: Health Information Update – May 22, 2022

Durham Municipalities Correspondence

1. **Town of Ajax** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 16, 2022, regarding Vacant Home Tax
2. **Town of Whitby** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 16, 2022, regarding Noise Abatement Procedures and Restrictions for Oshawa Executive Airport under the Transport Canada Aviation Advisory Circular and Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures for the Oshawa Executive Airport (Ward 2)

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1. **Town of Espanola** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 10, 2022, in support of the Federal Government's imposed Sanctions on Russia
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3. **Municipality of Shuniah** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 24, 2022, in support of the Town of East Hawkesbury resolution regarding Infrastructure Projects – Bridge and Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Miscellaneous Correspondence

There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

1. Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC) minutes – May 10, 2022
2. Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce (DRART) minutes – April 28, 2022

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

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Chief Administrative Officer
Report: #2022-INFO-43
Date: May 27, 2022

Subject:

Resettlement of Ukrainian Immigrants in Durham Region

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To share information about the arrival of Ukrainian immigrants to Canada through federal immigration programs and the local response to support Ukrainian newcomers to Canada settling in Durham Region.
- 1.2 To share information about the ongoing collaboration of Region of Durham (Region) staff, with the Greater Toronto Horseshoe Area (GTHA) regions convened by the City of Toronto (Toronto).

2. Background

Current Status

- 2.1 Refugees and immigrants continue to arrive in Durham Region with immediate accommodation, housing and other settlement needs.
- 2.2 Ongoing influxes of Ukrainian immigrants arriving through special emergency federal immigration measures and Afghan refugees, in addition to other “regular” arrivals, outpace the capacity of existing systems and services to best meet needs of refugees and immigrants who have experienced incredible trauma.
- 2.3 The Government of Canada opened a pathway for immigration (Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel) to Ukrainians fleeing war, with no cap on the number of newcomers to be received. As of May 18, 2022, approximately 242,000

applications have been received (of that, 112,000 are approved) to date and approximately 300-500 Ukrainian newcomers are arriving daily at Toronto Pearson International Airport. Industry and community funded flights through the Ukraine2Canada Fund are expected to continue arriving at Toronto Pearson International Airport. Federal charter flights are expected to arrive outside of Ontario (Winnipeg, Manitoba-May 23, Montreal, Quebec-May 29, and Halifax, Nova Scotia-June 2). It is unknown at this time if or when a federal charter flight could be planned for Ontario. An increasing number of Ukrainian immigrants are expected to arrive with little to no funds and connections in Canada.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 On March 9, 2022, [a presentation to Regional Committee of the Whole](#) was provided by DEI staff on Canada's commitments to welcome Afghan refugees and Ukrainians fleeing war.

4. Region of Durham Ukrainian Response

- 4.1 Regional staff, in collaboration with the GTHA regions convened by Toronto, agreed to a collective and coordinated response to provide temporary accommodations to Ukrainian newcomers using a scaled approach. A funding proposal was submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) (and shared with the province), noting the role of municipal governments is critical, yet often overlooked by provincial and federal governments.
- a. GTHA partners include Durham, York, Peel and Halton Regions, Toronto and the City of Hamilton.
 - b. Referrals would come from the Canadian Red Cross, settlement agencies, Ukrainian organizations/local groups, federal and provincial agencies, and others.
- 4.2 As part of this response, a Regional cross-departmental team—led by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Division, in co-operation with Social Services and Durham Emergency Management—is exploring the capacity to deliver a wrap-around resettlement program within a temporary accommodations (hotel) model in Durham.
- 4.3 It is anticipated but unknown at this time if federal funding will be provided to municipalities for this response. GTHA Regions agree that this proposal is contingent on funding. There are risks to the Region in providing these supports in advance of confirmation of federal funding.
- 4.4 Newcomers arriving to Durham, many from the trauma of war and conflict, are at risk to becoming precariously housed or homeless. Should the Region not respond appropriately to this emergent need, existing local services and supports (i.e., the shelter system), which are already strained, could be impacted.

- 4.5 Should federal and/or provincial funding become available for a GTHA response model, Regional staff will exercise their delegated authority to receive these funds, execute any required transfer payment agreements and expend them in accordance with the program guidelines, reporting to Regional Council as feasible or necessary. Emergency provisions in the budget management policy and extended approval authority during election time periods may also be utilized as needed with a subsequent report to Council.
- 4.6 At this time, in response to the emerging local need, the Region in partnership with Durham College, are offering emergency temporary accommodations within the student residence to Ukrainian newcomers arriving in Durham without housing.
- a. The cross-departmental team is liaising with other departments and other Durham community partners to draw in other supports and programs as appropriate.
 - b. To date, referrals to this model have come from the Durham Ukrainian Relief Project, a community volunteer-based group co-led by the Durham Chapter of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.
 - c. Residents must depart from Durham College by mid-August.
 - d. Should numbers of Ukrainians arriving in Toronto increase as expected, the Emergency Social Services staff response as it is currently being implemented will not be sustainable.
- 4.7 DEI staff continue to support the Durham Ukrainian Relief Project and the Durham Chapter of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in navigating local services and coordinating supports for newcomers to Durham.
- a. This in-kind support includes attendance at weekly meetings and ongoing coordination between meetings and support for their advocacy efforts.
 - b. Additionally, the DEI Division has purchased PRESTO cards through Durham Region Transit for this group to distribute to Ukrainian newcomers in need.
- 4.8 The Government of Canada has made federally funded settlement services available to Ukrainian immigrants arriving as temporary residents through the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET). Additional supports have been committed: hotel accommodation (up to two weeks), financial support, and access to jobs. Details of two-week hoteling and financial support are unknown at this time.
- 4.9 The Province of Ontario has committed to providing access to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), emergency financial and housing assistance, drug benefits, no-cost education for elementary and secondary students, trauma-informed counselling and culturally responsive supports, and provincially funded settlement services.
- 4.10 Regional Chair, John Henry has sent letters to provincial and federal governments about the response for supporting newcomers, including housing needs.

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. Goal 2: Community Vitality – To foster an exceptional quality of life with services that contribute to strong neighbourhoods, vibrant and diverse communities, and influence our safety and well-being.
- b. Goal 4: Social Investment – To ensure a range of programs, services and supports are available and accessible to those in need, so that no individual is left behind.
- c. Goal 5: Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

6. Conclusion

6.1 Durham is a destination of choice for many immigrants. Newcomers will continue to arrive in Durham, including Ukrainian immigrants without Canadian connections and sufficient funds, contributing to local emergent need. The Region has a responsibility to ensure appropriate supports are available for immigrants as they settle in Durham communities.

6.2 Details of federal and/or provincial commitments are forthcoming. Staff continue to participate on the GTHA partners' table and advocate as a collective whole for funding, direction, policy changes, and overall coordination from the federal and provincial government. Further information will be provided to Regional Council as it becomes available.

For additional information, contact: Allison Hector-Alexander, at 905-668-7711, extension 3893 and Allison.Hector-Alexander@durham.ca.

Prepared by: Sarah Hickman, Policy Advisor, at 905-431-4873 and Sarah.Hickman@durham.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: May 27, 2022

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – May 22, 2022

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 22, 2022

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/2s3bf32x

- Ministry of Health Refugee HealthLine (May 11)

tinyurl.com/7yarz3kx

- COVID-19 Assessment Centre Closures – May 31, 2022 (May 13)

tinyurl.com/mrxjjcsn

- May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month (May 18)

tinyurl.com/2p92jb9a

- Community of Practice Series: Infection Prevention and Control in Primary Care Settings (May 19)

tinyurl.com/yckm5cy2

- Monitoring for Monkeypox (May 20)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

tinyurl.com/bdhhuxdk

- Government of Canada continues to tackle food fraud (May 12)

Employment and Social Development Canada

tinyurl.com/mvybueu4

- Government of Canada funds more than 3,000 projects across Canada to support seniors in their communities (May 16)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

tinyurl.com/yckmx8tj

- Engaging Canadians on a National Adaptation Strategy to build a climate ready economy and communities (May 16)

tinyurl.com/5etd5uwu

- Minister Guilbeault's statement on the World Meteorological Organization's report on the state of the global climate (May 18)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/35ubnmff

- Government of Canada Strengthens Access to Abortion Services (May 11)

tinyurl.com/bddkp9j9

- Government of Canada tables the Final Report of the Expert Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Illness (May 13)

Prime Minister's Office

tinyurl.com/ykf9vvps

- Prime Minister attends second Global COVID-19 Summit to contribute to a global solution (May 12)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/25rtapce

- Public Health Agency of Canada Confirms 2 cases of Monkeypox (May 20)

tinyurl.com/5n6j734j

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 20, 2022

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/yc6b6x6f

- Government of Canada implements new rules to better regulate non-restricted firearms (May 11)

Transport Canada

tinyurl.com/y86jeevm

- Minister of Transport announces updated rules to strengthen rail safety and reduce the risk of uncontrolled movements (May 17)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/2nmwxmu4

- Public Health Matters Video (May 13)

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

tinyurl.com/yecvk4w7

- Assessment report provides key findings to support inclusion of Autistic people (May 10)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/ytmzwyfc

- Statement – Critical family physician shortage must be addressed: CMA (May 9)

tinyurl.com/5n6r6jft

- Wait Times: Behind every statistic there are patients suffering, says CMA (May 10)

tinyurl.com/nhzar8am

- Physicians, nurses offer solutions to immediately address health human resource crisis (May 16)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

tinyurl.com/y4n9saxx

- Government of Canada honours Canadians promoting a love of STEM across Canada (May 19)

Ontario Hospital Association

tinyurl.com/yxw98tyx

- Hospitals Put Health and Wellbeing of Ontarians Above All Else (May 11)

Ontario Medical Association

tinyurl.com/wdhkrreb

- OMA compares political platforms to doctors' plan to improve health care (May 12)

Ontario Public Health Association

tinyurl.com/5n79s293

- Silence kills: why OPHA is urging political parties to get loud about their commitments to protect and promote the public's health (May 18)

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

tinyurl.com/7ks3jcjf

- Deep crisis in nursing demands urgent action by government, employers, educators and associations (May 12)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

tinyurl.com/592becfs

- Government of Canada supports research focused on race, gender and diversity (May 9)




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May 17, 2022

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Re: Vacant Home Tax

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on May 16, 2022:

WHEREAS the dramatic increase to housing costs in Ontario due, in part, to high demand and low supply may be exacerbated by homes sitting vacant;

AND WHEREAS to lead to a reduction in vacant homes, Part IX.1 Optional Tax on Vacant Residential Units, of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides interested municipalities with the option to seek designation status from the Minister of Finance to be granted the authority to impose a tax on vacant residential units in certain circumstances;

AND WHEREAS other municipalities, including the City of Toronto, City of Ottawa, and Region of Halton have approved the development and implementation of a vacant homes tax;

AND WHEREAS Ajax Council wishes to protect the availability and affordability of housing in Ajax, and reduce the negative impacts of vacant homes on Ajax residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council support the review of a vacant homes tax by Durham Region; and
2. This motion be circulated to the Regional Municipality of Durham and lower-tier municipalities in Durham Region.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3347 or sarah.moore@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Moore
Acting Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Regional Councillor S. Lee
Councillor L. Bower
All Durham Region municipalities


Town of Whitby
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May 20, 2022

Via Email:

Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport of Canada
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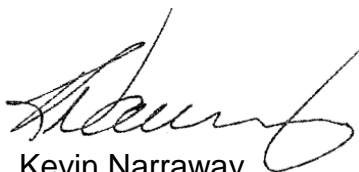
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Re: Correspondence # 2022-247 received from Mayor Dan Carter, City of Oshawa dated April 7, 2022 regarding an Update on the Establishment of Noise Abatement Procedures and Restrictions for Oshawa Executive Airport under the Transport Canada Aviation Advisory Circular, and Correspondence # 2022-250 received from M. Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa dated April 8, 2022 regarding Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures for the Oshawa Executive Airport (Ward 2)

Please be advised that at a meeting held on May 16, 2022, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 122-22:

1. That Correspondence # 2022-247 received from Mayor Dan Carter, City of Oshawa dated April 7, 2022 regarding an Update on the Establishment of Noise Abatement Procedures and Restrictions for Oshawa Executive Airport under the Transport Canada Aviation Advisory Circular, and Correspondence # 2022-250 received from M. Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa dated April 8, 2022 regarding Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures for the Oshawa Executive Airport (Ward 2) be received for information;
2. That Council requests that Transport Canada approve the Proposed Noise Abatement Procedures for the Oshawa Executive Airport submitted by the Airport Manager on behalf of the City of Oshawa; and,
3. That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transport Canada, all Oshawa and Whitby MPs and MPPs, the City of Oshawa, and the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact C. Harris, Town Clerk at 905.430.4315.



Kevin Narraway
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Resolution Number

22-100

Title:

Support Resolution re Russian Sanctions

Date:

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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Moved By

VanAlstine

Seconded By

Dufour

WHEREAS the country of Ukraine has experienced a premeditated and unprovoked invasion by Russia;
AND WHEREAS silence is complicity;
AND WHEREAS Canada imports hundreds of million of dollars' worth of good from Russia each year;
AND WHEREAS negative financial impacts upon a country can be used as a means to deter further conflict
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT The Town of Espanola unequivocally denounces Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine;
AND THAT the Town of Espanola supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;
AND THAT effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Espanola will: 1) Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and 2) Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Espanola abide by these same limitations within our municipality;
AND THAT upon confirmation that the Belarusian military is engaged within Ukraine that the Town of Espanola apply these limitations upon goods from that country as well;
AND THAT this decision of Espanola Council be forwarded to all other municipalities within Ontario requesting they enact similar measures so that as a united front we can make a noticeable difference.

Carried

Defeated

Deferred

RECORDED VOTE

Bill Foster

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

CHAIR

	For	Against
Mayor J. Beer	_____	_____
R. Dufour	✓_____	_____
K. Duplessis	✓_____	_____
S. Hayden	✓_____	_____
B. Foster	✓_____	_____
H. Malott	✓_____	_____
M. Van Alstine	✓_____	_____

Mayor J. Beer	_____
R. Dufour	_____
K. Duplessis	_____
S. Hayden	_____
B. Foster	_____
H. Malott	_____
M. Van Alstine	_____

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MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 174-22

Date: May 24, 2022

Moved By: MEGHAN CHOMUT

Seconded By: DON SMITH

THAT Council hereby receives the Community Schools Alliance Action Plan and Social and Economic Impact for Small Communities in Ontario Study;

WHEREAS all students should have the opportunity to attend elementary and secondary school in their home community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The province increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;
2. Should the current moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures be lifted, we ask that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;
3. Before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guide (PARG) are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance.

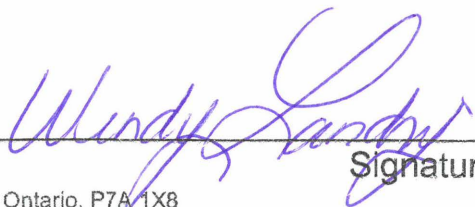
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ontario municipalities, Community Schools Alliance, local MP's and MPP's and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried

Defeated


Amended

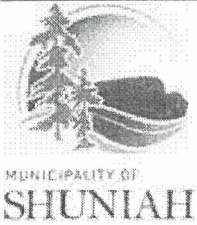
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Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 173-22

Date: May 24, 2022

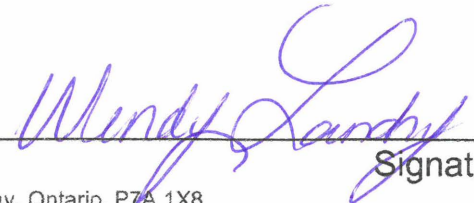
Moved By: RON GIARDETTI

Seconded By: MEGHAN CHOMUT

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from the Town of East Hawkesbury for the Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects - Bridge and Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ontario municipalities, AMO, Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance.

- Carried
 Defeated
 Amended
 Deferred



 Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, April 28, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Chair Lee read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississaugas Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We honour, recognize and respect this nation and Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

2. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Lee, Regional Council, Chair
F. Ahmed, Community Member, Vice-Chair
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Bookal, Community Member, attended the meeting at 7:08 PM
S. Caibaiosai, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, attended the meeting at 7:05 PM
P.G. Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
L. Francis, Community Member
J. Munawa, Community Member
C. Oyeniran, Community Member
Z. Pickering, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
K. Vieneer, Community Member
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Anderson, Regional Council Alternate

Absent: S. Dave, Community Member
T. Hancock, Community Member

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by N. Samuel, Seconded by L. Francis,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Presentations

A) Annette Power, Carea, re: Black Health Strategy

Annette Power, Co-founder of Pages for Good Health, provided a PowerPoint Presentation on behalf of Carea Community Health Care with regards to Durham Region's Black Community Health Strategy.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Durham Region's Black Community Health Strategy
- Social Determinants of Health
 - Where can Black families live their best life in Canada?
- Goals of the Project
 - Why, Who, Where, How & When
- Proposed Community Health Pillars
 - Policy and Advocacy at All Levels
 - Public Education and Awareness Building
 - Research and Data Collection
 - Local Partnerships and Sustainability
 - Community Oversight and Accountability
- Partner Support
- Next Steps

A. Power stated that the goal of the project is to better understand the community health needs of Black African and Caribbean residents in Durham by utilizing the social determinants of health as a guide; and to strengthen Carea's ability to respond, serve, build relationships and support Black families and communities across Durham.

A. Power also advised that the Black Community Health Strategy will position Durham Region as a leader and destination for Black families to live their best life and serves as a blueprint for other social and health organizations within Ontario. She advised that the goal is to interact and engage with at least 200 members throughout Durham Region with a start date in April 2022 and an end date in June 2022. She provided an overview of the process and the five Proposed Community Health Pillars.

A. Power also provided an overview of the partner support needed and advised of the following next steps: secure partners; gather existing materials and data; build list of community and health leaders; schedule focus group dates; and identify a location and schedule a Town Hall in June.

A. Power responded to questions with regards to specific goals of the program; whether the locations in Durham are currently providing services; whether the survey will collect information about services such as mental health, dental, and transportation services in addition to medical services; the length of the survey; the distribution and time frame; and whether the promotional materials can be shared on social media.

7. Information Items

There were no information items.

8. Discussion Items

A) Sub-Working Group

1. Create an Anti-Racist Practices Standard for a Variety of Sectors Including the 8 Local Municipalities

J. Munawa provided the following update on behalf of the sub-working group consisting of herself, J. Williamson and Z. Pickering:

- She advised that the subcommittee has started working on a shared document which will add all the resources together including a history, a glossary with definitions, references to resources and initiatives in Durham, and local Durham policy. She advised that once everything is compiled, the document will be formatted for review.

2. Support Anti-Racism Education in Schools

K. Vieneer provided the following update on behalf of the sub-working group consisting of himself, G. Wilson-Beier, S. Dave and S. Bookal:

- He advised that they discussed how to determine the target audience
- He advised that initial work would include:
 - Outreach efforts to various stakeholders in the school boards
 - The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office to assist with correspondence and providing resources

- The subcommittee already has access to some documentation from the Durham District School Board
- He advised of other key points as follows:
 - Relationship building;
 - Establishing a framework to review the information received;
 - There may be an opportunity to partner with school boards on providing feedback and review of decisions that are made regarding anti-racism
- He advised of the following next steps:
 - Begin drafting a committee work plan with specific asks and resources required from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office
 - The next update to be at the May or June meeting

3. Create a Durham Region Anti-Racism Hub

P.G. Case provided the following update on behalf of the sub-working group consisting of himself, C. Oyeniran, N. Samuel, and L. Francis:

- He advised that the mission of the group is to build an online resource that people can access and interact with
- The aim of the site would be to provide actionable insights
- The site would be information-rich; accessible to all; and strike the right tone in order to capture the attention of every generation
- Due to the massive scope of such a site, it would be best to focus on creating a structural framework for groups to build on
- Looking at 3 pillars for the framework structure: education; accessibility and leadership development; and community engagement
- He inquired whether the student would be available to provide support in regards to organizing and uploading, etc.

Discussion ensued with regards to the backgrounds of the students (ie. graphic background or talents) that would assist them in providing support to the sub-committees; the possibility of inviting the students to some of the working groups; and being aware of the accessibility of material when providing support to seniors.

4. Education for the Broader Community

F. Ahmed provided the following update on behalf of the sub-working group consisting of herself, T. Hancock, and S. Caibaosai:

- The focus will be on the following three main communities with the intention of expanding once there are more resources: Black community; Indigenous community; and the LGBTQ community
- The sub-committee will be working on establishing a Speakers Bureau to assist the Region
- The sub-committee will identify subject matter experts as well as organizations that are well versed in anti-racism work

- Working on creating a list of topics and issues
- Information will be shared and presented to the community in the following interactive format:
 - A Virtual Tour that will showcase different topics
 - A community map that will allow people to select the specific service that they are looking for
- Working on a list of different speakers
- Looking at different organizations in Durham Region; organizations in Toronto; and francophone businesses
- Also looking at government funding
- Working on different resources
- Working on a cultural calendar

Discussion ensued with regards to whether the committee would be straying from the core mandate by incorporating the LGBTQ community.

B) DEI-Team Support of Sub-Groups

A. Hector-Alexander advised that this update was incorporated into the discussions above.

A. Sharma inquired what the target audience would be for the Durham standard with regards to the first sub-committee.

9. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by K. Viener, Seconded by L. Francis,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Lee, Chair

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 10, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Z. Cohoon, Federation of Agriculture, Chair
T. Barrie, Clarington, left the meeting at 8:56 PM
N. Guthrie, Member at Large
G. Highet, Regional Councillor
B. Howsam, Member at Large
K. Kemp, Scugog
K. Kennedy, Member at Large
G. O'Connor, Member at Large
D. Risebrough, Member at Large
H. Schillings, Whitby
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
G. Taylor, Pickering
B. Winter, Ajax
***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: F. Puterbough, Member at Large
T. Watpool, Brock, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: A. Bathe, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
A. Brown, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy & Special Studies, Department of Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Jibb, Manager, Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Department of Planning and Economic Development
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
***all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by G.L. O'Connor, Seconded by B. Winter,
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **Presentations**

A) Amanda Bathe, Senior Planner, Regional Municipality of Durham Planning and Economic Development – Envision Durham Draft Natural Heritage System

Amanda Bathe, Senior Planner, Regional Municipality of Durham Planning and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Envision Durham Draft Natural Heritage System.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Presentation Overview
- Current Approach
- Provincial Policy Requirements
- Why Are Natural Heritage Systems Important?
- Approach to Identify the Draft Regional Natural Heritage System
- Enhancement Opportunity Areas
- Implementation
- Feedback

A. Bathe advised that mapping within the current Regional Official Plan shows the general location of individual natural heritage features and represents a features-based approach.

A. Bathe advised that Provincial policy has moved from a features-based approach to a systems-based approach. She also advised that Provincial policy now requires that all municipalities within eco regions 6E and 7C identify a Natural Heritage System (NHS) and indicated that Durham Region falls within this area.

A. Bathe stated that natural heritage features are composed of core natural features and the land and water that connects those features in a system. She also stated that working landscapes are a key component of a NHS and it is recognized that farms play an important role in the natural environment as they are the lands that connect important core features together.

A. Bathe explained the importance of identifying a NHS and that protecting and connecting core features in a system contributes to a healthy, functioning and

resilient ecosystem. She noted that a key consideration in a NHS is the role that the natural environment plays in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

A. Bathe advised that in order to identify a draft NHS for Durham Region, existing NHS datasets were pulled from the current Regional Official Plan and area municipal Officials Plans with the addition of Growth Plan NHS Areas and minor refinements to account for updated features mapping and completed watershed plans. She reviewed the Oak Ridges Moraine Natural Core and Natural Linkage Areas; Greenbelt NHS; Growth Plan NHS Areas; and Area Municipal NHS datasets and updated features and completed watershed plans and discussed how they contributed to the draft Regional NHS.

A. Bathe stated that a new concept being proposed for the Regional Official Plan that is related to, but not part of, the Regional NHS are enhancement opportunity areas. She stated that Provincial policy directs that the diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area should not only be maintained but also restored and where possible improved. She stated this can be done by identifying areas where restoration and stewardship and other efforts, if undertaken, would support the health of the Regional NHS and help to build resilience in the face of climate change.

A. Bathe stated that the proposed policy directions in relation to the NHS were released in the Spring of 2021 through Report #2021-P-7: Envision Durham – Proposed Policy Directions Report and provided an overview of the Regional NHS overlay. She also stated that there will be policy exceptions reflected within the NHS with regards to buildings and structures that are for agricultural, agricultural related, and on-farm diversified uses.

A. Bathe responded to questions from the Committee.

5. Discussion Items

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update – S. Jibb

S. Jibb provided the following update:

- The previously consulted Agriculture Strategy, now the Growing Agri-Food Durham Plan, is being presented to the Planning & Economic Development Committee on June 7, 2022.
- Local Food Week is taking place the week of June 6th and Durham Region is doing promotions, education and awareness on how to access local food in Durham Region.
- The next step for the Ag Career Videos project is encouraging more secondary schools to adopt the specialist high skilled major programming with a specific focus on AgriTech and Precision Agriculture. Ontario Soil and Crops have provided funds to assist with developing the program.

B) 2022 DAAC Farm Tour Sub-Committee Report – D. Risebrough

D. Risebrough provided the following update:

- There was an onsite meeting with Tim and Sharon Sargent of Sargent's Family Dairy to review the plan and were provided with a tour of the on-farm development facility.
- The Farm Tour will take place in a similar format to previous in-person tours which will begin with lunch, and instead of a keynote speaker, the Ag Career videos will be featured during lunch. There will then be a tour of the milk and cheese production facility across the road at the Jersey Dairy operation, and an agriculture promotion video from Bruce Sargent will be played to help promote agriculture and agriculture products.
- The confirmed date of the Farm Tour is Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Discussed ensued with regards to equipment required to move people from the Sargent Family Dairy Farm to the Jersey Dairy operation across the street during the Farm Tour.

C) ROPA 2022-002 – Concession 4, Township of Uxbridge – McDermott & Associates Limited

M. Scott advised that there is an application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by McDermott & Associates Limited for Concession 4 in the Township of Uxbridge.

Discussion ensued with regards to the details surrounding the subject site.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by H. Schillings,
That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee supports the Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by McDermott & Associates Limited, to permit the severance of a dwelling rendered surplus to a farming operation as a result of the future consideration of non-abutting farm parcels, File: ROPA 2022-022.

CARRIED

6. Information Items

A) Report #2022-P-11: Envision Durham – Growth Management Study Land Need Assessment – Staff Recommendation on Land Need Scenarios (Attachment 2)

A copy of Report #2022-P-11 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development – Envision Durham – Growth Management Study Land Need Assessment – Staff Recommendation on Land Need Scenarios was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received.

M. Scott advised that Planning and Economic Development staff recommended Scenario 4, and the Planning and Economic Development Committee supported modified Scenario 2A which will be presented to Regional Council on May 25, 2022.

Discussion ensued with regards to the scenarios referenced in Report #2022-P-11 and the modified scenario 2A supported by the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

Moved by B. Winter, Seconded by D. Risebrough,

That the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee re-iterates their support of Community Land Needs Scenario 5 to protect the viability of the agri-food industry in Durham Region;

And further, that the preservation of agricultural land is vital to ensure Durham Region residents have access to a sustainable and stable supply of local food, now and into the future as Durham's population grows; and

That access to growing food supports an entire food value chain and multiple industries related to food production that are imperative to Durham's overall economic health.

CARRIED

B) 2022 Business Count

M. Scott advised that the 2022 Business Count was going to return to in-person however due to the Avian flu, the agriculture business counts will be conducted online and by phone. Information on how to proceed with that will be provided by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture or in the Economic Development Newsletter.

7. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 starting at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Z. Cohoon, Chair, Durham Agricultural Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk