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The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-P-**
Date: November 7, 2023

Subject:

Decision Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by CBM Aggregates, to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 2 in the Township of Brock, File: OPA 2022-003.

Amendment #195 to the Durham Regional Official Plan

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Amendment #195 to the Durham Regional Official Plan to permit the expansion of an existing Aggregate Resources Extraction Area, as detailed in Attachment #3 to Commissioner's Report #2023-P-**, be approved, and
 - B) That a "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the Township of Brock, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and to all persons or public bodies who made a submission or requested notification of the decision.
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Report:**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend approval of an amendment to the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 in the Township of Brock. A map illustrating the location of the subject site is provided in Attachment #1.

2. Background

- 2.1 An application to amend the ROP was submitted by Esher Planning Inc., on behalf of CBM Aggregates, a division of St. Mary's Cement Inc. (Canada) ("CBM") on July 18, 2022. The application was deemed complete on July 25, 2022.
- 2.2 Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 (known as the Sunderland Pit) is an existing licensed aggregate pit operated by CBM. The Sunderland Pit encompasses a total land area of 203 hectares (502 acres) and is comprised of three separate extraction areas (the North, Main and South Pits) that operate under Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Aggregate License 6538. Its current annual extraction limit is 1,250,000 tonnes.
- 2.3 The proposed expansion to the aggregate extraction area is east of the south pit. Further planning approvals from the Township of Brock are required, including approval of an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Additionally, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is required to approve a new Aggregate License Site Plan under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA).

3. Subject Site and Surrounding Lands

- 3.1 The area of proposed expanded license (the "subject site") is generally located on the north side of Brock Concession Road 2, south of Regional Road 13, and west of Sideroad 17. The site is municipally located at S895 Regional Road 13 and legally described as Part of Lot 7 & 8, Concession 2, Township of Brock.
- 3.2 The subject site is approximately 35.3 hectares (87 acres) in size, with extraction proposed to occur on 22.4 hectares (55 acres). The majority of the subject site is actively cultivated with no buildings or structures. The eastern portion of the subject site is adjacent to the Beaverton River Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) Complex. Extraction will not occur within the PSW.

3.3 The following land uses surround the proposed expansion to the extraction area:

- North – Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 operated by St. Mary's Cement;
- East – Beaver River Provincially Significant Wetland;
- South – rural residential, woodlands and wetlands; and
- West – existing aggregate area, rural residential and agricultural uses.

4. Aggregate Resources Act Application

4.1 A license for a Category 1, Class A permit has been filed with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). This type of permit is required by MNRF under the Aggregate Resources Act for pit operations which propose to extract aggregate material from below the established groundwater table. The subject application proposes extraction above and below the water table. Extraction above the water table will remove approximately 5 to 10 metres of material, and extraction below the water table would be to a depth of approximately 12 metres.

4.2 Extraction is to be conducted in phases, in accordance with progressive rehabilitation principles. Extraction would begin by entering the centre of the expansion area, then moving north and then south. Extraction below the water table would occur in three ponds located in the north, centre and south of the proposed pit. The proposed pit will utilize an existing entrance/exit to the north on Regional Road 13.

4.3 The Aggregate Site Plan illustrates a berm 4 metres in height to be constructed on the south side of the property. In response to public input, the berm would be increased to 6 metres in locations where extraction would occur below the water table. The berm will remain in place until final rehabilitation of the pit has occurred (see Attachment 2).

4.4 The extraction limit of 1,250,000 tonnes per year is not proposed to change (i.e., there will be no capacity increase due to the expansion). The license will extend the life of the existing operation.

5. Provincial Plans and Policies

5.1 The proposed expansion to the existing Aggregate Resource Extraction Area may be permitted by the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the Greenbelt Plan, and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) subject to the following policies highlighted below.

Provincial Policy Statement

- 5.2 The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) requires natural features and hydrologic features to be protected for the long term. It further states that natural heritage systems should be maintained, restored or where possible, improved.
- 5.3 The PPS encourages mineral aggregate resources to be available as close to markets as realistically possible. It further requires mineral aggregate operations to be protected from development and other activities which would preclude or hinder their expansion, or continued use which would create incompatibility for public health, public safety, or environmental reasons.
- 5.4 Section 2.5.4 indicates that mineral aggregate resource extraction is permitted as an interim use in prime agricultural areas, provided that the site will be rehabilitated to an agricultural condition when the pit ceases to operate.

Greenbelt Plan

- 5.5 Within the Greenbelt Plan, non-renewable resources such as mineral aggregates are recognized as building materials for communities and infrastructure. The Greenbelt Plan also recognizes the importance of providing aggregates close to market for both economic and environmental reasons.
- 5.6 The subject site is designated “Protected Countryside” in the Greenbelt Plan which permits mineral aggregate resource operations. The subject site is also within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. Aggregate operations within the Natural Heritage System shall be permitted, only if significant wetlands, habitat for endangered species and threatened species, and significant woodlots are protected.

Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

- 5.7 The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) is a plan designed to protect and restore the ecological health of Lake Simcoe. It also applies to its watershed which includes the subject lands. Sections 4.16 to 4.21 apply to construction activities in the watershed. Section 4.19SA encourages the aggregate industry to adopt best management practices as a proactive measure to reduce potential contributions of phosphorus loading to the watershed.
- 5.8 Sections 4.20DP and 4.21HR apply to Mineral Aggregate Resource activities and require the following measures to be incorporated into the site plan agreements. Any site alteration is to be undertaken in a manner which incorporates the following measures:

- a. Keeping the removal of vegetation, grading and soil compaction to the minimum necessary to carry out the development activity;
- b. Removal of vegetation shall not occur more than 30 days prior to grading or construction;
- c. Putting in place structures to control and convey runoff;
- d. Minimizing sediment that is eroded offsite during construction;
- e. Seeding exposed soil once construction is complete and as season conditions permit; and
- f. Ensuring erosion and sediment controls are implemented effectively.

6. Durham Regional Official Plan

- 6.1 The subject site is within the Regional Greenlands System and is designated “Prime Agricultural Areas” and “Major Open Space Areas” within the Regional Official Plan (ROP). Schedule ‘B’ – Map ‘B1d’ identifies key natural heritage and hydrologic features on the eastern portion of the site. As well, the subject site is wholly within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, a “high aquifer vulnerability area” and an area of High Potential Aggregate Resources.
- 6.2 Regional Road 13 is designated as a Type ‘B’ Arterial Road.
- 6.3 Policy 9D.2.2 of the ROP states that no new pits or expansion of existing pits or quarry operations will be permitted beyond the applicable Resource Extraction Areas identified in Schedule ‘A’ and described in Schedule ‘E’, Table ‘E1’, other than by amendment to the ROP.
- 6.4 Policy 9D.2.9 of the ROP indicates that an application to amend the Plan for aggregate-related industrial uses is to be accompanied by technical studies that assess potential impacts on water resources and natural heritage features, impacts related to noise and air quality, as well as truck traffic, haul routes, and any associated costs to the Region or area municipality.

7. Applicant’s Reports and Peer Review Conclusions

- 7.1 In support of the application, the following technical reports were submitted:
 - “Planning Justification Report and Aggregate Resources Act Summary Statement”, dated July 2021, prepared by Esher Planning Inc.;
 - “Water Resources Assessment Report”, dated July 2021, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.;

- “Natural Environment Technical Report”, dated July 2021, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.;
- “Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment”, dated March 31, 2020, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.;
- “Air Quality Impact Assessment”, dated March 2022, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.;
- “Noise Impact Assessment Report”, dated July 2021, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.; and
- “Aggregate Resources Act Site Plans”, dated July 2022, prepared by Harrington McAvan Ltd.

7.2 Some of the key findings and recommendations of the reports submitted in support of the application include the following:

Noise

7.3 The Noise Impact Assessment concluded that predicted sound levels associated with the expansion area will operate below the noise limits established by the Province of Ontario. Noise within the site will be mitigated through the use of berms and equipment controls.

Air and Dust

7.4 The Air Quality Assessment demonstrated that the proposed pit expansion can occur within the prescribed limits and provisions as set out by the Province of Ontario. The report concluded that no exceedances to the Province’s regulatory standards are expected, and no significant off-site dust is expected. On-site dust suppression will further reduce any dust impacts.

Natural Heritage

7.5 The proposed rehabilitation plan is based on a progressive rehabilitation approach to restoring the site. The rehabilitation plan will require rehabilitation of each phase of the site prior to the commencement of extraction within other areas. Rehabilitation of the licensed area is expected to have a net-positive impact on the ecological conditions and functions of the valleyland through an increase in natural cover, increase in riparian buffer, and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Groundwater

7.6 The Water Resources Report examined ground water quality and quantity and concluded that the below water extraction on the site can be carried out with no well interference or hydrogeological effects on groundwater in the area.

8. Consultation

8.1 The proposed Official Plan Amendment application was circulated to a number of agencies for review and comment including the Township of Brock, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), the Regional Works Department and the Regional Health Department.

Public Consultation

8.2 The public meeting for the application was conducted at the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting on September 6, 2022. At the meeting six delegations spoke regarding their concerns with the application. In addition, approximately 20 written submissions have been received from 12 residents to date. Concerns raised related to:

- Protection of the adjacent Provincially Significant Wetland;
- Protection of groundwater and wildlife;
- Noise and dust concerns;
- Potential flooding and damage to surrounding roads and infrastructure; and
- Concerns over impacts on property values.

Township of Brock

8.3 On June 26, 2023, the Township of Brock Council directed staff to organize an in-person meeting with interested parties to investigate aggregate best practices that could be applied to the proposed extraction expansion area prior to considering a staff recommendation.

8.4 On July 26, 2023, a meeting was hosted by Township staff to hear from interested residents. A total of 22 residents appeared at the meeting who provided input on a variety of issues, including noise, dust, groundwater, roads and traffic, the natural environment and other issues.

8.5 Township staff subsequently met and reviewed the area resident comments with the proponent. In response to area resident concerns, the proponent agreed to a series of revisions to the ARA Site Plan package.

On September 11, 2023, the Council of the Township of Brock adopted a resolution supporting the approval of the ROP Amendment application subject to a number of revisions to the aggregate site plan, including that:

- The zoning by-law and site plan demonstrate that no extraction is to be permitted to take place in the EP zone;
- The annual groundwater monitoring reports be provided to the Township, as well as MNRF and the Region;
- The well water complaint protocol be revised to require that the Township should also be notified in the event of a complaint;
- A tree screen be included along Concession Road 2;
- A Community Liaison Committee be established;
- Notes be included on the Site Plan regarding the haul route and hours of operation;
- Erosion and Sediment Control fencing will be monitored after major rainfall events;
- All equipment be equipped with directional backup alarms to be used on site;
- A noise audit be completed on an annual basis to ensure the MECP noise limits are being adhered to;
- The berm along the southern limit of the licensed area be increased to a height of 6 metres, and that a single row of 1 metre high conifer trees be added as a visual screen across from the driveways on Concession 2;
- The plantings on top of the berm would be in addition to the tree screen at the base of the berm; and
- The trees on top of the berm would be removed as part of final rehabilitation, and the trees at the base of the berm would remain post extraction.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

8.6 On June 27, 2023, as part of the Province's "one-window" planning process, MMAH has advised that MMAH, the MNRF and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) have no concerns with the application, or the reports submitted in support of the application.

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

- 8.7 LSRCA has reviewed the application and the Natural Environment Report, the Water Resources Report and the Planning Justification Report. The LSRCA also reviewed supplemental information from the applicant's consultant to address outstanding issues.
- 8.8 On December 1, 2023, LSRCA confirmed that the application meets the requirements pertaining to natural heritage and natural hazards.

Other Agencies

- 8.9 The application was circulated to Regional Works Department, Regional Health, the school boards and utility companies. None of these agencies raised any objection to the application.

Regional Peer Review

- 8.10 R.J. Burnside was retained to undertake a peer review of the Air Quality Impact Assessment, Noise Impact Assessment, and Water Resources Assessment report and Dust Assessment reports.
- 8.11 Based on the peer review findings, R.J. Burnside concurred with the operation and mitigation recommendations contained in the technical reports. The peer review also recommended some additional measures be implemented in the approval of the future site plan, they included:
- a. On-site refueling should be restricted to areas where spill contaminant is in place; and
 - b. All annual reports completed for groundwater monitoring should be provided the Township of Brock along with a water complaint response plan.

9. Planning Analysis

Natural Heritage

- 9.1 Natural heritage features were identified within and adjacent to the subject site. A Provincially Significant Wetland is located at the southeast corner, and significant woodlands are located along the eastern boundary of the site. Aggregate extraction can occur adjacent to the PSW where it is determined that there will be no adverse impacts to the features or its ecological function. The Region's peer reviewer and LSRCA have confirmed that the proposed pit expansion and rehabilitation will not

adversely affect the function of on-site or off-site key natural heritage or hydrologic features. In order to protect and enhance the natural heritage features, a series of mitigation measures will be implemented, including:

- a buffer/limit of extraction from the Provincially Significant Wetland;
- a tree screen which will include a mix of native and indigenous species;
- erosion and sediment control fencing; and
- a progressive rehabilitation plan that is expected to result in a net-positive impact on the ecological functions of the valleyland, increase in riparian buffer and enhancing wildlife.

- 9.2 Rehabilitation of the site will include three separate ponds surrounded by nearshore, riparian and upland habitats. The rehabilitation plan will use non-invasive species. Side slopes will be graded to a 3:1 slope to ensure stability. The remainder of the site will include tree and shrub plantings between the adjacent PSW and the rehabilitated pit.
- 9.3 The Region's Peer Review Consultant concluded that the extraction boundary is sufficiently set back so that there will be no direct impacts on the PSW or significant woodland. In addition, a number of mitigation measures will be required and form conditions on the Aggregate Resources Act Site Plan with the MNRF.
- 9.4 The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and the Region's peer reviewer have reviewed the application and technical studies in support of the proposed application, including a review of the Water Resources Report. Their review of the proposed extraction of resources, both above and below the water table have confirmed that the aggregate pit expansion is not expected to negatively impact the quantity and quality of groundwater in the area.
- 9.5 A groundwater monitoring program will be initiated prior to any extraction taking place below the water table. A private well survey is also to be completed by an independent third party for all residences with 500 metres of the site, subject to the landowner's permission. The monitoring program will continue during extraction activities.
- 9.6 Water level and quality monitoring will be documented in an annual report by a qualified professional by April 30 of each year, and will be available to MNRF, Durham Region and Brock Township for review for the duration of the extraction.

- 9.7 A contingency plan, including the establishment of water well complaint plan should any impacts arise, provides for a number of options and specific actions to ensure there is no impact on groundwater quality and quantity.

Noise Impact Assessment

- 9.8 The Region's peer review has confirmed that the implementation of noise mitigation measures will allow the proposed aggregate pit expansion to comply with Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) noise guidelines. Noise mitigation measures such as: limits on hours of extraction operations and shipping, acoustical berms, equipment quantity and noise emission restrictions have been recommended and incorporated into the proposed Aggregate Licence Site Plan.
- 9.9 The application does not increase the current level of production of the existing licensed pit, so the associated truck traffic volumes will remain the same. The movement of aggregate by trucks will be restricted to existing haul routes and the existing site entrance/exit located to the west on Regional Road 13. Movement of aggregate on site will continue through the tunnel under Regional Road 13. In addition, trucks will not be permitted to use Brock Concession Road 2 or Sideroad 17 except for local deliveries.

Air Quality Impact Assessment

- 9.10 The Region's peer review of the technical studies has confirmed that the expected levels of dust created by the expanded aggregate extraction area would comply with the applicable provincial legislation and regulations.
- 9.11 On-site mitigation measures will include dust suppression through the application of water on internal haul roads and areas of loader activity. Progressive rehabilitation of the site will occur so that the area of extraction that may be exposed to wind erosion is minimized.
- 9.12 The peer reviewer has concluded that with the inclusion of mitigation measures, no exceedances of the Provincial regulatory standards are expected, and no off-site dust is expected. The peer reviewer is satisfied that the applicant's and agencies' proposed recommended conditions of the Aggregate Resources Act Site Plan can adequately mitigate dust from the aggregate operation.

Commentary

- 9.13 The application is consistent with the policies of the PPS. Policy 2.3.6.1 permits aggregate extraction within prime agricultural areas. Section 2.5.2.1 encourages the establishment of new Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas to be as close to markets as possible. Section 2.5.3 of the PPS outlines the requirements for Progressive and Final rehabilitation of aggregate extraction areas for subsequent land uses. The expansion will provide access to additional aggregate resources within proximity to urban and rural markets. Consideration has been provided for impacts on the natural environment as well as surrounding land uses. Appropriate mitigation measures have been included. Details regarding the progressive and final rehabilitation of the site have been included as part of the Aggregate Resource Act Site Plan submission and conditions.
- 9.14 The proposed expansion conforms with the policies of the Greenbelt Plan. Through the application review process and review of technical documents, the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed buffers / limits of extraction are adequate, and that there will be no adverse impacts to the function of key natural heritage or key hydrological features. Further, the applicant has demonstrated that the connectivity between the features will be maintained.
- 9.15 Through the application and technical review process, a series of recommended mitigation measures and conditions have been included in the Aggregate Site Plan which demonstrate the proposed aggregate pit expansion is consistent with the policies of the LSPP.
- 9.16 The ROP may permit expansions of Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas by way of amendment, subject to a number of criteria. The technical reports, the Region's peer review process, and the inclusion of a specific mitigation measures in the Site Plan conditions, has demonstrated that the impacts from the proposed expansion to Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 will have minor impacts that fall within all regulatory limits. The proposed amendment conforms to applicable ROP policies, including regional policies addressing impacts to human health and the natural environment.

10. Proposed Amendment

- 10.1 Proposed Amendment #195 revises Schedule 'E' – Table 'E1' by changing the existing area from 203 hectares (502 acres) to 238 hectares (588 acres) for Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 (see Attachment #3).

11. Notice of Meeting

- 11.1 Written notification of the meeting time and location of Planning & Economic Development Committee was sent to all who made oral or written submissions or requested notification, in accordance with Regional Council procedure.
- 11.2 The recommendation of the Planning & Economic Development Committee is scheduled to be considered by Council on November 29, 2023. If Council adopts the amendment, Council's decision will be final unless appealed.

12. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 12.1 In the processing of ROP Amendment applications, the objective is to ensure responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery in accordance with Goal 5 of the Durham Region Strategic Plan (DRSP), "Service Excellence".
- 12.2 Goal 3 of the DRSP also promotes Economic Prosperity. The amendment specifically supports the objective to build a strong and resilient economy that maximizes opportunities for business and employment growth.

13. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 13.1 On September 6, 2022, the Planning and Economic Development Committee received the Public Meeting Report #2022-P-17, which includes details of the proposed application.

14. Conclusion

- 14.1 Through the comprehensive review of the application and its supporting documentation, it has been determined that the proposed amendment to expand Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 2 conforms to and is consistent with the applicable Provincial policies and the ROP. The studies submitted in support of the amendment and the peer review process has demonstrated that the proposal meets the criteria outlined in the ROP for the expansion of an Aggregate Resource Extraction Area.
- 14.2 Approval of the proposed ROPA by Regional Council will allow the Township of Brock to adopt Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments permitting the expansion of the aggregate operation. The approval of the ROPA will also allow the Aggregate Resources Act application to be further considered by the MNR.

14.3 It is recommended that the application for Regional Official Plan amendment to allow the proposed expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area #2 be approved, as set out in Attachment 3 to this report.

15. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Site Plan

Attachment #3: Amendment #195 to the Durham Regional Official Plan

Respectfully submitted,

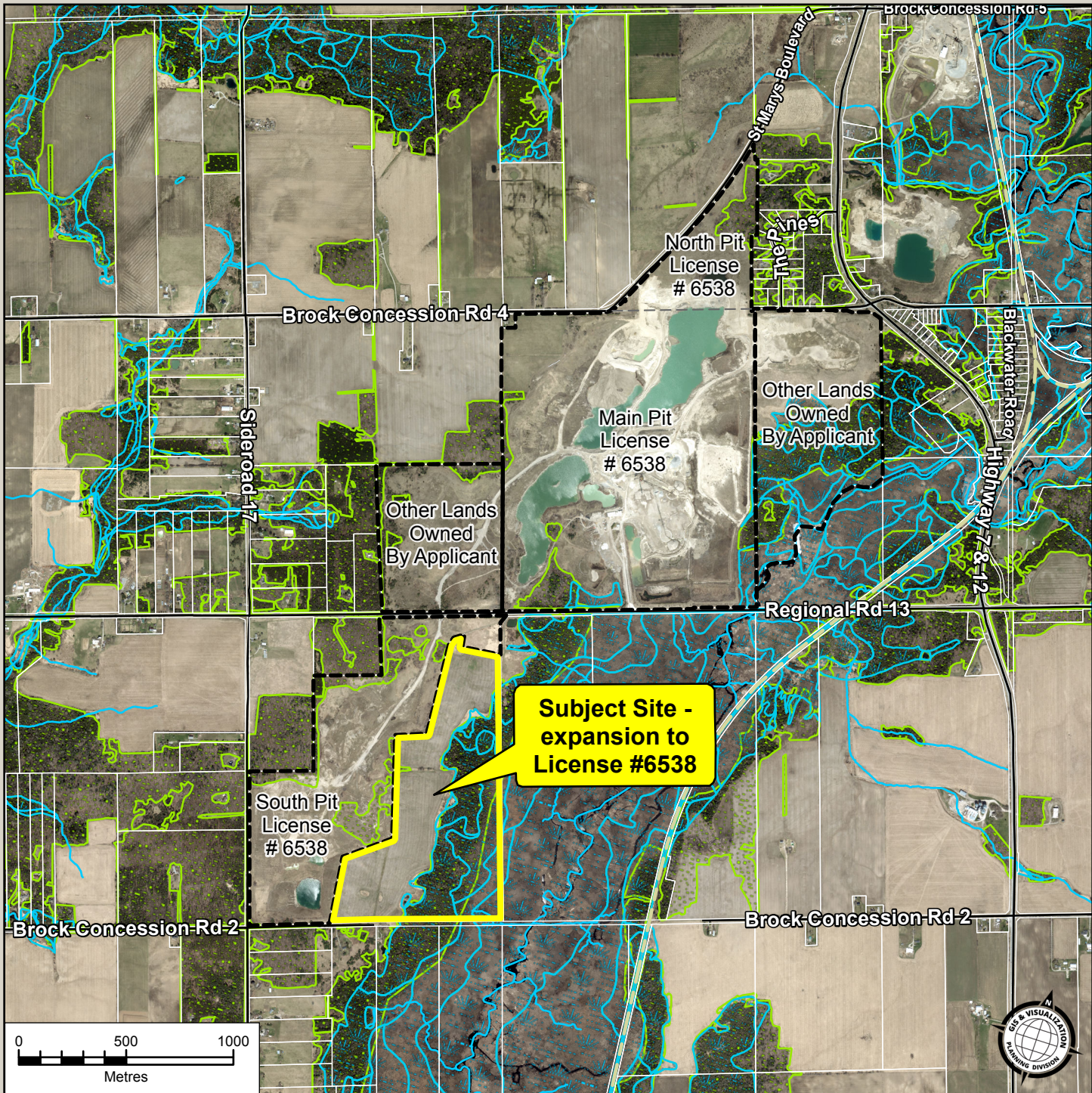
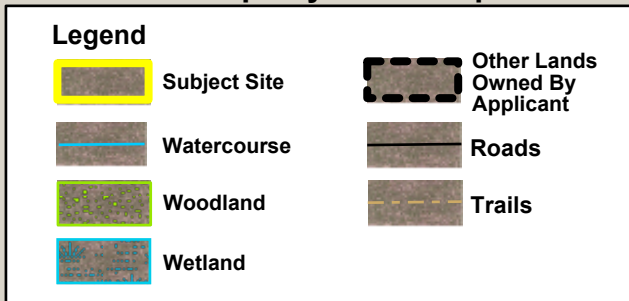
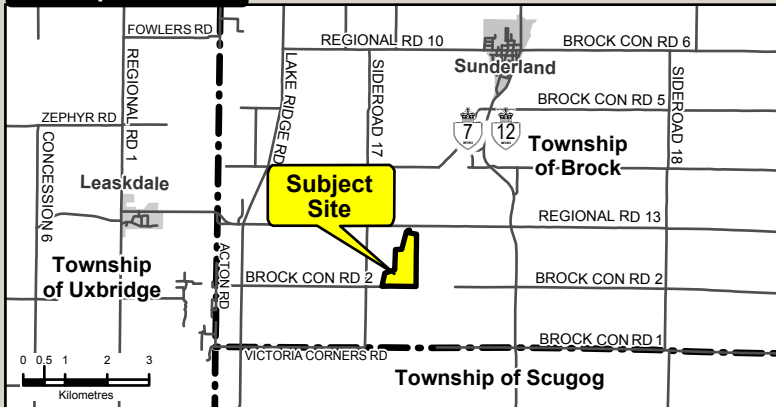
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Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
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Municipal Context



Amendment #195 to the Regional Official Plan

Purpose and Effect: The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to the Durham Regional Official Plan is permit an expansion of Aggregate Extraction Area #2 in the Township of Brock.

Location: The subject site is located at the southside of Regional Road 13, west of Sideroad 17. The site is municipally addressed as S895 Regional Road 13 and legally described as Part of Lot 7 & 8, Concession 2, Township of Brock

Basis: The Durham Regional Official Plan allows for the expansion of Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas subject to a number of criteria. Through the review of technical reports and the peer review process the application was evaluated based on the criteria of the Official Plan. It was determined that the proposed expansion meets all applicable Official Plan policies and Provincial plans and policies.

Amendment (current Regional Official Plan – 2020 Consolidation):

The Durham Regional Official Plan is hereby amended by changing the size of Aggregate Resource Extraction Area No. 2 as follows:

“Schedule E – Table ‘E1’ – Aggregate Resource Extraction Areas

<i>Area Identified on Schedule ‘A’</i>	<i>Former Municipality</i>	<i>Lot(s)</i>	<i>Concession(s)</i>	<i>Area (ha)</i>
2	Brock Twp.	Parts of 7, 8 & 9 Parts of 9 & 10 Part of 10	2 3 4	238.2

Implementation: The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of the Plan shall apply with regards to the Amendment.

Interpretation: The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the interpretation of the Plan shall apply with regards to this Amendment.



EARLY RELEASE OF REPORT

**The Regional Municipality of Durham
Report**

To: Planning and Economic Development Committee
From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2023-P-**
Date: November 7, 2023

Subject:

Decision Meeting Report

Application to Amend the Durham Regional Official Plan, submitted by Wooden Sticks Golf Inc., to permit a hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course in the Township of Uxbridge, File: OPA 2022-006.

Recommendation:

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That Amendment #194 to the Durham Regional Official Plan, to permit a hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing golf course, be adopted as contained in Attachment 2 to Commissioner's Report #2023-P-**;
 - B) That "Notice of Adoption" be sent to the applicant, the applicant's agent, the Township of Uxbridge, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all other persons of public bodies who requested notification of the decision; and
 - C) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to modify the newly adopted Durham Regional Official Plan as shown on Attachment 3 so that the approvals granted by Regional Council through Amendment #194 are carried forward and properly reflected in the Region's new Official Plan which is currently pending approval by the Minister.
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Report:**1. Purpose**

1.1 On December 14, 2022, GHD Inc., on behalf of Wooden Sticks Golf Inc. submitted an application to amend the Durham Regional Official Plan (ROP) to permit a hotel of up to five storeys in height with 79 guest rooms, and an expanded parking area ancillary to the existing Wooden Sticks golf course in the Township of Uxbridge. The subject lands are located outside the Uxbridge Urban Area Boundary. The hotel is proposed to be developed on municipal sewer and water services. Regional planning staff have evaluated the application and based on this evaluation, the purpose of this report is to recommend approval of the proposal and the adoption of Amendment #194 to the ROP.

2. Site Description

2.1 The subject site is located on the south side of Elgin Park Drive west of Concession 7 and is adjacent to the Uxbridge Urban Area. The site is known municipally as 40 Elgin Park Drive and is legally described as Part of Lot 27, Concession 6, Township of Uxbridge.

2.2 The overall golf course property is approximately 81.2 hectares (200 acres) in size, and includes an 18-hole golf course, a practice driving range area, six guest cabins for overnight accommodation, and associated parking. A clubhouse building with a restaurant and banquet facilities is located in the northwest section of the site. The golf course opened for public play in 2000. Uxbridge Brook crosses the eastern portion of the site.

2.3 The land uses surrounding the subject site include:

- a. North – Elgin Park Drive (a 2-lane local road), single detached dwellings;
- b. West – townhouse dwellings, Howard Williams Court (a private laneway), open space;
- c. South – wooded areas, single detached dwellings; and
- d. East – Concession Road 7, Fawks Nest Country Estate.

3. Background

3.1 The proposed hotel will be up to five storeys in height and approximately 5,400 square metres (58,000 square feet) in area, with 79 guest rooms and a lobby / reception area, office space and restaurant on the ground floor. The hotel is

proposed to be developed adjacent to and west of the existing clubhouse facility, in the northern portion of the subject site. A new surface parking area with 134 spaces is proposed to be built to the east of the existing access driveway from Elgin Park Drive and east of the existing parking area (see Attachment #1).

4. Durham Regional Official Plan Context

- 4.1 The subject lands are located outside the Uxbridge Urban Area Boundary. The majority of the site is designated “Oak Ridges Moraine Areas – Countryside Areas” with southern and eastern portions of the site designated “Oak Ridges Moraine Areas – Natural Core Areas” in the ROP. The subject lands are also identified in Schedule ‘B’ Map B2’ of the ROP as being located within a High Aquifer Vulnerability Area.
- 4.2 Policy 10B.2 1 (c) of the current ROP and Policy 7.1.9 (c) of the new Council-adopted ROP (Envision Durham) permits major recreational uses that are consistent with the policies of the ROP and the ORMCP. The Wooden Sticks golf course facility is considered to be a major recreational use.
- 4.3 Policy 10B.2.5 of the current ROP and Policy 7.1.26 of the new Council adopted ROP (Envision Durham) states that major recreational uses within the Countryside Areas of the Oak Ridges Moraine shall be considered by amendment to the ROP and must conform to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.
- 4.4 Policy 5.4.8 of the ROP permits properties outside of and abutting urban areas to connect to municipal water and sewer services, provided that the property contains a legally existing use, and provided that the property directly abuts a municipal watermain or sanitary sewer service within a public right-of-way or easement, and the connection is technically feasible, to the satisfaction of the Region.

Provincial Plans and Policies

Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

- 4.5 The 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) states that healthy, integrated and viable rural areas should be supported by promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities, and promotes recreational, tourism and other economic opportunities.
- 4.6 The proposed hotel will support the diversification of the rural area of Uxbridge and will provide tourism-related economic and employment opportunities to this area, consistent with the policies of the PPS.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP)

- 4.7 The majority of the subject site is designated “Countryside Areas” with the southern and eastern portions of the site designated “Natural Core Areas” in the ORMCP. One of the objectives of the policies within the Countryside Areas designation of the ORMCP is maintaining the quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water.
- 4.8 The northern portion of the site which is subject to the development proposal is designated as a Category 1 Landform Conservation Area in the ORMCP. Policy 30 (5) of the ORMCP indicates that a development application in a Category 1 Landform Conservation Area shall identify various practices that will keep the disturbance of the landform character to a minimum.
- 4.9 Policy 38 (2) of the ORMCP indicates that an application to establish or expand a major recreational use shall be accompanied by a recreation plan demonstrating that, among other matters, water and energy conserving technologies will be used in clubhouses and restaurants, and that green infrastructure and appropriate low impact development techniques will be used to capture and treat runoff from areas with impervious surfaces.
- 4.10 Policy 38 (4) of the ORMCP states that an application to establish or expand a major recreational use shall demonstrate that the recreational activities on the site will be compatible with the natural character of the surrounding area and will be designed and located so as not to conflict with adjacent land uses. It also states that an application to establish or expand a major recreational use shall demonstrate that new technologies related to construction and water conservation will be explored and incorporated to help maintain the ecological integrity of the Plan Area.

A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

- 4.11 The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe indicates that resource-based recreational uses, where permitted on rural lands, should be limited to tourism-related and recreational uses that are compatible with the scale, character and capacity of the resource and the surrounding rural landscape, and may include among other items, commercial uses to serve the needs of visitors.

The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

- 4.12 The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) indicates that a natural heritage evaluation shall accompany an application for development within 120 metres of a

key natural heritage or key hydrologic feature, which among other criteria, shall demonstrate that the development will have no adverse effects on the key natural heritage or hydrologic feature and its associated vegetation protection zone.

- 4.13 The technical reports submitted in support of the application have indicated that any minor impacts on existing natural heritage or hydrologic features can be addressed and mitigated, and result in development that is consistent with the policies and directives of the LSPP.
- 4.14 The LSPP also indicates that an application for major development shall be accompanied by a stormwater management plan that demonstrates, among other criteria, an integrated treatment train approach will be used to minimize stormwater management flows, how changes in water balance and how phosphorus loadings between pre-development and post-development will be minimized.
- 4.15 Technical work submitted in support of the application has demonstrated that stormwater management flows, changes in water balance and phosphorus loadings between pre-development and post-development will be minimized, consistent with the policies of the LSPP.

5. Reports Submitted in Support of the Application

- 5.1 A Planning Rationale Report, dated November 2022, was prepared by GHD in support of the application. The report indicates that the subject lands are subject to a site specific Major Recreational Use policy in the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan and the proposed development will be ancillary to the principal golf course use. The report concludes that the proposed development conforms to the Major Recreational Use policies of the ORMCP and the Growth Plan, and is consistent with the PPS.
- 5.2 An Environmental Impact Study (EIS), dated November 2022, was prepared by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited in support of the application. The study indicated that there will be potential environmental effects from construction activities due to: clearing of vegetation; disturbance to wildlife and wildlife habitat; reduction of the groundwater recharge area due to the introduction of impervious surfaces; and, the potential introduction of chloride into the groundwater through the use of road salt during the winter months.
- 5.3 The EIS also noted that, based on the Ecological Offsetting Policy (EOP) of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), the woodland located in the area proposed to be developed for the proposed hotel can be removed without

compensation since the EOP does not require compensation for woodlands smaller than 0.5 hectares.

- 5.4 The EIS recommended measures to mitigate the above noted impacts including: establishing planting and edge management plans for naturalized areas; fencing to delineate the limit of construction; avoiding vegetation clearing during sensitive times of the year; the completion of a water balance assessment as part of a hydrogeological assessment; and the use of best management practices for the application of road salt in the parking area.
- 5.5 The above noted EIS concluded that the proposed development of the hotel and new parking area are relatively small in scale, and that impacts to surrounding lands will be minimized and mitigated. The EIS further concluded that there will be a loss of 0.15 ha of vegetation communities in the study area; that loss or disturbance to the current Monarch breeding habitat will need to be adequately compensated for; negative impacts to groundwater quality of highly vulnerable aquifers will be adequately minimized; and no net negative effects to groundwater quantity of significant groundwater recharge areas and wellhead protection areas are anticipated.
- 5.6 A Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Report (FSR), dated November 2022, was prepared by GHD in support of the application. The report indicated that sediment and erosion control practices including silt fences, catch basin buffers and mud mats will be implemented during construction to ensure that the potential impacts to down gradient properties and the existing storm sewer system are minimized.
- 5.7 The FSR concluded that the existing sewer and the existing watermain located on Elgin Park Drive will be adequate to service the proposed development, and that a detailed Sediment and Erosion Control Plan will be provided at the detailed design stage of the project.
- 5.8 A Landform Conservation Report, dated November 2022, was prepared by GHD in support of the application. Figure 4 of the report illustrates portions of the proposed hotel location with slope ranges between 15 and 25% and between 25 and 100%. The Region notes that the proposed hotel location is located within a Category 1 Landform Conservation Area, which according to Section 30 (5) (a) of the ORMCP, requires planning, design and construction practices to keep the disturbance to landform character to a minimum, including maintaining significant landform features such as steep slopes.

- 5.9 The above noted report concluded that the development of the proposed hotel will conform to the general landform conservation objectives and policies of the ORMCP. It also concluded that landform feature disturbance will be minimized by concentrating the proposed development in areas of the site that do not contain any significant natural features, by the use of building designs that will result in low impact to the existing landform, and by using selective grading techniques that can be reviewed through detailed design and the site plan approval stage of development.
- 5.10 A Phase One Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), dated March 19, 2021 was prepared by GHD in support of the application. The assessment noted that no potentially contaminating activities or areas of potential environmental concern were identified on the property or within the Phase One Study Area. It concluded that the property is of relatively low environmental risk and is suitable for the proposed commercial expansion and recommended no further environmental investigation is warranted at this time.
- 5.11 A Hydrogeological Assessment and Water Balance, dated November 2022 was prepared by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited in support of the application. The assessment noted that the proposed hotel does not include any of the restricted land uses activities considered to be high risk for areas of high aquifer vulnerability, and as such the hotel does not pose a threat to the groundwater quality of the underlying aquifers. The assessment also noted that there are no Wellhead Protection Areas or hydrologically sensitive features, including permanent or intermittent streams, wetlands, kettle lakes, or seepage areas and springs within the area proposed to be developed. The assessment also noted that, with the implementation of various low impact development measures, there would be a potential increase in infiltration from pre-development conditions.
- 5.12 A Transportation Study, dated November 2022 was also prepared by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited in support of the application. The study indicated that no road network improvements are required as a result of the proposed development; that refuse and delivery trucks can access the proposed loading spaces; that the proposed parking supply will exceed the Township of Uxbridge's Zoning By-law requirements; and that the Township of Uxbridge will implement their planned multi-use path and paved shoulders to facilitate active transportation within and adjacent to the subject site.

6. Planning Analysis

- 6.1 The proposed hotel and expanded parking area would be ancillary to the existing approved golf course. The proposed development includes future connections to municipal water and sewer services that are available on Elgin Park Drive, which is a public road adjacent to the subject property. ROP policy 5.4.8 permits properties outside of and abutting urban areas to connect to municipal water and sewer services, subject to the provisions stated above. The FSR concluded that it is technically feasible for the proposed hotel to connect to existing municipal water and sanitary sewer services.
- 6.2 Any modification of terrain and/or vegetation as a result of the proposed hotel and expanded parking area will be minimized and mitigated to the extent possible. Any potential modification will be addressed through detailed design as part of the site plan approval process.
- 6.3 A peer review of the EIS, dated September 6, 2023, was conducted by Natural Resource Solutions Inc. The peer review noted that a differentiation should be made between the proposed development area and the study area, which should include adjacent lands to 120m from the proposed development area, and that the proposed parking area should be addressed in the EIS since it is located adjacent to a woodland and will remove a meadow that the EIS identified is providing habitat for the Monarch Butterfly, a Species of Concern.
- 6.4 The peer review also noted that appropriate surveys for the Common Nighthawk are required to identify its presence, and that the surveys undertaken are inadequate to conclude that Species at Risk (SAR) bats are not using the study area for roosting.
- 6.5 The peer review also noted that compensation for the woodland that the proposed development will remove may be required since a rough estimate of the woodland appears to be 0.53 hectares, and the dripline of the entire woodland must be surveyed to provide an accurate measurement.
- 6.6 The EIS peer review concluded that further reporting is required to ensure the proposed development can proceed with no negative impacts on identified natural heritage features, habitat and their functions. The Region concurs with this assessment and notes that further technical work to address the EIS and peer review recommendations will be undertaken through the site plan review and approval process.

- 6.7 The Landform Conservation report indicated that the proposed hotel will be designed to accommodate the existing topography and match existing grades as much as possible. The report indicated that further selective grading techniques, should they be necessary, can be reviewed through the detailed design of the site plan application. The report concluded that the proposed development strategy will minimize disturbance to the landform feature by concentrating development to areas of the site that do not contain any significant natural features.
- 6.8 The FSR and Hydrogeological Investigation and Water Balance reports submitted in support of the application have confirmed that various low impact development measures will be used to capture and treat stormwater runoff from areas with impervious surfaces, consistent with requirement of the ORMCP. Further consideration of new technologies related to construction and water conservation will be considered through detailed design as part of the site plan approval process.
- 6.9 Policy 38 (5) of the ORMCP indicates that an application to establish or expand a major recreational use shall demonstrate that the new or expanded major recreational use will have no adverse impacts on surrounding uses or that any such impacts will be minimized and mitigated to the extent possible. Any potential conflict with adjacent land uses will be addressed through detailed design to mitigate impacts such as noise, light and shadows of the proposed development on the surrounding community, recognizing that the location of the proposed hotel is adjacent to the Uxbridge Urban Area and a public road.
- 6.10 Policy 43 (1) of the ORMCP indicates that an application for major development shall be accompanied by a sewage and water system plan that demonstrates, among other criteria, that the ecological integrity of hydrological features and key natural heritage features and the quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water will be maintained. The hotel is proposed to be developed on municipal sewer and water services.
- 6.11 The FSR includes low impact development measures, including swales with infiltration in the base, will be utilized to manage water quality and phosphorus loading to the wider watershed and outfalls to their respective watercourse or ditch downstream with release rates controlled by orifice plates.
- 6.12 The Hydrogeological Investigation and Water Balance report also demonstrates that, as part of the proposed stormwater management plans and low impact development measures, water balance calculations show a potential 40% increase in infiltration from pre-development conditions. The study also indicated that the

proposed hotel expansion does not include any of the restricted land uses considered to be high risk for areas of high aquifer vulnerability, and as such does not pose a threat to the groundwater quality of the underlying aquifers.

- 6.13 A peer review of the FSR, EIS, Landform Conservation Report, Phase One ESA, and Transportation Study, dated September 5, 2023, was prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd. in support of the application on behalf of the Township of Uxbridge. In its review of the FSR, the peer review recommended that an oil grit separator be provided in the existing parking area to treat storm runoff prior to leaving the site. A report, dated September 11, 2023, prepared by Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd. and submitted to the Township of Uxbridge Council stated that this matter can be addressed at the time of site plan approval through detailed design.
- 6.14 In its review of the Transportation Study, the peer reviewer indicated that a paved sidewalk or multi-use trail should be provided across the frontage of the proposed development and connected to the existing multiuse trail to the west.

7. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 7.1 On April 4, 2023, the Planning and Economic Development Committee received the Public Meeting Report #2023-P-7, which includes details of the proposed development.

8. Public Meeting and Submissions

- 8.1 In accordance with the Planning Act, a notice of public meeting regarding this application was published in the appropriate newspaper, mailed to those who own lands within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject lands, and a public meeting was held on April 4, 2023. Commissioner's Report #2023-P-7 provides information on the application.
- 8.2 The Region received written submissions from fifteen interested parties related to the amendment application.
- 8.3 Twelve of the submissions raised some concerns and/or requested more information, include the proposed location and height of the hotel, the extent of tree removal, the potential increase in noise and the potential loss of privacy.
- 8.4 Two of the submissions stated their support for the proposed amendment.
- 8.5 One submission stated its opposition regarding the proposed amendment.

8.6 The Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority have indicated that matters related to the natural environment, noise, traffic and privacy can be addressed at the site plan stage of the approval process.

9. Consultation

9.1 On September 11, 2023, the Council of the Township of Uxbridge adopted a resolution in support of OPA 70 which seeks to amend the Township of Uxbridge's Official Plan to modify the current site-specific official plan policy and zoning regulations to permit an expansion of the existing Major Recreational Use. The adoption of OPA 70 will occur after the Region's approval of the Regional Official Plan Amendment application.

9.2 The Council of the Township of Uxbridge also indicated that it supports the approval of the Regional Official Plan Amendment application and that the remaining details associated with the mitigation of the site design can be appropriately addressed through the related site plan approval process.

9.3 The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the Regional Health Department, the Regional Works Department, Canada Post and Enbridge Gas have no concerns with the approval of the amendment to the Regional OP.

9.4 On-site plantings including woodland compensation and implementation of study recommendations will be implemented through the site plan review and approval process administered by the Township of Uxbridge.

10. Notice of Meeting

10.1 Written notification of the meeting time and location of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting was sent to all who requested notification, in accordance with Regional Council procedure.

10.2 The recommendation of the Planning and Economic Development Committee is scheduled to be considered by Regional Council on November 29, 2023. If Council adopts the proposed Amendment, notice will be given by the Regional Clerk and Council's decision will be final unless appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

11. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 11.1 In the processing of ROP Amendment applications, the objective is to ensure responsive, effective and fiscally sustainable service delivery in accordance with Goal 5 of the Durham Region Strategic Plan (DRSP), “Service Excellence”.
- 11.2 Goal 3 of the DRSP promotes Economic Prosperity. The amendment specifically supports Goal 3.4 “Capitalize on Durham’s strengths in key economic sectors to attract high-quality jobs”.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The proposed amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms with the policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Durham Regional Official Plan. The studies submitted in support of the amendment and the peer review process have demonstrated that the principle of the development can be approved at this time. Accordingly, it is recommended that Amendment #194 to the ROP, as shown in Attachment #2, be adopted.
- 12.2 The proposed amendment allows for the development of the proposed hotel and ancillary parking area subject to the resolution of outstanding issues prior to any development taking place including noise and the natural environment matters which will be further addressed at the time of the site plan application to the satisfaction of the Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. Other issues including traffic, and light trespass are matters that will be addressed by the Township of Uxbridge as part of the final approval of the required site plan application.
- 12.3 During the transition period between the current in-effect ROP (2020 Consolidation) and prior to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s approval of the adopted ROP (Envision Durham) it is recommended that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing also be requested to include an amendment, as contained in Attachment 3, as a modification to the adopted Regional Official Plan through its approval process.
- 12.4 The proposed amendment establishes the principle of development and specifies that prior to any new development taking place, the following conditions shall be met to the satisfaction of the Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority:

- a. That any negative impacts on identified natural heritage features and their functions as well as Species of Concern and Species at Risk will be properly mitigated; and
- b. That any tree removal that occurs as a result of the development of the proposed hotel and expanded parking area will be compensated based on the requirements of the Ecological Offsetting Policy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

13. Attachments

Attachment #1: Location Sketch

Attachment #2: Amendment #194 to the Regional Official Plan

Attachment #3: Modification to the adopted ROP (Envision Durham)

Respectfully submitted,

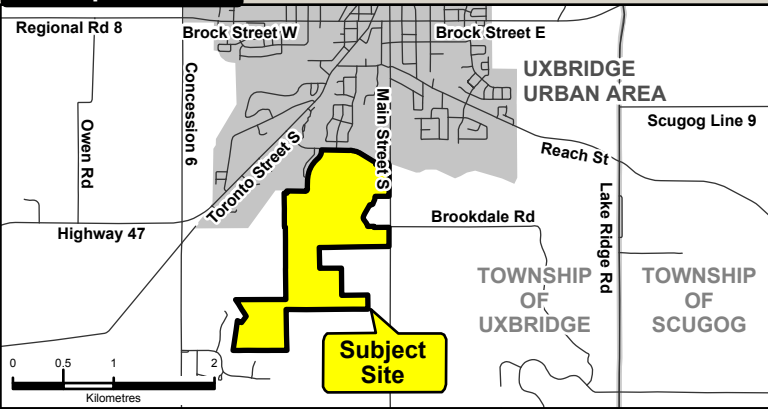
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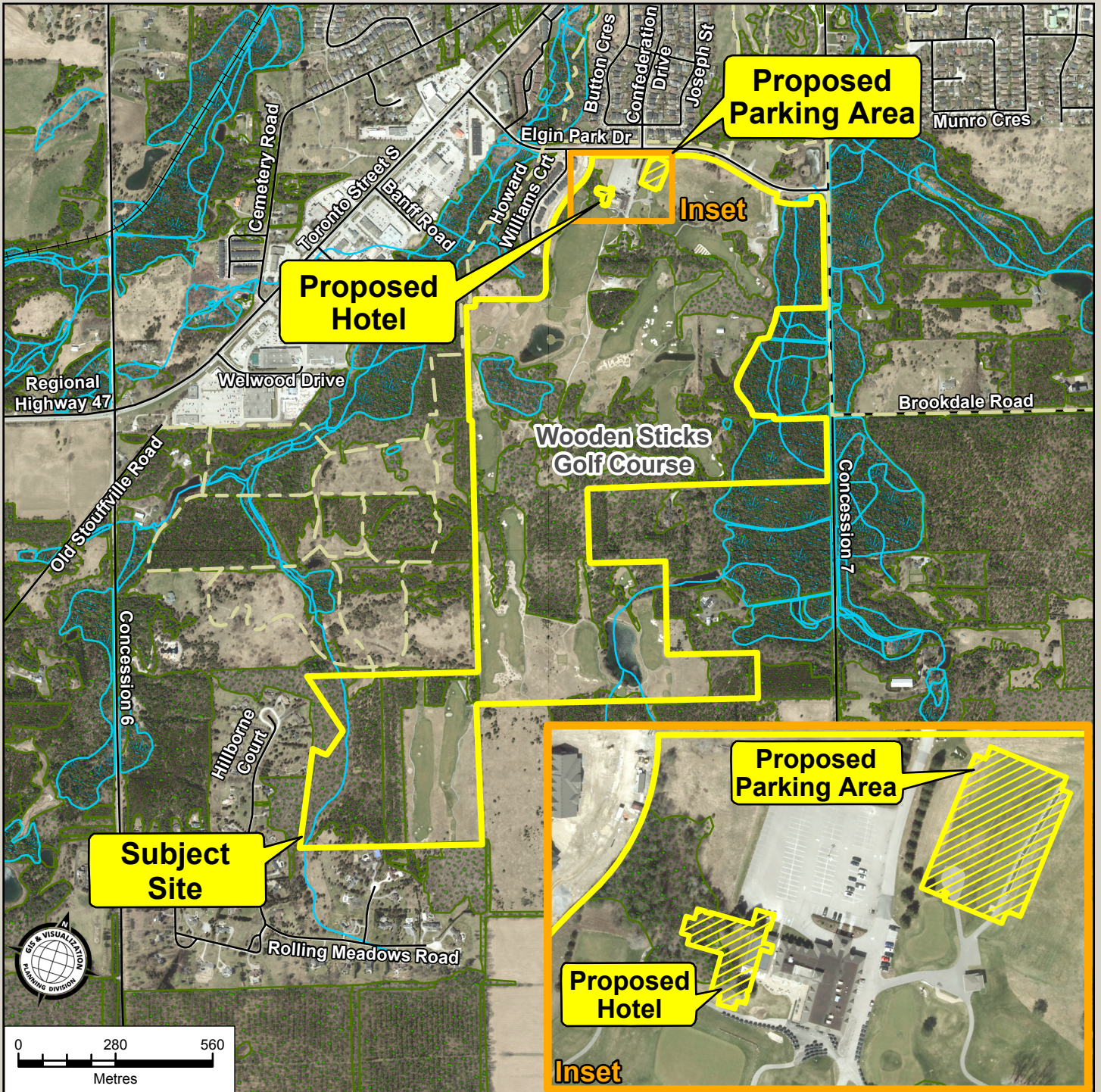
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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal Context



Attachment #1
Commissioner's Report: 2023-P-**
File: ROPA 2022-006
Municipality: Township of Uxbridge



Amendment #194 to the Regional Official Plan

Purpose and Effect: The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to permit an expansion of the existing Wooden Sticks golf course to include a hotel up to five storeys in height with 79 guest rooms and a lobby / reception area, office space and restaurant on the ground floor, as well as an expanded parking area in the Township of Uxbridge.

Location: The subject site is located at 40 Elgin Park Drive, and is legally described as Part of Lot 27, Concession 6 in the Township of Uxbridge.

Basis: The subject site includes an existing major recreational use recognized in the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan and the amendment proposes an expansion to this use including a hotel and expanded parking area. This amendment conforms to the Durham Regional Official Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

Amendment (current Regional Official Plan – 2020 Consolidation):

The Durham Regional Official Plan is hereby amended by adding the following policy to a new Section 10B.3.1 – Policy Exceptions:

“10B.3.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, ancillary uses to the existing major recreational use including a hotel up to five storeys in height and an expanded parking area are permitted on lands located on the south side of Elgin Park Drive west of Concession 7, east of Howard Williams Court, identified as Assessment 18-29-040-009-00500 in Part of Lot 27 Concession 6, in the Township of Uxbridge. Prior to any development taking place, the following conditions shall be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority:

- a) *That any negative impacts on identified natural heritage features and their functions as well as Species of Concern and Species at Risk will be properly mitigated; and*
- b) *That any tree removal that occurs as a result of the development of the proposed hotel and expanded parking area will be compensated based on the requirements of the Ecological Offsetting Policy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.*

Implementation: The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the implementation of the Plan shall apply with regards to the Amendment.

Interpretation: The provisions set forth in the Durham Regional Official Plan regarding the interpretation of the Plan shall apply with regards to this Amendment.

Request by Durham Region Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Modify the Durham Regional Official Plan

Request: Durham Region Council hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to modify the new Durham Regional Official Plan as adopted on May 17, 2023 by adding the following policy exception to Section 10.5:

“10.5 Permit, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, ancillary uses to the existing major recreational use including a hotel up to five storeys in height and an expanded parking area are permitted on lands located on the south side of Elgin Park Drive west of Concession 7, east of Howard Williams Court, identified as Assessment 18-29-040-009-00500 in Part of Lot 27 Concession 6, in the Township of Uxbridge. Prior to any development taking place, the following conditions shall be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Region of Durham, the Township of Uxbridge, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority:

- a) That any negative impacts on identified natural heritage features and their functions as well as Species of Concern and Species at Risk will be properly mitigated; and*
- b) That any tree removal that occurs as a result of the development of the proposed hotel and expanded parking area will be compensated based on the requirements of the Ecological Offsetting Policy of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.*

Note: Underlined text will be bookmarked to defined terms within the Glossary of the new Regional Official Plan.

Rational: On May 17, 2023, Durham Region Council adopted a brand new Regional Official Plan which is currently before the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing pending approval. On November 29, 2023, Durham Regional Council adopted Amendment #194 to the currently in effect (the “old”) Official Plan to permit the development of a hotel and expanded parking area ancillary to the existing Wooden Sticks golf course in the Township of Uxbridge. This requested modification to the new Official Plan will enable the permissions granted by Amendment #194 to be carried forward and properly reflected in the new Official Plan.




File: 03-05

October 13, 2023

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Re: Request to the Province to Utilize the 407 as an Alternate Route for Aggregate Trucks

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of October 2, 2023 and adopted the following recommendation of the Community and Operations Services Committee:

“Whereas at the March 20, 2023 meeting of the Community and Operations Services Committee, Item CO-23-14 was considered concerning Request to the Province to Utilize the 407 as an Alternate Route for Aggregate Trucks in response to the Municipality of Clarington’s Resolution #JC-022-23 to divert heavy trucks to the 407; and,

Whereas Item CO-23-14 was referred to staff:

‘That to limit the heavy truck traffic and potential traffic related issues on Harmony Road, that a No Heavy Traffic prohibition on Harmony Road be implemented and enforced from the 407 Highway south to Winchester Road;

That this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Local MPPs’ and,

Whereas City staff have reviewed the request and confirmed that this section of Harmony Road is under Provincial jurisdiction; and,

Whereas Council does not have the authority to implement No Heavy Traffic prohibition on this section of Harmony Road; and,

Whereas the diversion of heavy trucks to the 407 does not respect the neighbourhoods and safety of Oshawa residents,

Therefore that pursuant to Item CO-23-45 dated September 18, 2023 concerning Response to the Request to the Province to Utilize the 407 as an Alternate Route for Aggregate Trucks, the Ministry of Transportation be requested to implement a No Heavy Traffic prohibition on Harmony Road and enforced from the 407 Highway south to Winchester Road; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Durham MPPs and Durham Municipalities.”

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Tracy Adams, C.A.O. at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk

/ld

c: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Durham MPPs
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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

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Resolution

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October 12, 2023

RE: Correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on October 2, 2023, passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Miriam Mutton
Seconded by Councillor Randy Barber

Resolution No: 315-2023
October 2, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding Catch and Release Legislation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Midland and direct Staff to circulate to Ontario municipalities and the Cobourg Police Services Board.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Cc: Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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September 8, 2023

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Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
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October 12, 2023

Dear Minister Virani and Minister Downey,

RE: “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that at their meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Council of the Township of Howick passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 351-23

Moved by: Councillor Grimes

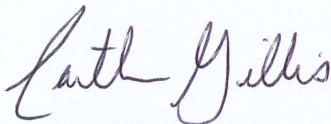
Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That Council of the Township of Howick supports Item 9.5 of correspondence from the Town of Midland regarding the current “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system.

Carried.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick
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Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

Enclosure: Correspondence from the Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice in Ontario

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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

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October 17, 2023

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	October 17, 2023 11:10 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on September 25, 2023, and subsequently ratified by City Council on October 16, 2023:

" WITH RESPECT to Report 299-2023-City Manager's Office-Strategic Initiatives & Engagement, we recommend that Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) / Gender-Based Violence (GBV) be declared an epidemic;

AND THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification."

CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Dana Earle
 Deputy City Clerk

/ll

cc: all Ontario municipalities

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:04 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

D. Campbell, Vice-Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga 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.

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Beach*, Oshawa
D. Campbell, Whitby, Vice Chair
Councillor McDougall*
J. McEwen, Clarington
S. Sones, Whitby
***denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

Absent: A. Blum, Scugog
W. Henshall, Whitby
L. Houston, Community Care Durham
R. Purnwasie, Ajax, Chair

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
J. Nolan, Contact Centre Lead, myDurham 311 Project
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Sochacki*, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering
K. Wall, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
***denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Jacek Sochacki, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering, re: The Durham Standard

Jacek Sochacki, Program Manager, Facilities Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to The Durham Standard.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- What is the Durham Standard?
- Purpose of the Durham Standard
- Cross-Departmental Development Team
- Standard Development Process
- Referenced External Standards
- Application
- Design Checklists
- Accessibility and Inclusivity Design Checklist
- Space Optimization Design Checklist
- Sustainability and Resilience Design Checklist
- Outcomes
- Ongoing Administration

At this time, a quorum of members was lost. The Committee recessed at 1:20 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of A. Blum, W. Henshall, L. Houston, and R. Purnwasie.

J. Sochacki responded to questions with regards to which consultants were used in preparing the Durham Standard; whether the plan is available online to review; how the Durham Standard will affect the building of the Seaton long-term care facility; whether the Durham Standard will be reviewed against existing facilities in Durham Region; and who is conducting the accessibility checks.

Discussion ensued with regards to whether construction on the Seaton long-term care home in Pickering has begun; and whether changes can be made to the Seaton long-term care home plans.

B) Brittany Brunt, Supervisor of Administration, Administrative Services, re: Mobile Self-Service Front Counters

In the absence of Brittany Brunt, Janet Nolan, Contact Centre Lead, myDurham 311 Project, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Mobile Self-Service Front Counters.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- myDurham 311 Customer Portal
- myDurham 311 Self-Service Technology
- Mobile Stands Reviewed
- Mobile Stands Selected
- myDurham 311 Kiosk Reach
- myDurham 311 Objectives

J. Nolan responded to questions with regards to the services available on the mobile self service iPad; whether there will be a voice component on the iPad for those who are visually impaired; the height of the unit; whether a closed caption feature can be administered on the iPad; where the mobile self-service iPads will be located; whether there will be a person available to provide assistance with the mobile self-service iPads if needed; whether the search history information will be cleared after each use; and when the pilot project will commence and how long it will last.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at this time. The Committee recessed at 2:09 PM and reconvened at 2:20 PM.

Following the recess, the Committee Clerk conducted a roll call, and all members of the Committee were present with the exception of A. Blum, W. Henshall, L. Houston, and R. Purnwasie.

5. Discussion Items

A) Terms of Reference Review

K. Wall advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is currently under review and that she will share a copy of the document following the meeting. She indicated that there are two changes that she would like feedback on from the group, the date and time of the meetings and the length of time the Committee is required to wait for a quorum before the meeting can begin.

Discussion ensued with regards to moving the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings to the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM; and changing the wait time for a quorum from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

B) Canadian National Institute of the Blind (CNIB) Accessible Transit Campaign in Durham Region

K. Wall advised she is working with Durham Region Transit on the CNIB accessible transit advocacy campaign and asked Committee members to share this with their networks. The campaign is running from October 2 to 13, 2023 and invites Canadian's who are blind, partially sighted, and family members and caregivers for someone with sight loss, to report on the barriers they encounter when using public transit.

K. Wall advised that on October 4 or 5, 2023, Neisha Mitchell from CNIB is inviting people to ride along with officials on Durham Region Transit buses, and on October 12, 2023, CNIB will be discussing the shared experiences which will be used to consider pathways to future improvements.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

7. Information Items

A) Education Sub-Committee Update

K. Wall advised that the Education Sub-Committee met in July and is looking for a Committee member to Chair the meetings.

K. Wall displayed an image of a draft Accessibility Advisory Committee pop-up banner that will be showcased at the Joint Forum on November 7, 2023.

The Committee provided their input on the Accessibility Advisory Committee pop-up banner with regards to the font size and colour; the use of the heart symbol and whether the word "heart" should be in text only; and the size of the banner.

K. Wall advised she would provide an alternative image of the pop-up banner following the meeting to Committee members for their review and comment.

B) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The September 19, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen and W. Henshall was emailed to Committee members prior to the meeting.

J. McEwen brought forward concerns that there was a lack of seat belts on the buses being contracted to Durham Region Transit. K. Wall advised she would follow up with Durham Region Transit staff.

C) Accessibility Coordinator Update

K. Wall advised that she has received nominations from each municipality for the Joint Forum Accessibility Awards with broad representation from the community of business owners, organizations, and outreach programs. The agenda will consist of keynote speaker Meenu Sikand, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Division, Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, and Canadian comedian Courtney Gilmour.

K. Wall asked Committee members for their suggestions on nominees for the Durham Accessibility Award for 2023 and it was the consensus of the Committee to nominate Doreen Hume-McKenna.

K. Wall also advised that the 2022 Accessibility Report is being presented to Regional Council on September 27, 2023 for approval.

8. Reports for Information

There were no reports to consider.

9. Other Business

A) Future Agenda Item

D. Campbell requested that an Introduction of New Members be included on the November 28, 2023 Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. McEwen, Seconded by S. Sones,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Campbell, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory
Committee

K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Thursday, September 28, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:41 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

Due to technical difficulties with audio sound in the meeting room, the meeting started later than the scheduled time and was conducted using a laptop as the main input and output for sound. Some audio echoes were experienced throughout the meeting as a result.

1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

Chair Samuel read the following land acknowledgement:

We are currently located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among the Mississauga Peoples and is the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississauga 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: S. Bookal, Community Member
A. Frempong, Community Member
T. Hancock*, Community Member
Councillor Lee, Regional Council
J. Munawa*, Community Member
B. Nelson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
C. Oyeniran*, Community Member
N. Samuel, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Chair
Councillor Shahid*, Regional Council
K. Vieneer, Community Member
J. Williamson, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
G. Wilson-Beier, Community Member
*** denotes members participating electronically**

Also Present: Councillor Anderson*, Regional Council Alternate
*** denotes members participating electronically**

Absent: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Byrne, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative
PG Case, Industry/Association/Public Institution Representative, Vice-Chair
R. Coelho, Community Member
R.O. Pule, Community Member

Staff

Present: A. Hector-Alexander, Director, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
H. Mohammed, Policy Coordinator, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
A. Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by S. Bookal,
That the minutes of the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting
held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

6. Presentations

A) Gillian Venning, Durham District School Board (DDSB), Josh Fullan, Director,
Maximum City and Katie Konstantopoulos, Project Facilitator, Maximum City re:
Durham District School Board's (DDSB) New Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Josh Fullan, Director, Maximum City, Katie Konstantopoulos, Project Facilitator,
Maximum City, and Priya Pinjani, Project Facilitator, Maximum City, provided a
PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham District School Board's
(DDSB) New Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

Sean McCormack, System Lead, Anti-Oppression from DDSB was also present.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP): Fundamentals
 - What is a Multi-Year Strategic Plan?

- What a Multi-Year Strategic Plan does not contain
- Where are we coming from: MYSP 2018-2023
- DDSB MYSP Consultation Timeline
- Engagement by the Numbers
- Questions for Community/Organizations
 - Consultation Questions
 - What is working well for you as parent or caregiver / community partner in the DDSB?
 - What could be improved for you as a parent or caregiver / community partner in the DDSB?
 - How can the DDSB support anti-racist and inclusive school communities where all staff and students feel like they belong and are valued?
 - How can the DDSB strengthen relationships with community organizations like yours to support common goals?
- What We've Heard
 - Emerging themes from consultation
- Next Steps for Consultation and Reporting

Discussion ensued with regards to the consultation questions outlined above, specifically the question: "How can the DDSB support anti-racist and inclusive school communities where all staff and students feel like they belong and are valued?". Responses from members of the Committee included not censoring literature; encouraging children to read from different authors and points of view; introducing the concept of critical race theory into the curriculum; putting more focus on Canadian black history in schools; issuing an annual human rights report and media release to provide data on hate incidents; implementing a reporting system for students and staff in schools; introducing measures to improve representation of staff at all levels of the organization; teaching children how to detect and deal with micro-aggressions and biases; adequately training teachers about racism; and providing ongoing education to students, parents and the community.

7. Information Items

There were no information items.

8. Discussion Items

A) Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) Community Resource Symposium and Fair

P. Hines advised that the Region's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division has been invited to participate in the DCDSB Community Resource Symposium and Fair on October 25, 2023 at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax. P.

Hines suggested to have DRART represented at the event and would share more details with the Committee.

B) Sub-committee Updates

1. EDI Working Group

A. Frempong provided an update of the EDI Working Group consisting of:

- Identifying formal EDI groups in Durham
- Developing self-care practice tips and tricks for EDI workers in the community
- Researching anti-racism reporting tools across the Region such as those used by DRPS and Regional school boards across Canada

Discussion ensued with members of the Committee regarding anti-racism reporting tools and suggestions were provided for additional resources to be considered.

2. DRPS Working Group

S. Bookal and J. Munawa provided an update of the DRPS Working Group consisting of:

- Reviewing the community input survey results released by DRPS
- Reviewing data collected by Statistics Canada and analyzing how the Region compares to other municipalities
- Arranging a meeting with the new Chief of DRPS
- Developing objectives for inclusion in the 2024 strategic plan
- Determining how to create an effective resource to outline the process for reporting racially motivated hate crimes
- Community engagement planning

3. School Board Working Group

G. Wilson-Beier provided an update on behalf of the School Board Working Group consisting of:

- Developing a comprehensive list of the private and public school systems across the Region
- The group has drafted a letter inviting Board staff to collaborate with DRART and other Durham school systems on approaches, policies, and practices to manage racism/discrimination in school communities
- The group plans on convening a virtual discussion with Board staff to share ideas and initiate priority anti-racism focused projects

G. Wilson-Beier requested information for any direct contacts within any of the school systems.

4. Education Working Group

A. Hector-Alexander advised that an update would be provided at the October 2023 meeting. The group has met to begin planning for an education session for the community and will reconvene soon to formalize details for a fall session.

C) DRART Workplan

A. Hector-Alexander advised that the DRART Cohort 2 Workplan was approved at the Regional Council meeting on September 27, 2023.

D) DRART Meetings

A. Hector-Alexander provided a general overview of DRART's development and work to date and requested feedback from the Committee members with respect to the mode and frequency of meetings, and if there is a preference to change the meetings to a virtual format. A member of the Region's DEI team will develop a survey to seek input from members on meeting logistics.

9. **Other Business**

A) Inappropriate Comment by City of Pickering Local Councillor

Councillor Lee advised of an incident regarding a City of Pickering Local Councillor making an inappropriate comment following a decision from the Integrity Commissioner. Councillor Lee suggested that as part of the Committee's responsibility to the community, developing a social media presence will enable DRART to speak out against such comments.

Discussion ensued with respect to the Committee sending a letter condemning the comments of the Pickering Councillor that reflects DRART's views on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by A. Frempong,
That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce send a letter to City of
Pickering Local Councillor Robinson condemning her remarks.

CARRIED

B) Request to Raise Pan-African Flag

A. Frempong advised that the Region of Durham has welcomed a number of refugees and asylum seekers from African countries and asked the Committee for their support to make a formal request to raise the Pan-African flag at Regional Headquarters as a gesture of solidarity for new community members.

Moved by A. Frempong, Seconded by S. Bookal,
That the Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce recommends to the
Finance and Administration Committee for approval and subsequent
recommendation to Regional Council:

That the Pan-African flag be flown continuously at Durham Region Headquarters
in support of African Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

CARRIED

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce meeting will
be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers,
Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by S. Bookal, Seconded by G. Wilson-Beier,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

N. Samuel, Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
B. Astley, Oshawa
M. Gibbons, Scugog attended the meeting at 7:04 PM
A. Heywood, Pickering
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair
K. Mirani, Brock
Councillor Shahid (alternate)
P. Smith, Uxbridge
T. Van Helsdingen, Ajax attended the meeting at 7:09 PM
*** all members participated electronically**

Absent: None

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
A. Chung, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
D. Culp, Project Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** all staff participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by P. Smith,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee
meeting held on June 8, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Subha Ramanathan, Manager, Programs & Partnerships, Share the Road Cycling Coalition, re: Bicycle Friendly Communities Award Program

Subha Ramanathan, Manager, Programs & Partnerships, Share the Road Cycling Coalition, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Bicycle Friendly Communities Award Program.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) Program Overview
- Applying to the BFC Program
- BFC Application Form: Core Content
- Create a BFC Application Task Force
- Visit the Online Application Form
- Completing the BFC Application
- Tips on Completing the Form
- How is the Application Adjudicated?
- BFCs by Rank
- BFC Feedback Report
- Supports for Applicants

S. Ramanathan responded to questions from the Committee regarding any associated costs with applying for a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) designation; the number of BFC applications received in Canada and their respective success rates; whether it is more appropriate for the Region as a whole or local area municipalities to apply separately; and the timelines for submissions and processing of applications.

B) Becca Nagorsky, Vice-President, Stations Planning, Metrolinx, re: GO Rail Station Access – Supporting Active Transportation

Becca Nagorsky, Vice-President, Stations Planning, Metrolinx, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding GO Rail Station Access – Supporting Active Transportation.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Discussion Summary
- Supporting Active Travel: Metrolinx Plans and Policies
 - GO Rail Station Access
 - The Vision – From Drive and Park to Diversified Access Modes
 - GO Stations – Now vs Future
 - Station Specific Requirements Sheets
 - Station Access Implementation Pillars
- Supporting Active Travel: Station Improvements and Marketing
 - Station Amenities – Bicycle Parking
 - Station Amenities – Micromobility

- Station Amenities – Miscellaneous
- Station Access Marketing – Try Walking, Biking, or Taking Local Transit
- Next Steps
- Barriers to Active Travel to GO Stations: On-Site and Off-Site
 - Customer Barriers to Active Travel To/From GO Stations

B. Nagorsky responded to questions from the Committee regarding the secure bicycle room including details of the subscription and associated fee, the capacity of the room, whether the access code is unique or shared amongst all subscribers, if the room is monitored by closed circuit cameras and/or security, and who is liable for damaged or stolen bicycles; if there are future plans for parking charges to be implemented at GO stations; whether Metrolinx collects data from Presto card users to determine rider origin points; and how infrastructure upgrades at GO stations are prioritized.

Discussion ensued regarding inadequate access to GO stations by certain routes for cyclists and pedestrians and potential remedies; if the elimination of various bus routes has resulted in an increase in persons driving to GO stations; and construction of multi-use paths at GO stations to provide a direct route to the station through the parking lots for cyclists and pedestrians.

C) Danielle Culp, Project Planner, re: Durham Region Wayfinding and Signage Strategy

Danielle Culp, Project Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Region's Wayfinding and Signage Strategy.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose of the Project
- What is a Wayfinding System?
- Vision, Goals and Objectives
 - Vision
 - Guiding Principles for the Wayfinding and Signage Strategy
 - Goals of the Wayfinding System
 - What Does Cycling Wayfinding Typically Look Like?
 - Examples of Fundamental Navigational Sign Types
- Project Timeline and Milestones
 - What Are We Working Towards and Where Are We at in the Process?
- How to Get Involved
 - Engagement Phases
 - Stay Engaged
- Next Steps
 - What's Next?

D. Culp responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether any safety organizations have been consulted to provide input for signage; whether technology will be integrated into the wayfinding and signage strategy that would provide an exact point of location of a person, especially for situations relating to safety; if consideration has been given to the creation of a cycling friendly app for the Region; and the use of illuminating material on the pathways to enhance visibility at night.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

7. Information Items

A) Durham Region's E-bike Incentive Program

A. Caruso advised that the Region, through partnerships with the Regional Sustainability and Transportation Planning groups, have begun working on an E-bike incentive program, which will be the first of its kind in Ontario and will offer a rebate on the purchase of an electric bike. He further advised that the incentive program is in the beginning stages and that further updates will be provided to the Committee once available.

B) Durham Region Bike Month Report 2023

A. Caruso provided a summary of the Region's 2023 Bike Month activities which took place over the month of June 2023 and included several campaigns at both the Regional and local levels to promote cycling throughout the Region. He advised that plans for next years Bike Month are currently underway and will include a Bike-to-Work Day on June 4, 2024, along with other cycling activities.

8. Other Business

A) Port Perry Pedals (Marc Gibbons)

M. Gibbons advised that the 3rd edition of Port Perry Pedals occurred on September 10, 2023 and drew in almost 300 registrants, attracting people of all ages and abilities from across the province. He stated that the event was hosted by the Rotary Club Port Perry benefitting the Lakeridge Health Foundation and surpassed its fundraising target of \$100,000. He further advised that the event consisted of various cycling routes ranging from 10 KM to 160 KM with varying degrees of difficulty making it suitable for families and more experienced cyclists.

B) Clarington Active Transportation Plan (Connor Houston)

C. Houston advised that consultants from WSP have been engaged by the Municipality of Clarington to develop an active transportation master plan in Clarington with an anticipated completion time of approximately 10 months. He stated that the plan will focus on gap free on-road travel and will include consultation with the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Committee.

C. Houston also advised of a concurrent focus on a parks, arts, and culture master plan, which will explore how active transportation can be integrated into neighborhoods by leveraging available public lands. He indicated that the three plans are intended to form a complete comprehensive master strategy.

C. Houston provided a brief update regarding a report that will be presented at the next Clarington Council meeting with respect to the impacts of speeding, specifically in school and community safety zones, and that he will provide a further update at the December 14, 2023 DATC meeting regarding the outcome of the report which may result in a reduction of the speed limits in these zones from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr.

C) Uxbridge to Lindsay Rail Trail

P. Smith advised that the rail trail that spans from Uxbridge to Lindsay and forms part of the Trans Canada Trail is in a deteriorated state due to discontinued maintenance resulting in a decrease of cyclists and pedestrians' enjoyment of the trail. He stated that there is a lack of clarity regarding who is responsible for maintaining the trail and advised that it was previously maintained by the Simcoe Conservation Authority, but due to changes in funding, they have discontinued their maintenance services to the trail.

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the trail's ownership; the significance of the trail; why closed trail signage has been posted at various access points to the trail; the increased level of motorized recreational vehicles on the trail worsening the level of deterioration; and the potential next steps required to remedy the situation.

G. Pereira advised that the Region is in discussions with the Province and Infrastructure Ontario, who is the registered owner of the trail, and will provide a further update to the Committee at the December 14, 2023 DATC meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

10. Adjourment

Moved by Councillor Shahid, Seconded by P. Smith,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation
Committee

V. Walker, Committee Clerk